



**Official information bulletin on  
the 14<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Gliding  
Championships 2026.**

**Bulletin 4 V1.0**

**April 28th, 2026**

**Welcome and less than 100 days to wait**

Less than 100 days until the 14<sup>th</sup> FAI Juniors World Gliding Championship will begin. We are very proud to announce more than 80 pilots from 23 nations will participate in the **14<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Gliding Championships** for Club and Standard class in Aalen-Elchingen, Germany, during the first two weeks of August, 2026. We are working on full speed to make all necessary arrangements for a safe, exciting, enjoyable, and competitive championship.

Sincerely,

**Manfred Streicher and Wolfgang Gmeiner**  
Championship Managers

**Bernd Schmid**  
Championship and Sporting Director

## **Competition Management**

Championship and Sporting Director	Bernd Schmid
Championship Managers	Manfred Streicher and Wolfgang Gmeiner
Safety Officer	Gerhard Bayer
Task Setter	tba
Scorer	Florian Paul
Scrutineering/Weighing	Ulrich Grau/Siegfried Kraus/Dieter Walz
Gridding	Ulrich Schwarz
Towing	Thomas Mannal
Meteorologist	tba
Administration	Gerhard Bayer
Finances	Willi Weiser
Press	Michael Kost
Homepage/social media	Timo Elsner
Support service for each NAC	Tomas Aruani

## **Postal Address:**

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## **Schedule of the 14th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships**

Unofficial Training:	Begins July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Unofficial Training:	Ends July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Pilot/Team Captain Registration:	Begins July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pilot/Team Captain Registration:	Ends July 30 <sup>th</sup> ; 06:00 p.m.
Configuration Changes:	Close July 26 <sup>th</sup> ; 06:00 p.m.
Technical Inspection:	Begins July 29 <sup>th</sup> ; 09:00 a.m.
Technical Inspection:	Ends August 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 04:00 p.m.
Official Training:	Begins July 30 <sup>th</sup>
Official Training:	Ends August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Official Team Captains Briefing:	August 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 04:00 p.m.
Official Safety Briefing:	August 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 06:00 p.m.
First Official Briefing:	August 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 06:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony:	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; 10:00 a.m.
Contest Flying:	Begins August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
International Evening:	August 5 <sup>th</sup> ; 08:00 p.m.
Contest Flying:	Ends August 14 <sup>th</sup>
Farewell Party:	August 14 <sup>th</sup> ; 08:00 p.m.
Price Giving and Closing Ceremony:	August 15 <sup>th</sup> ; 10:00 a.m.

## **Website & Communication**

Before and during the 14th JWGC, we will use the website **[jwgc2026.org](http://jwgc2026.org)** and a dedicated WhatsApp group for communication.

All inquiries can be sent to Bernd Schmid at **[cd@jwgc2026.org](mailto:cd@jwgc2026.org)**.

## **IGC-Officials**

**Jury President**

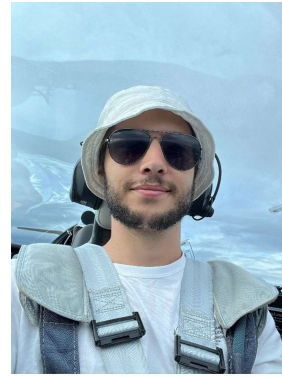
**Stewards**



Eric Mozer (USA)



Chief Steward:  
Frouwke Kuijpers (NED)



Steward:  
Hynek Chovan (CZE)

In remote: Vlademir Foltin and Sylvian Gerbaud

### **New FAI Documents for the competition:**

Annex A (SC3A\_2025a)

The major changes are a new penalty for hazardous flying and new procedures for dealing with GNSS jamming or spoofing:

[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/SC3A\\_2025a.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/SC3A_2025a.pdf)

The Annex A change document

A list of all changes to Annex A since the last edition, for your reference:

<https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/2025a%20Changes%20to%20Annex%20A.pdf>

IGC Procedures for Handicap Classes (SC3AH\_2026)

There is a new procedure (para. 1.9.2) that allows water ballast in the tail of Club Class gliders, for trim purposes. There are no changes to the handicaps themselves:

[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/SC3AH\\_2026.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/SC3AH_2026.pdf)

### **Local Procedures**

We updated the LPs due to several significant changes. All changes are written in Red.

### **Registration:**

Because the fill rate of the individual registration has to be improved, please load up all required documents as soon as possible. This will help us to ensure a smooth and easy registration process at our airfield.

### **Team Radio Frequencies:**

We are still waiting for an official approval of 20 radio frequencies by our authorities. All Team Captains will be informed directly immediately after we received the official clearance.

## **Registration for a scrutineering slot (July 29<sup>th</sup>, 09:00 a.m. until August 1<sup>st</sup> 04:00 p.m)**

Please use the link below to reserve your individual scrutineering slot:

<https://outlook.office.com/book/BookyourslotforscrutineeringJWGC2026@lsr-aalen.de/>

## **Airspace, Control Points and Boundary of Germany**

The control points and Airspace file can be download from soaringspot.com:

[https://www.soaringspot.com/en\\_gb/jwgc2026/downloads](https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/jwgc2026/downloads)

The file with the boundaries of Germany you can find at our homepage in the download folder.

## **License Validation Process for Pilots from Overseas**

For all overseas countries/pilots, we have to follow the EASA regulations and you have to validate your license if you will fly a glider registered in Germany.

For all pilots, holding an EASA-License, no validation is necessary.

Mid of next week, all necessary documents will be available in our download section on the competition homepage ([www.jwgc2026.org/documents](http://www.jwgc2026.org/documents)). A short description, how to complete the templates (they are in German language) will be also available in this folder of the homepage.

Please fill in all required data and send the forms with a copy of all requested documents like license, medical and passport to us ([cd@jwgc2026.org](mailto:cd@jwgc2026.org)).

We ensure a smooth handling with our authorities. Deadline will be **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**. After this deadline you have to handle the validation process directly with our authorities ([www.LBA.de](http://www.LBA.de)).

**If a glider will be used during the competition, which is not registered in Germany, you have to validate your license in the country the glider is registered. We are not able to support you in that case!**

## **Gliders**

All gliders have to follow the Sporting Code – Section 3. Gliding, Annex A, Part 4 Technical Requirements.

## **Proximity awareness transceivers and strobe light requirements**

Annex A 4.1.1.d Strobe lights are mandatory for the JWGC 2026 in Aalen-Elchingen.

Annex A 7.5 Proximity awareness transceivers (f.e. Flarm)

Flarm in the EU operates on the ISM band of 868 MHz.

We highly recommend to use a proximity awareness transceiver with ADSB functionality!

*Background information: Since November 2025 Germany's military reactivated low level flying (250 ft GND) training areas. ADSB helps for proximity awareness between glider and military jets.*

Also, the range analysis of the proximity awareness transceiver installed in your glider has to be uploaded in the registration tool. Without this analysis you aren't allowed to fly in the competition!

For Flarm devices, you can use: <https://www.flarm.com/en/support/tools-software/range-analysis/>

## **Tow Fee**

We have to adapt the tow fees because the price of oil raised dramatically and in addition also the inflation rate is going in the same direction.

- New Tow Fee: €58 for all classes up to 600m

We have to adapt the tow fee by € 1, if the price for fuel is raising or declining by € 0,25/l.

## **Evening Events during the 14<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Championships:**

August 5<sup>th</sup>: International Evening

August 6<sup>th</sup>: Bitterwasser Evening presented by Stefan Langer (Double World Champion)

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Swabian Evening – LSR Aalen will invite to a typical Swabian Dinner.

August 12<sup>th</sup>: 88% Eclipse of the Sun at 08:15 p.m. – Special presentation afterwards

August 14<sup>th</sup>: Farewell Party with surprises

**Kind regards from all members of the Organizing Team of the JWGC 2026.**