

International Master Contest of Accuracy

Strasbourg EAM 2011



Official Rules



The poster features a central image of a parachutist in a blue and red suit with a French flag parachute. Text on the poster includes: 'Strasbourg.eu', 'Les meilleurs mondiaux du parachutisme à STRASBOURG', 'Saut de démonstration par l'équipe de France 24 avril - 14h et 15h30 place Kleber - Strasbourg', '3^{ème} Master Européen de Parachutisme Précision d'atterrissage', '29 et 30 avril 2011 toute la journée', '1^{er} mai 2011 jusqu'à 15 heures', 'au Centre École de Parachutisme d'Alsace Aérodrome du Polygone - STRASBOURG', 'Entrée Libre de 9 heures à 20 heures', and '50 athlètes de niveau International et les CHAMPIONS DU MONDE'. Logos for 'Alsace', 'Sports', and 'sati' are also present.

Welcome at the International Master Contest of Accuracy EAM Strasbourg 2011

Here is the Official Rules of the Competition " European Accuracy Master 2011 "

This Event will happen in Strasbourg (FRANCE), on the Polygone Airfield,

On the 29th, 30th April and the 1st May 2011.

EAM Contest is the first International Meeting of Accuracy in the 2011 Season.

This Master Event, organized by Jacques Baal and all the Team of the CEP Alsace, Will welcome the Best World Specialists of this Sport.

These Rules are specific to EAM Strasbourg 2011 Event, according to the Official FAI Accuracy Contest Rules.

EAM Organisation will set again its experimental Video Judgement System, last time before the official testing of such a kind of system on the PWC Series 2011.

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1. FAI AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The competition will be conducted under the authority granted by the FAI according to the regulations of the Sporting Code of the FAI, General Section, Section 5, as approved by the IPC and validated by the FAI, and these Rules.

2. THE EVENT

- 2.1 The events will comprise the following disciplines:
- Team Accuracy landing
- Individual Accuracy landing

2.2 Objective of the Event

2.2.1 Accuracy landing: competitors aim to land on, or as close as possible to the centre of a target which measures 2cm of diameter.

2.2.2 This Contest is organized to propose a High Level Meeting with the best International Teams of Accuracy.

The objective of this Competition is also to promote the « Accuracy Landing » in the Media, in the Public and to encourage the way of Olympic Games Candidature for this Discipline.

2.3 Participation

2.3.1 The participation in this Competition implies a complete and full acceptance of these Rules as well as the entire acceptance of the Official Results announced by the Judges.

2.3.2 Invited Teams

This Master Contest would gather together the best Competitors of this Sport, by Invitation only. The Best international Teams are invited to participate.

The Organisation would also invite some of the best Teams of the last French National Championship. Those Wildcards are delivered in the aim of increasing the French Level of this Discipline.

2.4 Composition of Teams

Each Team is comprised of 5 Competitors (of whom 1 Team Captain)

2.5 Security

The rules applied are the present rules from the " Fédération Française de Parachutisme " at the moment of the Event. Every parachute has to be equipped with an Automatic Activation Device (AAD)

2.6 Training

Possibility of training the week before the competition (25th to 28th April 2011)

2.7 Performance requirement

2.7.1 The competition is planned with 8 (eight) rounds. If the weather make it impossible to realize the all 8 rounds, the competition will be validated if every team has completed at least 4 (four) jumps.

After 8 rounds, The Individual Contest stops. In case of equality between one or more competitors, tie-break Jumps will be planned, to decide between them the first 3 ranks.

After 8 rounds, the first 6 best Teams are qualified for the Special Final Rounds. (see 2.8)

2.7.2 A team consists of 5 members. Only the best 4(four) Scores count in the Team Event among the 5 individual Results.

2.7.3 All Competitors of all Teams have to validate their results to validate the current Round.

- 2.7.4 The accumulated total of all validated rounds will determine the final rank of teams or individuals.
- 2.7.5 In case of Abandon from one or more teams during the first 8 rounds, this or those teams will be last ranked.

2.8 Final

- 2.8.1 The first 6 best Teams are qualified for the Final.
The Final is composed of 2 rounds for all the first 6 Teams.
- 2.8.2 A final Round has to be validated by the all 6 finalist Teams to score in the Overall Placings.
- 2.8.3 Results of the validated rounds of the final will be added with the all previous rounds. That will give the Overall Placings for the first 6 finalist Teams.
- 2.8.4 In case of Abandon from one or more teams during the both Final Rounds, this or those teams will be last ranked of the Final.
- 2.8.5 All the Jumps of the both Final Rounds are in charge of the Organisation.

2.9 Determination of the Winner

- 2.9.1 At the end of all completed rounds, the team or competitor with the lowest cumulative score is the winner.
- 2.9.2 If all rounds cannot be completed, the team or competitor ranked first in the last completed round is the winner.

2.10 Trophy

The "Centre École de Parachutisme Alsace" brings into play a trophy that would become the propriety of the winner, if the team wins the competition 2 (two) consecutive years.

The team which wins the trophy for the first time, will commit to come back the next year or return the trophy for the next competition.

3. SPECIFIC EAM 2011 RULES

3.1 Order of jumping

The order of jumping in the first Accuracy Round will be determined by Draw. In all other Rounds, the jump order will be the reversed rank order after the last completed round.

3.2 Protest

Each Team may have Protest Ways next to the chief Judge.
The Protest has to be done by the Captain Team or the Team Manager, before the End of the current Round.

3.3 Dropping Altitude

The Altitude of Dropping is 900m for the first Team of the aircraft and 1100m for the second Team.

3.4 Experimental Video Judgement

- 3.4.1 This Event will try a new Add Video Judgement, to help Judges Work. This System will be set by the Organisation. It would capture Views of Competitors Landings. It will stand place in the Landing Area, under the Judges Responsibility.
- 3.4.2 All Requests of Using Video Judgement have to be only done by the Captain of the Team, before he signs the Results Forms.
- 3.4.3 Each Team has 2 (two) Specific Video Protest Ways available during the all Event.
- 3.4.4 The Video of the contentious Jump will only be checked by the Chief Judge, the Team Captain and the Director of Contest.
At the end, only the Chief Judge Decision can validate the current Result or may allow a Re-Jump.
- 3.4.5 In case of technical problem with the Video Judgement System, only the Chief Judge Decision will be considered.
In this case, an external Video may be considered if the Chief Judge approves it.
- 3.4.6 All excessive Request can be punished with 16 cm (sixteen) Penalty Score.

4. GENERAL ACCURACY RULES (from FAI Rules)

Team and Individual Accuracy Landing

4.1. Wind Drift Indicator

- 4.1.1 Prior to starting the event, or if jumping has been interrupted for more than sixty (60) minutes, at least one wind drift indicator must be dropped from an altitude 100 m below the exit altitude and above the target by a judge or an experienced parachutist appointed by the Chief or Event Judge.
- 4.1.2 The wind drift indicator must have approximately the same rate of descent as the parachutes used by most of the competitors. Its landing point must be marked on an aerial photo or plan of the drop zone.
- 4.1.3 Continuity of the event and the opportunity for competitors to observe canopies in the air is considered sufficient for all competitors to evaluate the opening point.
- 4.1.4 When the boarding area is not close to the target area, as determined by the Jury, and competitors have been at the boarding area for more than 60 minutes they must be informed of the wind speed and direction at the target area before boarding.

4.2. Exit Point

Each team selects their own exit point.

4.3. Wind Speed

The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in the accuracy events is set by the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Meet Director within the range of between 6 m/s and 8 m/s. This limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing and will remain for the duration of the competition.

A competitor who lands during the period 10 seconds before the wind speed exceeds the limit, while the wind speed is over the limit and 30 seconds after the wind speed has returned below the limit, and does not score a dead centre, may accept a re-jump.

The competitor must make an immediate decision within 15 seconds of landing and before the next competitor lands and must inform the Event or Chief Judge of their decision, otherwise that competitor must do a re-jump.

The event will be automatically interrupted for a minimum of 5 minutes, if the ground wind speed exceeds 9 m/s.

4.4. Wind Direction on the Ground

- 4.4.1 The windsock must be capable of responding to winds of at least 2 m/s and be acceptable to the Chief Judge. The judges will determine its location, which is at a fixed place, approximately 50 m from the target centre. This decision is not subject to any protest.
- 4.4.2 A wind direction indicator (streamer) mounted on a pole, which is capable of responding to winds of less than 2 m/s will be placed by the Event Judge within the 20 m circle. The Event Judge will decide the position. Its position is not grounds for protest.

4.5. Target

- 4.5.1 The centre of the target must be an Automatic Measuring Device (AMD), with a Dead Centre Disc of 2 cm diameter in a contrasting colour, (preferably yellow on a black background). The device must be kept as flat as possible, and capable of measuring to a minimum distance of 16 cm in increment of not more than 1cm.
- 4.5.2 The AMD is mounted centrally on an underlying pad of at least 1.2 m diameter which when struck scores 16 cm at all points. Chief Judge and/or Event Judge may decide to discontinue the use of this underlying pad for any pertinent reason.
- 4.5.3 The target must have a clearly marked circle of 20 m radius centred around the dead centre disc.

- 4.5.4 The AMD and the underlying pad are placed centrally on a pump or soft target, which has to be acceptable to the FAI Controller and should have the following approximate specifications:
Diameter: app. 5 m
Thickness: a minimum of 30 cm
Colour: any colour
- 4.5.5 The AMD must be repositioned immediately after the landing of any competitor who moves or covers its location, except during team jumps when there is insufficient time between the landing of team members.
- 4.5.6 In order not to damage the AMD, suitable footwear must be worn.

4.6 Presence on the Target

- 4.6.1 The only persons allowed within the 20 m circle during jumping are members of the Panel of Judges, members of the Jury and necessary members of the organising staff.
- 4.6.2 Team Managers and guests of the Organisers are allowed in a reserved area of the 20 m circle designated by the Event Judge and not closer than 15 m to the Automatic Measuring Device. Accredited press, radio and TV officials are allowed at a position within 20 m circle but not closer than 5 m, decided by the Event Judge.
- 4.6.3 During the final approach of a competitor, only members of the Panel of Judges are allowed within 5 metres. Exceptions to this rule are the responsibility of the Chief Judge and/or Event Judge and require no previous agreement by the competing teams and individuals.
- 4.6.4 After landing, competitors must leave the target area immediately.

4.7 Re-jumps

- 4.7.1 Any malfunction of the main parachute canopy, which creates a control problem for a competitor, may merit a re-jump. In this case the competitor must indicate immediately that he has such a problem by signalling with his arms or legs outstretched, or other suitable signal, throughout most of the descent and must make no attempt to land in the target area.
Following a malfunction, the inspection of the equipment immediately after the competitor has landed must indicate that the competitor did suffer a malfunction that was not created by the competitor himself.
- 4.7.2 A control problem is a condition in the deployment of the parachute such that it is virtually impossible to attempt a precision target approach, or that the main canopy configuration is such as to prevent the competitor from demonstrating his skill.
- 4.7.3 If there is a sudden change in ground wind direction of more than 90 degrees when the wind speed is more than 3 m/s and automatically recorded by an electronic device, a competitor landing within 30 seconds after the change must be offered a re-jump. The competitors' decision must be made immediately.
- 4.7.4 If, during the accuracy events, two or more competitors approach and/or land on the target simultaneously or close together, and in the process interfere with each other, a re-jump for one, or both, or neither may be awarded by the Event judge. If such interference occurs between members of the same team during team accuracy jumps, no re-jump will be granted.
- 4.7.5 If an AMD is found to be defective or not reset and the first point of contact has been on it, and (4) above does not apply, the affected competitor(s) must be offered a re-jump.
- 4.7.6 Only the affected competitor(s) will make a re-jump and get a new score, the re-jump counting for both the individual and team accuracy events. The exit altitude for re-jumps will be decided by the Meet Director and be between 850 and 1000 metres.
- 4.7.7 If the AMD registers a score and in the opinion of the judges at the target the first point of contact was not on the AMD, the competitor will not be granted a re-jump, and must receive a score of 16 cm.

4.7.8 In the event of interference from a cameraman or other official allowed in-air or within the 5m circle during the approach of a team and/or individual competitor, a re-jump may be granted by the Chief Judge or Event Judge to the affected competitor(s) only. This decision is not grounds for protest.

4.8 Scoring Accuracy Landing

- 4.8.1 The landing point is the first point of body contact with the surface or the AMD.
- 4.8.2 The AMD must register the distance between the landing point and the edge of the dead centre disc when the landing point is on the AMD.
- 4.8.3 Any landing point off the AMD must be given a score of 16 cm.
- 4.8.4 Teams jumping with less than 4 members must receive a score of 16 cm for each missing member.
- 4.8.5 The best four scores of each round shall be the score for the team for that round, unless one or more members of the team were disqualified for that round.
- 4.8.6 If, because of insufficient separation between team members, a competitor lands on the AMD which has not been reset, the score given is 15 cm. Competitors landing off the AMD receive a score of 16 cm.

4.9 Team Accuracy Landing Event

- 4.9.1 The exit altitude is 1000 metres. The team must jump from the same aircraft, during the same passage of the aircraft over the target (re-jumps are treated as individual jumps). If meteorological conditions do not allow jumping from 1000 metres, the altitude may be lowered to 900 metres.
- 4.9.2 The jump order may only be changed to allow for re-packing, to accommodate re-jumps and to avoid competition delays resulting from substantial changes in the order of jumping.

4.10 Individual Accuracy Landing Event

- 4.10.1 Scores for all rounds, are the scores obtained in the team accuracy jumps, except for the tie-break Rounds.
- 4.10.2 The minimal exit altitude for jumping is 850 metres, according to the present Rules of the " Fédération Française de Parachutisme ".

5. WORK OF THE JUDGES (from FAI Rules)

5.1. Decision on landing point

- 5.1.1 Three judges at or near the target will indicate and determine by simple majority if the first point of landing is on the AMD.
- 5.1.2 Trainee judges may work with the judges in the target area, but their opinion or assessment will not be considered.

5.2 Other Responsibilities

- 5.2.1 Two separate sets of score sheets will be completed. The Event Judge and team Captain / individual sign one copy, which goes to the Scoring section. The Event Judge retains the other copy. At least one judge will check the results of the scoring section.
- 5.2.2 The wind speed and direction at the anemometer will be observed by an official appointed by the Meet Director and approved by the Event Judge.
- 5.2.3 One or more observers, supervised by the Event Judge, must watch each jump made and observe the competitors on opening and during their descent. The observer must check for any conditions or incidents that might constitute grounds for a re-jump and/or disqualification for safety reasons. A written record must be made of any unusual observations or incidents.

- 5.2.4 If any judge observes a change in winds aloft, which prevents one or more competitors from making a reasonable accuracy approach on the target, though having exited at the correct point, they must immediately inform the Event Judge and/or the Chief Judge of their observations. If the event is interrupted a new wind drift indicator must be dropped before the event may continue.
- 5.2.5 If there is a serious or sudden change in the meteorological conditions, the Chief Judge and/or the Event Judge, may decide to interrupt an event. This decision is not grounds for a protest. The interruption must be made in a way which clearly shows it to the jumpers concerned who must be granted re-jumps, and also to the judges at the target. A new wind drift indicator must be dropped before the event may continue.
- 5.2.6 The Event Judge and/or Chief Judge will advise the Meet Director when meteorological conditions allow the resumption of jumping.

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