Preliminary BID

19th FAI European Hang Gliding Championship - Class 1
"Arangoiti 2014"

Organizing Groups & NAC
Club: Club de Vuelo Libre Ortxadar
Federación Navarra de los Deportes Aéreos
Real Federación Aeronáutica Española - RFAE

Dates
- European Championship: July 7th - 20th 2014
- Pre- Europeans (test event): August 12th - 18th 2013

Programme Europeans

- Registration: August 7th - 9th 2014
- Opening Ceremony: August 8th 2014
- Practice days: August 8th (free flying) and August 9th (task)
- Competition flying days: August 10th - 19th
- Closing & Prize Giving Ceremony: August 20th

Entry Fees
- European Championship: **400 €** per pilot / **200 €** for Team Leader & assistants.
- Pre-Europeans: 200 €.

General Area
- Flying site: Monte Arangoiti in Sierra Leire (42º38'44,40"N 1º11'39,93"W)
- Two launch sites; take off directions, North and South, predominant winds.
- Very good thermal activity (similar to Ager).
- Many large landing areas.
- Nearest towns: Sangüesa & Lumbier; 28 km on a very good paved road from Lumbier to launch.
- Nearest larger city: Pamplona 40km from Lumbier, on a very good motorway.
- Many hotels and lodging facilities in the surrounding area, campsites & restaurants.
- Nearest major airport: Bilbao at 210kms and 2hrs10min on good motorways.

Launch Sites
Basically there are two launch areas. A lower launch facing North (1270 m asl) and the highest launch area (1330 m asl) that has two launch possibilities: one facing north and one facing south to the valley of the lake of Yesa. This last launch is the most commonly used one, as it allows to launch in both directions with no need to de-rigg the glider in case the wind changes. Both launches are very large and allow several ramps, with spacious rigging areas. Taking several aspects into account, we would be using two ramps on each launch and, to make the whole process more efficient and organized, we would be using "ordered launch" system.

Official Landing Zone

The official landing is on the North ridge next to the aerodrome of Lumbier (42º39’52.95” N, 01º 18’04,68”W) with a 900m altitude difference to launch that allows to reach it in safety. This would also be the official goal for out and return or triangle tasks.

On the south ridge, next to the Yesa Lake, there are several landing areas with an 800 m height difference to launch.

Turnpoints, Other LZs & Goals

Attached to this document there is a list of waypoints and goals used in previous championships held in the area. There are huge and safe landing areas all around, with plenty of roads for easy access and retrieval. All the probable goal fields will be checked for suitability before the competition and pictures will be available for reference.

HQ and Briefing Room(s)

HQ will be most likely be at the public school in Lumbier, with enough room for team leader briefings and the school hall will be the place where the general safety briefing will be conducted.

Airspace Issues

There are no major airspace restrictions in the flying area, except in the area of the CTR of Pamplona's airport; however, the tasks normally are not conduced into that area. Anyway we will have the necessary Notams and airspace maps available for GPS upload and reference.

Staff

Most of the Key Officials are yet to be announced, but in advance:

- Organizers: Jose Javier Alvarez Castillejo (Casti) & Jose Manuel Sánchez García (Juaki)
- Meet Director: Claudia Mejia de la Pava*****
- Deputy Meet Director: tba
- Safety Director: Jose Manuel Sánchez García (Juaki).
- Scorer: Jose Manuel Sánchez García (Juaki) + assistant tba
- Weather Man, tba
- Launch Staff (4 to 6 persons): tba
- CIVL Steward******: tba
- FAI Jury****** (on-site and remote):

*******During the test event, the MD will need to leave on July 17th in order to be able to fulfil her previous commitment with the FAI and the S&J Program.*

********In order to reduce costs, the organization will ask the CIVL to agree on working with one Steward, one on-site Jury Member and two remote Jury Members.*

Safety

There will be paramedics and an ambulance on launch and, if possible, at goal fields.

Media

We will have a media plan with the different announcements and will try to get some coverage, however it can be difficult. There will also be an active / up to date website with a blog.

Budget

Due to the strong crisis in Spain, there will be no monetary support from the national or regional governments. The organization will definitely look for sponsorship, but due to the abovementioned facts, it will be quite difficult. Since no other monetary support can be guaranteed at this stage, the competition will be run solely on entry fees. The organization will look into ways of reducing costs without compromising the standards offered.