

JURA AIRTOUR

Competition Rules – Version January 15, 2026 (EN)

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The rules below are subject to change before and during the race.

1. Overview

JURA AIRTOUR is a 3-day adventure and paragliding competition with a supporter.

There is one category, with 100 points awarded to the first-place finisher in the SWISSCUP ranking.

- Route length: approximately 100 to 250 km depending on weather conditions. (The organizers aim for 50% of participants to reach the finish with all turnpoints.)

Turnpoints can be downloaded from the official race website.

The goal is to reach designated checkpoints and turnpoints in an order set by the Race Committee and then reach the finish as quickly as possible, traveling only by paraglider or on foot.

The ranking is determined as follows:

1. Number of points accumulated since the start.

- Start = 100 points
- One validated turnpoint = 100 points
- Finish line = 150 points / It counts even if you do not validate all turnpoints. (The goal is to encourage competitors to reach the finish line on the last day.)

2. Time elapsed between the start line and crossing the finish line.

Any question or request addressed to the Race Committee before the start of the race should be sent to info@juraairtour.ch

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2. Participation Conditions

- Athletes may be accompanied by a supporter.
- Only athletes with a valid official paragliding license issued by the FSVL or an IPPI Card (level 4 or 5) may participate.
- During the race, each athlete must have civil liability insurance covering at least 1 million Swiss francs, as well as accident and rescue insurance, which must cover costs such as medical care, hospitalization, and emergency rescue, including helicopter rescue anywhere during the race.

(NOTE: Many mountain sports insurance policies EXCLUDE competition.)

NO ATHLETE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION WITHOUT THE REQUIRED INSURANCE.

The race organization will provide a separate waiver of liability to participants, outlining the required services, which must be signed and confirmed by the athletes.

WITHOUT SIGNING THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY, THE ATHLETE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION.

By signing these rules, the athlete confirms that they are fit to participate and have no medical conditions.

3. Participants

The number of participants is officially limited to a maximum of 100 athletes. However, this threshold is unlikely to be reached and may be adjusted by the Race Committee, making selection unnecessary.

The committee reserves the right to refuse a participant if deemed necessary for safety reasons.

4. Race Schedule

May 1, 2026, 22:00: Registration closes.

May 22, 2026 (latest): Route announcement.

Friday, May 22:

- From 6:30 pm: equipment check & participant profile photo for the live feed.
- 7:30 pm: briefing.
- 8:15 pm: dinner with registration (Telegram group poll).

Saturday, May 23, 2026:

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- 7:30 am: final equipment checks & participant profile photo for the live feed.
- 8:00 am: distribution of trackers.
- 8:30 am: group photo.
- 9:00 am: **START** from the Moutier ice rink.
- 8:00 pm: end of the first day.

Sunday, May 24, 2026:

- 8:00 am: start of the second day.
- 8:00 pm: end of the second day.

Monday, May 25, 2026 (Pentecost):

- 8:00 am: start of the second day.
- 4:00 pm: **STOP** of the stage.
- 4:30 pm: prize-giving ceremony.
- Meal upon your arrival at the Tourism Office.

The race can only be canceled by the Race Committee.

If canceled by the Race Committee:

- Before May 1: Full refund.
- Between May 1 and May 20: 40% refund of registration fees.
- From May 21 at 00:01: No refund.

5. General Conditions

During the race, athletes must fly with their paraglider or hike without any form of physical or mechanical assistance while carrying the mandatory equipment (see point 8). Equipment cannot be abandoned before reaching a waypoint. The mandatory equipment must always remain within 10m of its pilot during race hours.

5.1 Each participant may use the services of one or more assistants; this is not mandatory but recommended.

5.2 The pilot must declare their primary assistant during registration or by May 1, 2026, at the latest.

5.3 The primary assistant may use all conventional means of transport. To ensure fairness, they are forbidden from launching with a slope glider before their pilot or flying ahead of them in flight.

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5.4 An athlete without a supporter must always have enough battery reserves to finish the day with their phone and tracker turned on and connected to the network, as well as to be able to start the next day with both devices fully charged.

5.5 Pilots are solely responsible for making decisions regarding hiking routes and choosing to fly. Analyzing and anticipating the evolution of terrain and weather conditions must be a constant concern.

5.6 Every day, athletes must restart from exactly where they finished the previous day, with a maximum tolerance of 100 meters. During the rest period, athletes may move freely between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM but must provide their overnight location.

5.7 In the morning, athletes must turn on their trackers at 7:30 AM to verify proper functionality before starting the day's race.

If an athlete wishes to stop their day they must inform the committee with a clear message, for example:

Pilot: Name, First name / Official stop Day 1 at 7:30 PM

5.8 Athletes are responsible for activating and maintaining the proper functioning of the tracker provided by the Race Organization at all times. Turning off the live tracking device during the race will result in significant penalties and may lead to disqualification.

5.9 Climbing sections on rocks is prohibited.

5.10 Mandatory Communication and Availability:
Every day before 8:15 PM, athletes must send a personal SMS or WhatsApp message with their name, confirming that everything is fine and indicating their camping location. If the Race Committee does not receive the message, it will send emergency services, and the costs will be borne by the concerned participant.

5.11 In case of an accident or serious health issue, the athlete must first contact emergency services and then, as soon as possible, inform the Race Committee.

5.12 Each athlete may leave the race or stop their day at any time, after informing the Race Committee of the time and location.

5.13 The Race Committee has the right to modify the rules, route, or race schedule before and during the race if deemed necessary.

5.14 Athletes who do not comply with any of these rules will be subject to penalties, assessed at the discretion of the Race Committee. Penalties will start at a minimum of one hour but have no maximum and may include disqualification.

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5.15 An athlete with an announced time penalty must stop before reaching the next waypoint or crossing the finish line to serve their penalty (if the athlete is flying, they must land). If athletes cross the finish line before their penalty is announced, the remaining penalty time will be added to their overall time.

5.16 The Race Committee reserves the right to impose penalties and disqualify any athlete who acts irresponsibly towards their own safety, others, the sport, the event organization, or associated sponsors.

5.17 The Race Committee has the power to stop an athlete for medical reasons and request a break until the situation is assessed, and a final decision is made.

5.18 In case of an accident, any assistance provided by athletes will be greatly appreciated. The time spent assisting in a rescue will be credited double to the athlete by the Race Committee.

5.19 Athletes must fly in weather conditions suited to their level of piloting and fatigue. They are responsible for their decisions and commit to not putting themselves in a position of physical or mental vulnerability.

5.20 All athletes must be cooperative and show respect towards the media, trying to facilitate their work as much as possible to promote the race.

5.21 Participants who wish to report another athlete for a violation must be able to provide photo or video proof for their claim to be considered by the committee.

6. Flight Rules

Athletes are not allowed to fly between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

6.1 All athletes are required to comply with Visual Flight Rules (VFR). Any athlete who violates VFR rules assumes full legal responsibility for the consequences.

6.2 All athletes must also comply with restricted areas as defined by the JURA AIRTOUR 2025 organization. An athlete's altitude is checked using the GPS height recorded by live tracking. Whenever possible, a backup track log (IGC format) is used to verify any violations.

6.3 In addition to the official JURA AIRTOUR 2025 rules, any athlete who violates local, regional, or national laws and regulations, such as those set by national parks, airspace authorities, local authorities, or governmental organizations, will be solely responsible. Those who fail to comply with the applicable regulations will be personally liable for any fines, penalties, or consequences of any kind resulting from their actions.

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7. Local Regulations

AIRSPACE AND PROTECTED AREAS REGULATIONS – JURA AIRTOUR

The following documents serve as the sole references for the JURA AIRTOUR race:

- Swiss Gliding Flight Chart (GLDS) version 2026
- Swiss legislation and SERA standards (air navigation)
- DABS (Daily Airspace Bulletin of Switzerland)
- VFR Manual
- Swiss legislation on quiet zones and protected areas (OSAC)
- This race regulation and local regulations

The various links contained in this document are based on the 2025 gliding flight chart. They will be updated upon the publication of the new 2026 chart (reference for the JURA AIRTOUR 2026 race).

HEIGHTS AND ALTITUDES: The heights, altitudes, and flight levels of the above references must be strictly adhered to.

All flight devices, various programs, and navigation applications must be configured and updated to be fully compliant with the Swiss gliding flight chart.

IMPORTANT:

- All CTR and TMA zones, including those with HX designation, as well as aerodrome zones (5 km radius or specific provisions), are considered active throughout the duration of the race.*
- The DABS must be consulted every morning before the race starts to be aware of and comply with temporary airspace restrictions.

*These provisions ensure compliance with flight rules, facilitate race tracking, and assist in arbitration in case of disputes.

If violations of the JURA AIRTOUR race regulations are detected, sanctions will be applied according to FSVL Regulation F, point 2.8:

7.1 Sanctions

7.1.1 In case of violations concerning airspace and/or prohibited ground zones, the competition jury may impose penalties. **Airspace and protected area limits must be adhered to without any tolerance.**

7.1.2 The competition jury has the right to adjust the sanction based on the severity of the violation and underlying intentions, according to an internal agreement.

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7.1.3 Penalties may include time penalties, disqualification of the daily result, or exclusion from the competition. The severity of the sanction is determined at the discretion of the competition jury.

USEFUL LINKS

Race Overview

An overview of different airspaces and protected natural areas encountered on the **JURA AIRTOUR triangle** can be found here:

[Race Overview Map](#)

(Protected natural areas are numbered 1-5, with their description, location, and details accessible by zooming in and clicking on the map.)

(The positions of the three corners of the JURAairTOUR triangle in this link are not precise and should not be used as navigation references.)

- **Gliding Flight Chart:** [Swiss Gliding Chart](#)
- **FSVL Airspace Regulations:** [FSVL Airspace](#) and [Airspace Map](#)
- **DABS (Daily Airspace Bulletin of Switzerland):** [DABS](#)
- **VFR Manual:** [VFR Manual](#)
- **Flight Sites and Special Aerodrome Rules:** [Flight Sites](#)
- **Nature Protection:** [Wildlife Protection](#)
- **Club Vol Libre Jura Flight Sites:** [Club VLJ Flight Spots](#)

8. Equipment

The JURA AIRTOUR is a long-distance paragliding race; therefore, the use of paragliders **16m² or smaller** (flat surface) or a **wing loading exceeding 5.5kg/m²** is prohibited.

8.1 All flight equipment must be certified and meet the latest certification standards:

- **Paraglider:** EN 926-2 and 926-1.
- **Harness:** EN 1651 LTF91/09 with certified protection.
- **Reserve parachute:** EN 12491, flown within the weight range specified by the manufacturer. (Last repack date = within one year).
- **Helmet:** EN 966 or EN 1077 (climbing helmets are **not allowed**).
- **All equipment must be less than 10 years old.**

8.2 Athletes must wear or fly with their mandatory equipment at all times. Random inspections may be carried out by the Race Committee at any time. Any athlete who fails to wear the mandatory equipment at all times will be disqualified. The mandatory equipment consists of:

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- **Paragliding harness** with back protection and a reserve parachute.
- **Paraglider**
- **Helmet** (EN 966 or EN 1077)

- **Live Tracker** (provided by the race organization).
- **Mobile smartphone.**

8.3 No item from the mandatory JURA AIRTOUR equipment list may be exchanged during the race. The only exception is if the equipment is damaged, in which case the Race Committee must be informed immediately.

Switching to a reserve parachute must first be approved by the Race Committee. Returning to the main wing is not allowed.

8.4 All athletes must have their equipment, including reserve parachutes, checked and approved by a race committee member or a designated official on Friday evening or by Saturday morning before the race start.

The takeoff weight must be within the certified weight range of the paraglider, reserve system, and harness.

9. Route

Each pilot must pass through the official turnpoints, which will be announced no later than June 5, 2025. Turnpoints will be selected based on weather conditions and will be part of the list described on the race website.

Additional turnpoints not listed in the published waypoints may be added to accommodate potential partners.

In case of a route dispute, any GPS device may be used as proof for the organizers, but the track must be recorded with a 1-second interval and in IGC format with GPS altitude.

10. Assistant

Each participant may have an assistant.

The assistant's role includes:

- Providing sustenance.
- Organizing accommodation (hotel, bivouac, etc.) for the pilot.
- Supporting the pilot physically and mentally.
- Sharing live updates (posting on the race website, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).
- Informing the pilot about weather conditions, race tracking, and suggesting different route options.

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- Opening and closing the pilot's bag, preparing and packing flight equipment for takeoff or landing.

The assistant **must not carry the pilot's mandatory equipment** for more than **5 meters**.

10.1 Athletes are not allowed to use tunnels between valleys, highways, or dual carriageways unless explicitly authorized by the Race Committee.

11. Route Documentation

Live tracking will transmit data to the race website, displaying the athlete's real-time position.

Online data serves as race confirmation for both athletes and the Race Committee.

If the Race Committee has doubts, they may request the pilot's **backup GPS track**. If the pilot cannot provide it, the Committee's initial decision will stand.

11.1 Complete and Clean Track is defined as follows:

- The athlete must be within 100m of their last recorded position from the previous day or where they stopped.
- The tracker must not have missing tracking points for more than 5 minutes.
- On the ground, a speed exceeding 5 m/s must not appear for more than 10 minutes.
- In flight, a speed exceeding 20 m/s must not appear for more than 20 minutes.
- The flight log must confirm no airspace violations. If tracking points are missing near restricted areas or an airspace violation is suspected, the backup track must clearly prove no violation occurred.

12. Route Evaluation

Each athlete must present a complete track log.

Routes will be evaluated daily. The Race Committee will analyze each athlete's track every day based on the online track log.

If a track log is found to violate any JURA AIRTOUR rules, the athlete must submit their backup log within 2 hours of the Committee's request.

13. International Distress Signals

If a helicopter rescue is required, the athlete must form the letter "Y" (YES) by keeping their legs together and raising both arms in a "V" shape.

If a helicopter is not needed, the athlete must form the diagonal of the letter "N" with their arms.

When the helicopter approaches, competitors must secure or remove any objects that could be blown away and carefully pack their gliders.

As long as the rotor is turning, always approach the helicopter from the front and wait for approval from the crew.

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14. Registration Fees

The registration fee is CHF 250 per pilot.

The fee is due immediately once the athlete confirms their registration via the website. Payment must be made via bank transfer by May 1, 2026.

Registration will be confirmed via email, and the athlete's participation is considered final upon payment reception. The order of payments determines the order of accepted participants, not the time of online registration.

A deposit of CHF 200 or €200 **in cash** is required when receiving the race tracker.

15. Non-Refund Policy

A participant who fails to show up at the race start without announcing their withdrawal before May 1, 2026, is not entitled to a refund.

If a justified withdrawal occurs after May 1, 2026, only CHF 100 will be refunded.

The Organizing Committee expects all selected pilots to complete the full JURA AIRTOUR race. If a pilot chooses to leave the JURA AIRTOUR, they must inform the Organizing Committee.

16. Image Rights

By registering, participants authorize the JURA AIRTOUR organization and any third parties authorized by the Organizing Committee to capture and use all audio, video, and photographic recordings taken during the event.

They also grant the right to use their name, image, voice, appearance, actions, and biography for any purpose (commercial, promotional, or otherwise) across any media without restriction on time, format, quantity, or distribution.

Participants agree not to claim any rights, payment, or compensation.

JURA AIRTOUR reserves the right to use, distribute, broadcast, and reproduce these recordings on all known and unknown media, including radio, television, cinema, and the internet. The organizer may alter, edit, cut, or modify any recordings without restriction.

Agreement and Signature

By signing, the athlete fully accepts these rules without restriction:

The French version of the regulations prevails.

By signing, the athlete fully agrees to the regulations:

Name : _____ First Name : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Remarks: