



20th FAI WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP - BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, USA

PILOT INVITATION 2nd Round

March 15, 2012

Dear Pilot,

You have been nominated by your NAC to take part in the 20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship to be held in Battle Creek, Michigan. The Balloon Federation of America has delegated its' sporting powers to Holiday Balloon Fest, Inc. for the sole purpose of organizing the event. The details of the event are as follows:

Name of event: 20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Location: Battle Creek, Michigan

2012 Dates:

August 16: Check-in
August 17: Check-in, Training flight
August 18: Check-in, Opening Ceremony, General Briefing, Official training flight
August 19 - 24: Competition flying days.
The last competition flight is Friday morning and the reserve flight is Friday evening.
August 25: Closing Ceremony and Awards Banquet

Entry fee: \$1,245.00 USD

The Entry Form can be filled in on line at www.balloonworlds2012.com. You can pay your entry fee on line using Paypal which is preferred, or by wire transfer as follows. Please be sure to include **ALL** of the following information or the transfer may not be completed.

**Comerica Bank, Swift # MNBDUS33, 39200 Six Mile, Livonia, Michigan 48152 USA
For further credit to Independent Bank, ABA 072402652
For benefit of Holiday Balloon Fest Inc., Account Number 3883351158**

The entry deadline for second round invitations is April 30, 2012

If you decide not to attend, please notify David Levin as soon as possible at davidnlevin@gmail.com so we can invite the next pilot on the invitation list.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Sullivan

**Mark Sullivan
CIA United States Delegate**



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INVITATION PROCEDURE

According S I 5.6.1.1, the invitation to NACs will be distributed to all:

Eligible NACs (as per FAI list)

CIA Delegates (as per FAI list)

National Balloon Federations (as far as the addresses are known).

Either of the three entities may answer. In case of conflicting answers received from more than one entity, the Organizers will consult further with the CIA Bureau.

NAC Invitations and Result List Invitations:

The NAC shall return the completed 'Acceptance of Invitation' **by December 31, 2011**. Using the 'Acceptance of Invitation' form the answering authority shall nominate the competitors they want to send.

According to the CIA decision (2010 Plenary) the equal number of competitors to be nominated is 2 (NAC Invitations). Additionally, The United States has committed to inviting up to 100 competitors plus the medal winners from the 2010 World Championship. The extra invitations will be based upon the NAC's finish in the 2010 World Championship. Therefore, each NAC should nominate 2 competitors plus additionally the number of competitors they expect to be assigned as per the attached spreadsheet. The total number of extra entries available will be 103 less the initial acceptance of up to two per country. We anticipate at least 34 extra entries but that number may change.

If an NAC nominates less than 3 competitors, it is assumed that the NAC waives its' right to send more competitors. In case an NAC nominates more competitors than allocated, the invitations will be sent in the order the competitors are listed, filling up to the maximum number the NAC is assigned. Should additional places become available because one NAC does not use their assigned place, the next NAC as per the attached list will receive the nomination.

On January 14, 2012, the Organizers will send 1st round individual invitations to the competitors nominated and assigned. **The Deadline for the 1st round of entries is February 28, 2012.** Competitors whose completed Entry Forms and Entry Fee is received by this deadline will be accepted.

On March 15, 2012, the Organizers will send out a second round of invitations to competitors nominated and assigned, in order to fill all available slots as of that date, to reach a total of 100 + 3 competitors. **The Deadline for the 2nd round of entries is April 30, 2012.** Competitors whose completed Entry Form and Entry Fee is received by this deadline, will be accepted.

Invitation to the three medal holders:

In addition to the above mentioned invitation process, the three medal holders from the 2010 World Championship will be invited personally.

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BASED ON COUNTRY'S FINISH AT 2010 WORLDS

ENTRIES	USA	SUI	FRA	GER	RUS	LTU	GBR	BEL	CZE	POL	JPN	LAT	BRA	ESP	SVK	AUT	LUX	AUS	SWE
AVAILABLE																			
1	1																		
2	2																		
3	2	1																	
4	2	1	1																
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6	2	1	1	1	1														
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