



FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SOARING MODEL AIRCRAFT (Class F3J)

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Information Bulletin 1

The Model Gliding Association wishes to invite the reigning Senior and Junior F3J World Champions and all official teams of FAI-CIAM member nations to enter the 8th F3J World in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2012. The invitation extends to senior and junior team managers, tow-men, supporters, official helpers and press representatives.

The 2012 F3J World Championship is being organised by the **Model Glider Association of South Africa**, from 5 to 12 August 2012 and will be preceded by the SOS Children's Villages (SA) F3J Open on Fri 3 and Sat 4 August 2012. The contest will be held at the GEMS model gliding field, East of Johannesburg, approximately 28km from the Johannesburg International Airport and 20 km from the official hotel.



The only structures in the vicinity include one farmhouse which is circled on the diagram below and the official clubhouse where the tents will be situated (the square in the diagram below).



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Organisation

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Communication

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Information on internet access both at the field and hotels will follow in the next bulletin.

Contest Schedule (Preliminary)

Date	Activity
3-4 August 2012 Friday-Saturday	* SOS Children's Village (SA) F3J Open Pre-contest
5 August 2012 Sunday	Registration, Model Processing and Opening Ceremony
6 -10 August 2012 Monday-Friday	2012 F3J World Championship Days
11 August 2012 Saturday	Spare day in case of bad weather (tour) and Banquet
12 August 2012 Sunday	Departure Date

* Information, entry forms and fees for the Pre-Contest will be distributed in later bulletins.

FAI Jury

Jury members will be Tomáš Bartovský (Czech Republic), Patrik Michnáč (Slovak Republic) and Lionel Brink (South Africa). Reserve jury member Philip Kolb (Germany/Turkey).

Flying site facilities

The following facilities will be available at the flying site during the competition:

- Tent (shade) facilities
- Ground anchor/stake
- Toilet facilities
- Catering (refer to meals below)
- Paramedic services
- Security
- 220V electricity

Meals

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotels. Lunch will be available at the field by prior arrangement at an estimated cost of €5.

Drinks, water, snacks and light meals will be available for purchase on the field.

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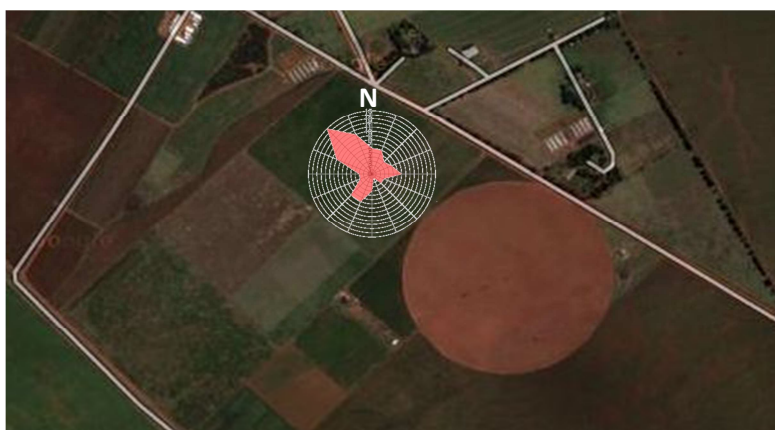
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Weather conditions

Description	Specifications
Co-ordinates	S 25° 59' 44.17" E 28° 21' 59.38"
Altitude	Approx 1600 m / 4800 ft
Sunrise	6:45 am
Sunset	5:45 pm
Ave Min / Max Temp	6 °C / 19 °C for the month of August (average air temp 16°C)
Ave Rainfall	6 mm for the month of August
Wind Statistics	28% probability of NW wind of 9 Knots (4.63m/s) http://www.windfinder.com/windstats/windstatistic_Johannesburg_or_tambo_airport.htm



Wind Direction Distribution - August (%)

Official Language

The official language of the competition, publications & results will be English.

Competition Rules

The SOS Children's Villages (SA) pre-contest and the World Championship will be run according to the most recent FAI Sporting Code.

Entry fees

Senior Team Manager	€250
Senior Pilot	€250
Junior Team Manager	€150
Junior Pilot	€150
Helpers (including tow-men)	€50
Media and official supporters	€50

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Banquet

The banquet will be held at the Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre and the estimated cost is €50 per person.

Deadlines

Preliminary Entry	1 August 2011 - 1 February 2012
Official Entry	1 February 2012 - 1 April 2012

Payments

Early entry:	10% discount on entry fees paid by 1 February 2012
Official entry:	1 April 2012
Late entry:	10% penalty fee after 1 April 2012, 20% penalty fee after 31 May 2012

All monies to be deposited into the following bank account or paid by PAYPAL (more details to follow):

Account Name:	Model Gliding Association
Bank:	Nedbank
	Shop 29 & 30 Festival Mall, Corner CR Swart & Kelvin Street, Kempton Park
Branch:	Kempton Park (Branch Code 198742)
Account number:	1987 351 908
SWIFT address:	NEDSZAJJ (IBAN number not relevant)

Protest fee

All protests must be presented in writing to the Contest Director, and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of €35. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.

No fly zones and safety areas

No restricted flying areas will be in place for this contest. Competitors are requested to limit overflying the spectator/catering area and the nearby farm house and are asked to maintain a clearance height of at least 3m over the highest point of these areas. No landing will be permitted within the spectator/catering area, the launch corridor, across towlines or any other safety areas and safety penalties will be applied at the CD's discretion. A diagram of the field layout and safety areas will be included in future bulletins.

Awards

FAI diplomas and FAI medals will be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third (senior and junior classification) and to the teams (including the team-manager) placed first, second and third (senior and junior team placing).

The following FAI trophies will be awarded to the winners of each class:

- Neil Webb Trophy - Senior Individual (current holder Daryl Perkins - USA)
- The QFI Trophy - Senior Team (current holders New Zealand)
- The ERA Technology Trophy - Junior Individual (current holder Brendon Beardsley - USA)
- The ERA Technology Trophy - Junior Team (current holders USA)

Frequencies

Competitors are requested to provide three (3), South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) accepted,

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Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) approved frequencies on their entry forms.

27 MHz band for model control. Shared with surface vehicles, toys, etc.		35 MHz band for Model Aircraft control only (The FIRST & LAST six frequencies may affect each other in the 35MHz band in older single- conversion receivers)				53 MHz band for model control. Shared with radio amateurs	
4	26.995	61	35.010	86	35.260	31	53.300
5	27.005	62	35.020	87	35.270	32	53.350
6	27.015	63	35.030	88	35.280	33	53.400
7	27.025	64	35.040	89	35.290	34	53.450
8	27.035	65	35.050	90	35.300	35	53.500
9	27.045	66	35.060	91	35.310	36	53.550
10	27.055	67	35.070	92	35.320	37	53.600
11	27.065	68	35.080	93	35.330	38	53.650
12	27.075	69	35.090	94	35.340	39	53.700
13	27.085	70	35.100	95	35.350	40	53.750
14	27.095	71	35.110	96	35.360	41	53.800
15	27.105	72	35.120	97	35.370	42	53.850
16	27.115	73	35.130	98	35.380	43	53.900
17	27.125	74	35.140	99	35.390	54 MHz band for model control	
18	27.135	75	35.150	100	35.400		
19	27.145	76	35.160	101	35.410	46	54.450
20	27.155	77	35.170	102	35.420	47	54.500
21	27.165	78	35.180	103	35.430	48	54.550
22	27.175	79	35.190	104	35.440		
23	27.185	80	35.200	105	35.450		
24	27.195	81	35.210	106	35.460		
		82	35.220	107	35.470		
		83	35.230	108	35.480		
		84	35.240	109	35.490		
		85	35.250	110	35.500		

2.4 GHz band at 100mW maximum radiating power

Tow-men

The organisers will make every reasonable attempt to assist teams by arranging English-speaking tow-people for hire during the World Championship, however teams should indicate that they would like towers well in advance (as per their Preliminary Entry) and it remains the responsibility of the individual teams to ensure that they can spend some time practicing with their tow-men before the event.

Costs and arrangements in this regard will be outlined in future Bulletins.

Anti-doping

If any competitor has to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited list for a medical condition, then they must have a Therapeutic Use Exemption from the FAI – this documentation must be made immediately available to the Contest Director, if requested.

Visa Requirements

Guidelines for visa requirements are available at <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/Counties%20Exempy%20from%20SA%20Visaa.html> ,

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however we recommend verifying all travel requirements with your local travel representatives.

Insurance

Competitors will be covered by the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) insurance for the World Championship and pre-contest. The organisers require further travel and medical insurance in case of accidents or illness which may not be related to the event. The organisers require a copy of such travel and medical insurance by 1 July 2012, for our records. Further details on the amount and type of insurance will be included in further bulletins.

Transport

The organisers are investigating bus and mini-van transport for competitors but this depends on fund raising. If you would like to hire a vehicle, we suggest www.traveljigsaw.co.za, who are agents for all the car hire companies and usually offer better rates than booking directly.

Travelling in South Africa

For more information on possible tourism options, see the official web site. Please note that in South Africa, cars drive on the left side of the road. The speed limit on most city roads is 60km/hour, on dual carriage highways, the normal speed limit is 120km/hour. In areas where road-works are in process on highways, the speed limit is usually 80km/hour. Currently there are no active toll gates in Johannesburg, but they may be, by August 2012. Major routes out of Johannesburg have toll gates, which can be paid in cash or with major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard).

Media and spectators

Local television, radio and newspaper media will be alerted of the event and as much publicity gained as possible. We plan to approach a local channel producer, Top TV, to cover the event for television purposes and intend placing regular articles in the local newspapers to keep the public informed of the event, both for our sponsors benefit and for the benefit of general model gliding in South Africa. Media representatives will be given special passes and nametags to allow them access to designated safe areas. General spectators will be allowed in designated areas only, not in the competitor areas or on the flight line.

Flags, Anthems and Names

Teams are required to e-mail the following to the organisers by 1 April 2012:

- A picture of your national flag (approximately 5cm high) and your national anthem in WAV/MP3 format.
- Photo of each team member (head and shoulders) about 5cm high and a profile of each pilot of approximately 100 words, who you are, what you do and your achievements in flying.
- A recording of how to pronounce the names of each member of the team.

Teams are requested to bring a national flag which is 180 x 120 cm with them and a CD of your national anthem.

Practice Fields

Pilots will be able to practice at the official contest field as long as you give way to any polo players that may be practicing on the adjacent field from 30 July 2012. More details in regard to practicing on the contests field and alternative practice fields will follow in future Bulletins.

Accommodation

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Two official venues for accommodation are currently selected and are positioned next door to each other for easy team meetings.

Please note that the official hotel has offered us excellent discounts on their normal rates and includes a full buffet dinner each evening. Bookings must be done with the reference number to ensure the quoted rate. Please let the organisers know which of the two official hotels you are considering, so we can make a block booking and start reserving rooms for you.

*****If you find some other accommodation you would like to use, please email their details to us so we can verify the quality of the accommodation.**

Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre

<http://www.kopanong.co.za>

The Kopanong Estate is comprised of 80 fully detached Villas or chalets. Each chalet consists of three individual rooms with private entrances, which can on request be opened up via inter-leading doors for use of the entire chalet. All the luxury air conditioned rooms are equipped with telephone, TV with national stations plus four DSTV channels, tea & coffee making facilities and a wall-mounted safe in each bedroom. Upon your request they will stock the bar fridge and supply a hairdryer. Three disabled-friendly twin rooms as well as smoking and non-smoking rooms are available upon request.

Rates:

R620 (approximately Euro 60) per person sharing for **dinner, bed and breakfast**

Please quote reference ID # 21197. This is the official hotel and banquet venue.

The Devonshire Lodge

<http://www.thedevonshirelodge.co.za>

The Devonshire Lodge is next door to the Kopanong Hotel and has 9 Double Rooms and 7 other rooms available. More rooms are being constructed at this time. Please quote reference QT045.

Rates:

Dinner separate R80 per person

Double Rooms: R300 (approximately Euro 30) per person including breakfast

Other Rooms: 3-5 people sharing with a bathroom (double bunk beds): R250 per person incl. breakfast

8-10 people sharing with a bathroom (double bunk beds): R200 per person incl. breakfast

Glen Gory Guesthouse

<http://www.glengorymanor.co.za>

The Glen Gory Guesthouse is situated across the road from the Kopanong Hotel, and has 4 double rooms with en suite bathrooms which are separate from the main house and two more double rooms inside the main house

Rates:

R820 per double room, including breakfast for 2 people (approx. €82)

Single occupancy: R560 per person including breakfast (approx. €56)).

There is one large family unit - R1350 including breakfast for 4 people, (approx. €135)) with a full kitchen and two double rooms that can accommodate 4 people sharing.

On request a separate apartment is available with two bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a lounge and full kitchen for those who wish to cater for themselves. Dinner (R90 ≈ €9) and lunches (R50 ≈ €5) are available on request.

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The Mask

<http://www.the-mask.co.za>

The Mask is located about 1km away from the Kopanong Hotel and consists of self-catering two cottages and single units. The units are located on a large plot with a large wall to offer privacy and security for families. The units are clean and neat with a full kitchen, fridge and stove (a bit old fashioned but perfectly functional). Facilities include a gym, a common room for socialising, a swimming pool and a bonfire/BBQ area.

Rates:

3 bedroom cottage - sleeps 6 persons - R1300.00 per night (approx. €130)

2 bedroom cottage - sleeps 4 persons - R1000.00 per night (approx. €100)

Bachelor cottages - sleeps 2 persons - R500.00 per night (approx. €50)

Nkanga Lodge

<http://www.nkangalodge.co.za>

Nkanga Lodge is a beautiful venue where you will be very well looked after. The lodge is situated about 5 km from Kopanong Hotel, has 18 rooms accommodating 34 people including a family of 4 people in the family unit.

Rates:

The current rate is R675 per person sharing (approx. €67) and includes dinner, bed, breakfast and laundry. Prices will probably increase early in 2012.

Airport Game Lodge

<http://www.airport-game-lodge.co.za>

The Airport Game Lodge is situated about 5 km from the Kopanong Hotel and offers a spacious outside experience with neat and clean accommodation (bathrooms are small) and can include transport to the contest field and airport if arranged in advance. The lodge has a pool, bicycles for hire and wildlife on the property.

Rates:

Twin and double rooms offered at R360 (approx. €36) per person sharing including breakfast, single occupation at R480 (approx. €48) including breakfast. Dinner can be arranged at R150 (approx. €15) per person at their partner hotel and you have access to the central self catering kitchen.

Advertising, Marketing, Sponsorship and Donations

The MGA would like to offer you the opportunity to market your company or products during the preparations for the World Championship, as well as during the event. Please select items which interest you and e-mail your request to michelle@murdoog.co.za so that the organisers can send you more information in this regard.

Overall Sponsor	Company logo present on all official correspondence, web pages, clothing, gift bags, advertising boards, television coverage including advertising space for specific products and gazebo during the World Championship
Event Sponsors	Opening Ceremony Entertainment during event Banquet
Item Sponsors	Gift Packs including branded bag Official clothing Digital time displays Gazebo's or tents
Team Sponsor	Sponsorship of specific team Description (eg Czech Juniors): _____
Product Stand	3x3m gazebo during the World Championship
Donations	Donation to SOS Children's Villages (South Africa)

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Preliminary entries close on 1 February 2012 while the deadline for official entries is 1 April 2012.

Please see the web page and official bulletins for entry forms and banking details.

Kind regards
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Preliminary Entry Form (email to michelle@murdoog.co.za)

Deadline 1 February 2012 (* Please circle the option which is applicable for your entry)

Country				3 letter abbreviation	
Team manager name	First		Last		
Email address					
Team*	Junior			Senior	

Pilot 1 name	First		Last		
Frequencies	1	2	3	FAI No:	
Pilot 2 name	First		Last		
Frequencies	1	2	3	FAI No:	
Pilot 3 name	First		Last		
Frequencies	1	2	3	FAI No:	
Defending WC name	First		Last		
Frequencies	1	2	3	FAI No:	
Defending WC name	First		Last		
Frequencies	1	2	3	FAI No:	
Tow-men/helpers	First		Last		
	First		Last		
	First		Last		
	First		Last		
Official Press Name	First		Last		
Publication					
E-mail address					
Would you like information about arrangements with freight companies?				YES	NO
Would you like to pay using PAYPAL?	YES	NO	E-mail		
Would you like to hire tow-men?		YES	NO	How many?	
Transport	Bus Transport (no. of people)		Car Hire	YES	NO
Preferred Accommodation?	Hotel Name				Number of people

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Checklist of items to send to the organisers:

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO SUBMIT WITH PRE-ENTRY (1 FEBRUARY 2012):

- ☐ Pre-entry form

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO SUBMIT WITH OFFICIAL ENTRY (1 APRIL 2012):

- ☐ Official entry form
- ☐ Copy of medical and travel insurance for each team member
- ☐ E-mail National Anthem in WAV or MP3 format
- ☐ E-mail pronunciation of the names of each member of the team (WAV or MP3)
- ☐ E-mail a picture of your National Flag (approximately 5 cm high)
- ☐ E-mail a 100 word profile of each member of the team with a colour photo of your face and upper body (picture size - about 5cm high)
- ☐ E-mail a photo of the full team, approximately 10cm high
- ☐ E-mail a copy of your airline flights and travel schedule
- ☐ Indicate if you would like information on freighting your equipment
- ☐ Proof of payment for entry fees
- ☐ Final accommodation reservation information

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO BRING WITH TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:

- ☐ Copy of medical and travel insurance
- ☐ "Therapeutic Use Exemption" from the FAI for the use of medication if applicable
- ☐ National flag (180 x 120 cm) and a CD of your national anthem

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