

## **FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX® SPORTING CODE - GENERAL SECTION**

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Sporting Code for the FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX  
FAI World Grand Prix Coordinating Committee

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

##### **1. Definition of the FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX**

The FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX (hereinafter referred to as "FWGP") is a competitive sporting event (International, Category One) to be held according to the Rules and Regulations of the FAI Sporting Code.

##### **2. Aims of the FWGP**

- To develop and popularise Air Sports as an image of precision and accuracy, technical performance, individual achievement and team spirit.
- To offer a testing bench and a practice field for advanced technologies.
- To arouse vocations for aeronautical careers by attracting young people to dynamic and spectacular events.

To reach these goals, an FWGP Event has to be:

- A development tool for competitions beyond traditional Aerobatics
- A promotional instrument for FAI
- A safety tool for air show organisers
- Open to any spectacular air sport

##### **3. The FWGP Coordinating Committee**

In October 2002 the 95th FAI General Conference established the FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX COORDINATING COMMITTEE (hereinafter referred to as "FWGP-CC") having as its main mission to:

- Promote the FAI World Grand Prix program;
- Co-ordinate the overall effort of the FAI World Grand Prix program;
- Advise and assist the FAI Executive Board in FWGP-related matters.

##### **4. The FWGP Operating Structure**

While FAI retains the final authority and all rights to the event sporting concept, it has contracted all FWGP operational activities to a private company.

The contracted company is therefore entitled to negotiate agreements with authorities, organisers and participants, as well as to define the detailed event format and conditions of participation within the limits specified by the FAI sporting code and the directives established by the FWGP-CC.

## 5. Applicability of FAI Specific Sporting Code Sections

Each air sport discipline is governed by its specialised Sporting Code Section which, in principle, is also applicable to competitions held within the framework of the FWGP. However, given that FWGP competitions may in part greatly differ from classical sporting events covered by the pertinent Sporting Code, the information and requirements of the present FWGP Sporting Code amend, complement or supersede those contained in the other sections.

## 6. Competition Programs

One programme, based on Artistic Creativity (Freestyle flying to music) will be displayed in a leg of the FAI World Grand Prix

## II. ORGANISATION OF EVENTS - Please refer to HAUTE VOLTIGE OPERATING REGULATIONS

### 1. General

1.1. An application to host an Event must be made by a Promoter directly to the HAUTE VOLTIGE® Head Office who will co-ordinate with the parties concerned.

1.2. Events are organised by Haute Voltige Productions SA which is headquartered at the following address:

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Rue du Prieuré 5  
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E-mail : grand-prix@haute-voltige.com  
Web: <http://www.haute-voltige.com>

Haute Voltige® is a registered trademark of Haute Voltige Productions SA.

1.3. The Promoter must be a club or body acceptable to HAUTE VOLTIGE® and must enter the Organisation Agreement, a confidential document detailing all undertakings including financial issues.

1.4. HAUTE VOLTIGE® retains all rights to the FWGP and HAUTE VOLTIGE® Events, unless specified in writing in the Organiser's Agreement.

### 2. Requirements for Promoters

Please contact Haute Voltige

## III. PARTICIPATING COMPETITORS

### 1. General

FWGP events are competitions of the highest level requiring participating competitors to have outstanding competency, skill and proficiency. For civilian pilots, only competitors holding the specific FWGP Licence are entitled to enter the event's competitions. There is no restriction for military competitors and test pilots, provided they are entitled by their staff or their company to perform public displays.

### 2. FWGP Licence

The FWGP Licence is provided by the FWGP-CC and remains valid for entering the season's events for which it has been issued.

#### 2.1. Requirements for issuance of the FWGP Licence

Issuance of the FWGP Licence is based on but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Holding an appropriate, valid and current airman and medical certificate;
- Meeting a minimum level of experience and currency specified in the General Safety Rules;
- Providing proof of previous successful participation in FAI Category One events in the highest competition category for the specific air sport discipline;
- When required, holding of a low level flying authorization issued by the pertinent aviation authority;
- Positive evaluation of individual curriculum by the FWGP Director;

Delivery of the Haute Voltige Pilot Display Authorisation will be equivalent to the issuance of the FWGP Licence by the FAI.

#### 2.2. Issuing Authority

The FWGP Licence is issued by the FAI upon recommendation of the FWGP Director.

The FWGP Director has the right to negate issuance of the Licence as well as to suspend or revoke a competitors' Licence if he is not satisfied that the candidate/competitor is not/no longer meeting the required standards.

#### 2.3. Right of appeal

A prospective participant who is being negated issuance of the FWGP Licence or a competitor whose Licence is being suspended or revoked has the right to appeal to the FWGP-CC. The Committee's decision is final.

#### 2.4. Competitor's Application

## IV. GENERAL SAFETY RULES - please refer to HAUTE VOLTIGE OPERATING REGULATIONS