



Invitation for the 20th Swiss Championship for Hot Air Balloons (open Swiss Championship)

from 24 March to 27 March 2021

Dear pilots

On behalf of the Swiss Balloon Association SBAV, the Swiss Championship Hot Air Balloon Association is organizing the open Swiss Championship 2021 on the occasion of the Emmental Balloon Assembly 2021.

We invite balloon pilots from Switzerland and abroad to participate, provided they are admitted according to the conditions on participation below.

- Registration:** 24 March 2021 in the afternoon (12 noon to 2 pm) at the "Emmentaler Schaukäserei".
- General Briefing:** March 24, 2021, 2 p.m.; compulsory for all participants. All briefings will be held in German. Questions asked in French/English will be answered in French/English.
- Registration/Date:** Registration is made exclusively via the registration form on the website www.smhl.ch. The closing date for registration is January 22, 2021.
- Number of participants:** The number of participants is limited in agreement with the OK Ballontage Emmental. Until the registration deadline a contingent of starting places is reserved for competitors for the title "Swiss Champion". If this contingent is not exhausted, the free places will be passed on to foreign competitors. The order of registration is decisive.
- Participation-eligibility:** The participating pilots must have been in possession of the appropriate licence for at least 12 months and have at least 50 hours of flight experience as a PIC. In case of less experience, the board of the SMHL association will decide about participation.
"Swiss Championship" includes all participants who can achieve the title "Swiss Champion" according to the regulations (see regulations 2010).
"Swiss Cup" includes all participants of the ranking "Swiss Championship" as well as our foreign guests.
- Logger:** The competition will be conducted with Balloon Live (incl. Balloon Live sensors). Interested people who want to help with the marker measurement or evaluation are asked to contact ralph.fasler@sbav.ch for official participation.
- Entry fee:** The entry fee per team is CHF 550. This amount includes propane costs for the whole SMHL 2021, organization, fondue evening, as well as the Sunday morning brunch including the participation in the award ceremony for 4 persons.
- Regulations:** The regulations SMHL 2021 based on "FAI AXMER 2020" will be sent to the registered pilots by email at least 1 month before the SMHL.
- Competition card:** The competition map based on the competition area SMHL 2016 will be sent in electronic format to the registered pilots at least 1 month before the SMHL.
- Duration of the competition:** 1st competition flight Wednesday evening, 24.03.2021, last competition flight Saturday evening, 27.03.2021. If at least 2 flights could not be completed by this time, the race committee reserves the right to include Sunday morning as a reserve. The award ceremony will take place on Sunday noon.
- Accommodation:** Each team is responsible for its own accommodation. A hotel list will be distributed.
- Catering:** Lunch and dinner can be taken at the "Emmentaler Schaukäserei" according to the menu. No meal tickets are sold.
- Specials:** A short exposé about the sporting activities of the PIC must be enclosed with the registration. Furthermore we would like to publish a passport photo of the PIC, a photo of the balloon and the crew on the website.