

Coupe des 100 Châteaux 2017 rules

1 - The 100 Châteaux Cup is a gliding meeting between friends which will be held from July 29th till August 5th, on the airfield of Tours - Le Louroux (LFJT), and organized by the club Touraine Planeur.

Welcome Friday 28th of July ; first task day Saturday July 29th ; last task and results Saturday August 5th.

This competition is opened to all types of gliders, single or two-seaters, with or without engine, modern or old-timers.

2 - The crew may be changed at any time during the competition, as only the glider is scored.

3 - The cup is opened to vintage gliders.

The number of gliders is limited up to 25 (members of the local club not included) in order to ensure a friendly atmosphere .

4 - The entrance fee is 165 € by glider for one pilot which includes the membership to the club and the specific costs for the organization. If there are other pilots on the glider, each of them should pay 65 € for the membership to the club. Aerotows not included.

5 - Each glider has to fly within the limits of its airworthiness certificate. Aerobatics and dangerous manoeuvres are forbidden.

6 - Each glider must have on each wing at least one high visibility strip as well as on the fuselage. It must be also equipped of an anti-collision device

compatible with the FLARM standard like is written in the federal competitions rules (FFVV Permanent notes 4.1, articles 7.2 – 7.3).

7 - All pilots must have a valid license to fly gliders, a license-insurance of the FFVV and the glider must be insured for third party liability. Each pilot is totally responsible for the flight or any incident or accident resulting from the use of the glider on the ground as well as in the air.

8 - The gliders will be aerotowed from the airfield of Le Louroux, except the self launch gliders.

9 - The total weight of the glider may not exceed 750 Kg.

10 - Launch timing will be set by the organizers. The gliders will be placed beginning by the last rows.

The two-seater gliders will always be parked on the back rows, for maximum runway length to ensure a successful launch.

Old-timers will take-off when they wish, but before or after the modern gliders. (The organisers may change this last item if old-timers are many).

11 - The opening of the “ gate “, considered as the start of the task, will occur 15 minutes after the take-off of the last glider.

The gate is a 10 km radius circle around Le Louroux airfield.

Waiting for the opening of the gate will not be mandatory for old-timers. (The organisers may change this item if old-timers are many).

12 - The organisers will check if each participant has respected the opening of the gate by checking the IGC file generated by the logger or the FLARM device.

13 - The scores will be a function of the number of points collected for each picture of the listed castles, weighted by the type of glider, using the FFVV coefficients, and the number of pilots on board (read article 19).

14 - Each glider will be equipped with a digital camera fixed on the left side. Each crew will have to provide (if needed) the organisation with the correct connection cable needed for downloading the pictures from the camera.

15 - For the glider equipped with an engine, the logger must record the engine noise.

16 - The list of the 160 castles to be photographed is on the club website www.touraine-planeur.org

17 - Each castle out of the list, must be clearly identifiable and photographed following an axis south-north, the glider heading to the east, the camera being installed on the left side. The left wing must be visible on the picture.

Each castle provides a number of points as indicated hereunder :

- up to 50 km : 10 points
- from 50 to 90 km : 20 points
- from 90 to 180 km : 30 points
- three « super-bonus » (Mont-Saint-Michel, Fort Boyard, Guédelon) : 150 points.

18 - The organisation has the right to add each day some clues identifying a mystery chateau, village, etc. which is not in the list and which will have a value of 20 points if it is photographed.

19 - The total of points will be corrected by the coefficient of the glider as defined by the FFVV. A reduction coefficient of 0,8 will be used for two-seaters with two pilots on board.

20 - Of course, only one picture of each castle gives points.

Each daily sequence of pictures will start with a picture of the glider registration and will end with a picture of the list of the castles which have been photographed during the flight.

The pilot will sort out his pictures and present only one picture per castle to the organizer.

The daily list of castles will be written in the same sequence as the pictures.

In case of out-landing or the use of the engine, only the pictures taken before the landing or the use of the engine will be taken into account. In this case an extra coefficient of 0,5 will be applied.

21 - The competition is placed under the authority of the competition director who has been appointed by the president of Touraine Planeur.

22 - The director will use his/her prerogatives following the rules of the federal competitions (FFVV permanent notes 4.1, article 3).

23 - Participation in the 100 Chateaux Cup implies the acceptance without limitation of the present rules and the formal commitment to respect it with a spirit of conviviality which must rule these eight days.

24 - The organisation has the right to suspend the competition on days with a bad weather forecast.

25 - The organisation will hold every morning a briefing, at 10.30, during which all informations concerning the weather forecast will be given. All instructions given during the briefing will be considered as part of the present rules.

26 - When a glider has landed out, the pilot or his team have to inform the out-landing PC. Non compliance of this rule results in a penalty which is to buy a beer for the organisers and all the participants.

27 - In case of protest, the deposit of a protest implies that the protestor will be thrown in the swimming pool. If he still insists, then his protest will be taken in consideration and evaluated by the president of Touraine Planeur. If the director is wrong, then the director will be thrown in the swimming pool.

28 - Beside the Coupe des Cent Châteaux, a prize for the best picture of a castle taken during a flight - camera not necessary fixed, free angle of view - and a prize for the most beautiful out-landing picture will be awarded by a competent jury.

NB - *This translation of the rules has been made to help our friends who don't speak the wonderful language of Molière. In case of conflict with the french version, the original french version will be applicable.*