

**BID TO HOST**  
**11TH FAI WORLD CUP OF CANOPY PILOTING 2023**  
**2ND FAI WORLD CUP OF FREESTYLE CANOPY PILOTING 2023**  
**&**  
**5TH FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CANOPY PILOTING 2023**  
**1ST FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CANOPY PILOTING FREESTYLE**  
**2023**

**Event Organizer:**

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**ISC Delegate:**

Jim Rees

**Chairman of the Organizing Committee:**

Larry Hill

**Application Fee:**

800 Euro per discipline

**Commercial Rights:**

As per FAI rules

**Distribution of Revenue:**

According to FAI by laws 5.2.1

## Full Name of the Events:

11th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2023  
2nd FAI World Cup of Freestyle Canopy Piloting 2023  
5th FAI European Championship Canopy Piloting 2023  
1st FAI European Championship Canopy Piloting Freestyle 2023

## Letters of Approval:

Pending

## Disciplines to be Contested:

Canopy Piloting

- Carved Speed 3 Rounds
- Drag Distance 3 Rounds
- Zone Accuracy 3 Rounds
- Freestyle 3 Rounds

## Event Dates and Times: (dates are tentative)

Suggested Dates for All CP Events	Description
Saturday November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	CJ Arrival Day
Sunday November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	EJ Arrival Day
Monday November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Judges Conference, Official Arrival Day, Practice Day 1.
Tuesday November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Practice Day 2, Opening Ceremonies
Wednesday November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Competition
Thursday November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Competition
Friday November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Competition
Saturday November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Competition
Sunday November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	All Competition Ends 15:00, Award Ceremony to follow.
Monday November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Departure Day

## Location:

Eloy, Arizona USA

## Accessibility:



The nearest international airport, Phoenix Sky Harbor, is 90 kilometers (62miles) to the north of Eloy, an easy one-hour drive. All major rental car companies have facilities in Phoenix. The town of Casa Grande, Arizona, is 25 kilometers away and has numerous hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, and shops of all kinds.

## Lodging, food and local transportation:

Food can be purchased at the Bent Prop Restaurant, located on Skydive Arizona's property. Food vendors will also be on the dropzone. Lodging is available in the form of bunkhouse, team-rooms and a motel across the street. There are also AirBnB options and hotels within a 5km radius of Skydive Arizona.

## Weather Conditions:

The weather tends to be warm and dry, with temperatures ranging from lows around 15 C. at night to highs of 35 C. during the day. Rain is rare. Since 1991 a total of 11 US National Championships, 5 IPC Level 1 events, and several world records have been held in this time frame. In every case all scheduled rounds were completed. Sunrise average: 06:45, Sunset average: 18:45.

## Airspace Restrictions:

None. A major skydiving center has operated here since 1991.

## Landowner Restrictions:

None.

## **Event Insurance:**

Individuals who are covered by their NAC liability insurance, valid in the USA, will not need to acquire liability insurance. Those who are not covered in the USA will need to purchase a membership in the US Parachute Association which provides \$50,000 in liability coverage.

## **Medical Insurance:**

Individuals should have at least \$250,000 in medical and repatriation insurance. If buying travel insurance, check the fine print carefully. Many travel insurance companies do not cover skydiving related accidents.

## **Proposed Entry Fees:**

Fees cover competition expenses, jumps, two training jumps, judging, scoring equipment, ceremonies, and medals. Entry fees do not include the sanction fee because the amount is not currently known.

- Canopy Piloting (Speed, Distance, Accuracy) - \$655 + Sanction Fee
- Canopy Piloting – Freestyle only \$315 + Sanction Fee
- Canopy Piloting – All events including Freestyle \$772 + Sanction Fee
- Other Members of the Delegation: \$75 + Sanction Fee
- Additional \$20 entry fee for each competitor also participating in the European Championship to cover extra expenses.

\*Additional Practice jumps, will be regular ticket price of \$30 USD or whatever the current jump ticket price is in the year 2023.

## **Facilities:**

Skydive Arizona is the world's largest drop zone in terms of volume of skydiving. A complete list of facilities is available at [www.skydiveaz.com](http://www.skydiveaz.com). We have hosted many US National Championships (typically up to 500 participants at once) and World Records as large as 300-ways without difficulty.

The competition pond is equipped with its own manifest booth which has a scanner, printer and wireless internet. The video dubbing is indoors with temperature control for comfort.

The competitors will be provided with ample shade and water. Electrical outlets are also dispersed along the grass packing area so personal electronics can be charged throughout the day.

Skydive Arizona has a full-service rigging loft with the ability to complete repairs and reserve repacks with quick turnaround.



### **Course Specifications:**

As depicted in this photo, the entire course is over 10 meters wide and the body of water is more than 15 meters wide for the total length.

The depth of the water is over the minimum of .6 meters but no greater than 1.5meters.

The Drag Distance course can run in both directions. For Distance, the course is over 280m long.

Zone Accuracy course can run in both directions. The accuracy pits are filled with Pea gravel ranging from 2mm to 10mm in diameter at a minimum depth of 30cm.

The Carve Speed course can run in both directions.

The entire course has a 5m safety zone between the course sidelines and spectator areas.

## **Aircraft:**

Five identically configured DeHavilland DHC-6 Twin Otters in Eloy. Jump run speeds avg 85 - 90kts. One competition load takes 18 to 20 minutes.



## **Pre-event Training:**

Available year-round from the competition aircraft. Our current jump ticket price is \$30.

## **Media Plan:**

To be determined with assistance from USPA.

## **Accommodation for Officials:**

Per Section 5 we will house officials in nearby lodging, including transportation and meals.

## **Official Scoring Equipment:**

Omniskore – pending approval

## **Public Address, etc:**

As a year-round drop zone, Skydive Arizona has PA speakers in the main operations area, broadcasts calls over FM radio, and has a wi-fi manifest display.

## **Safety:**

During the competition, there will always be at least one paramedic directly on site at the pond. This paramedic will work with the chief judge and Skydive Arizona safety staff to provide help as necessary during the competition.

Skydive Arizona has **direct radio contact** with the Eloy Fire Department. Together, the dropzone and the Fire Department have over 25 years of experience responding to skydiving accidents. Ambulance response time is typically 8 to 12 minutes.

In 2020, Skydive Arizona became the primary location for the Air Evac Helicopter business. Response time is under 2 minutes if a medical helicopter is required.

The closest hospital to Skydive Arizona is 29 km (18 miles). Banner Medical is a level 4 trauma center with a 24 hour emergency room.

## **Proposed Officials:**

Meet Director: Marylou Laughlin

Technical Course Director: Shawn Hill

## **Rules Applying to the Event:**

At this time, there are two unusual circumstances that will affect competitors. First is that parachutes certified for use in the USA (TSO'd equipment) must be packed by an FAA certified rigger and sealed, regardless of the skydiver's rules at home. We are seeking relief from this requirement. Second is that all participants must have reached 18 years of age before jumping, we unfortunately cannot accommodate competitors less than 18 years old.

Visa requirements vary with the country of origin. Bulletin One will include information.

Medals will be awarded, along with diplomas for all participants.

Anti-doping protocols are the responsibility of the IPC.

A post event report will be submitted 30 days after completion.

## **Judges Training Course:**

Skydive Arizona could host a Judge Training Course for \$600 per trainee based on a minimum of six trainees.