

February 28, 2020

Dear Competitor:

Invitation and Prize Fund

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2020 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship and International Challenge in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. Your governing body, the HACD, and the event organizer, Old West Balloon Fest, have agreed to add an exciting new element to this year's event. The USA and Canada will be running their country's National Championship simultaneously utilizing one consolidated staff. They will be scored as two separate events. An overall Champion including US, Canadian and other International pilots will be awarded a newly designed International Champion's Cup and all competitors. US, Canadian and any other International guests are eligible for the International Cup.



A prize fund of \$20,000 is guaranteed plus a \$200 travel stipend to be paid in the form of a gas card bringing the prize fund to a total of \$30,000. Canadian pilots will only be eligible to receive the minimum guaranteed payout of \$150 and a \$200 gas card. The competitive event officially starts with on-site pilot registration and the mandatory General Briefing on Sunday, August 9. The organizer and HACD are offering support for two formal training flights to familiarize all with the use of the FAI logger that will be used in this year's competition - Saturday and Sunday, August 8-9. The last competitive flight is scheduled for Saturday morning followed by a mandatory evening glow that will be the final flight operation of the Championship. The closing ceremony, awards and brunch are scheduled for Sunday morning August 16 allowing all participants to hit the road early for the return home.

Housing and Meetings

The organizer is providing a complimentary hotel room for pilots with check in starting Sunday, August 9 and check out Sunday, August 16. Pilots wishing to arrive early may do so at their own expense and may reserve space once acceptance is confirmed. Once you have been accepted in the Championship you will be sent an acceptance confirmation. In a major improvement for 2020, the organizer has secured the Hampton Inn and Conference Center as the host hotel for all pilots, crew and event staff. All pilot briefings and associated meetings will take place at the hotel's on-site Conference Center. Details on the hotel can be found here: [Hampton Inn & Suites](#). **All arrangements for early arrival and crew rooms will need to be made directly by the competitor. You will have to contact the hotel and provide arrival and departure details as well as provide a credit card.**

Propane will be available on the mornings of August 8-9 for pilots arriving early and wishing to fly practice flights. Pilots will be charged a flat fee of \$40 for each fill on these dates. Arrive full; leave full. The organizer is working to locate a suitable propane refueling site in close proximity to the host hotel.

US Nationals Mission and Background

Promoting competition in the US is the Mission of the HACD. The US National Championship is integral to this Mission. While the major goal of the US Nationals is to name the Champion, it also serves as the means to qualify to represent the US in International competition. We encourage pilots of all skill sets to participate. It is my goal as Director to encourage new participation, provide nurturing training during the event and assist any new competitor to find an experienced mentor to provide important counseling throughout the event. I certainly recognize that many competitors may not be willing or available to assist during each competitive flight, but much can be learned from post flight analysis and brainstorming. There is no pressure to fly any flight; all go/no-go decisions are the sole responsibility of each competitor and there is no stigma to sitting out a flight.

Several learning and skill development opportunities exist throughout the Championship including the following:

- Two full practice flights designed as learning experiences including post flight debriefings with an open forum led by event staff.



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- Daily post-flight flight debriefings led by a top competitor. These sessions discuss an analysis of the tasks and the decisions made in the planning and execution phase of that day's flight.
- A BFA sanctioned safety seminar will be provided throughout the week built around 1 to 1 ½ hour sessions held at convenient times
- Our staff is developing an on-line training video to fully explain the FAA Waiver for the event. Competitors will have to pass an on-line quiz on the Waiver details prior to arriving for the General Briefing.

The Championship will again utilize the FAI logger in order to better align our Championship with the capabilities afforded us with this technology. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with all rules and policies involving the use of GPS loggers and the need to equip yourself with a backup GPS that meets the requirements of the rules. On line tutorials and information regarding the FAI loggers are available using these links: [Interactive FAI Logger Tutorial](#), [Balloon Competition Loggers](#)

It is the intent of the HACD to post educational videos to the BFA/HACD web site prior to the event and we encourage you to take advantage of them. Topics being considered include: FAI logger, highlights of 2020 rule changes, scoring area definitions and examples and an electronic task tutorial.

Old West Balloon Fest and I are confident that this year's Championship will be well attended and a challenging exciting experience for both seasoned competitors and those new to the US Nationals. This summer's event will serve as your first opportunity to qualify for the 2022 World Hot Air Balloon Championship. It will also serve as one of the qualifying events, along with the US Women's Nationals and Junior Nationals, for the 2021-2022 Women's and Junior World Championship. Please note that a new HACD policy was enacted in 2019 which states:

Beginning January 1, 2022, for all FAI Sanctioned hot air competitions for which the Balloon Federation of America is invited to select participants, Women and Junior competitors wishing to participate are required to have participated in the US National Championship sometime in the previous five years in order to gain experience in complex tasking, flying in tight quarters and working with team members.

Application Deadline – April 15, 2020

Applications must be received in the BFA Office on or before April 15, 2020. You can mail your application or complete the attached forms, scan and email it to the BFA office. Applications need to be sent in paper format mailed to the office or by pdf files. We cannot accept photos taken of the completed applications, win zip compressed applications nor compressed jpgs to pdf.

Participation in this year's event is limited to a maximum of fifty (50) competitors qualifying through the National Eligibility System plus those pilots qualifying for the Canadian National Championship. We encourage you to submit your application early. You will be notified by email of your acceptance no later than April 22.

Women and Junior Competitors

The Organizer has generously provided for organizer exemptions for women and juniors desiring to use the US Nationals as a qualifier for their possible participation in International competition. Women and juniors not otherwise qualifying in the top fifty spots will be provided a spot in the US Nationals if it is your intention to use the event to qualify for participation in an upcoming World Championship. This is a unique opportunity and hopefully many will take advantage. It's important to note that these exemptions in no way impact the normal top fifty selection process.

Acceptance

Your application will be considered complete when we receive your completed application form, digital (JPG) photo of your balloon and yourself (head shot only), \$200 entry fee (you can use BFA web site [BFA Store](#)) payable to the BFA and a completed balloon-related biography. **Entry fee for Canadian national pilots is \$250 US.** The US National pilot list will be posted on the BFA website no later than April 30, 2020. A waiting list will be maintained for all applications received beyond the fifty qualifying slots available. Plans often change and last-minute slots may be available. Even if your position in the 2019 National Eligibility System is well below the top fifty, you are encouraged to apply if you have an interest in competing. All women and juniors desiring to use this Championship as a qualifier for your respective World Championship are especially encouraged to register. Under no circumstances will pilot



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entries be filled from the waiting list after August 1, 2020. We ask that you submit your application only when all requested information is complete.

Insurance

The Organizer and the BFA/HACD require that each participating pilot name the sponsoring organizations, venues and others directly involved in the organization and sponsoring of this event as additionally insured on their balloon insurance policy. We have reviewed this requirement with Aviation Insurance Resources and RPS/IMC Balloon Insurance agencies and have been assured by those agencies that they have no issues with this requirement. Additionally insureds will include: Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Foundation and Scotts Bluff County.

Selection and Participation

The United States Championship is open to all US BFA/HACD member pilots who are in good standing. Acceptance preference is based on the 2019 NEL should applications exceed the available slots. All US pilots will have participation priority over any Canadian entries regardless of NEL participation or finish. The selection process for the available spots is fully explained in the ***BFA Competition Regulations, Policies and Procedures***.

Pilots registering are expected to remain and participate for the entire duration of the event as required by the HACD Code of Conduct. With the exception of family emergencies, medical situations and other obvious events outside of the pilot's control, early departure from the event carries financial penalties and may include, regardless of NEL standing, DQ from State, Regional, National and International competition for the next year. Specifics of these regulations can be found here: [HACD Rules – 2020](#). Pilots are encouraged to be familiar with all the rules and seek any clarification needed either prior to the event or at the General Briefing.

Staff

Our Championship Staff has been confirmed and includes quality, experienced individuals committed to organizing and executing a first class event. Our Senior Staff includes the following:

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| Maury Sullivan, Canton, OH | Event Director, FAA liaison |
| David Troutman, Louisville, KY | Deputy Director |
| Brad Temeyer, Sioux Falls, SD (<i>not yet confirmed</i>) | Meteorologist |
| Henry Rosenbaum, Mechanicsville, VA | Safety Officer |
| Adam Magee, Swisher, IA | Assistant Safety Officer |
| Mike Gilligan, Richardson, TX | Scoring Officer |
| Lynn Sullivan, Canton, OH | Steward, Assistant Scoring Officer |
| Dottie Humbert, Battle Creek, MI | Logger Manager/TSO |
| Sheri Berry, Battle Creek, MI | Chief Measuring Officer |
| Rob Wise, Statesville, NC | Target Manager |
| Debbie Spaeth, Jackson, WI | Jury President |

On-site Registration

A Preliminary Registration will be available Saturday morning before the first official practice flight and afternoon at the Hampton Inn Conference Center for those interested in practice flights before formal registration. The FAA will examine documents at this time and the FAA Waiver, maps and area information will be available at this time.

Official Pilot Registration for all pilots will be held on Sunday, August 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Hampton Inn Conference Center. All pilot packs, tickets, maps, banners, etc. will be distributed at that time. FAA staff from the Lincoln, Nebraska FSDO will be present to examine pilot and balloon documents. Be sure you have a current balloon registration.

Corporate Balloons

Spots are available for Corporate Balloons wishing to participate during the week or during the weekend activities. If you are interested in advertising product, company, service, or identifiable artwork, logos, etc. you are welcome to participate. Commercial balloon entry fees are \$1,500 and are payable to the BFA. If you have associated



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merchandise you would like to offer for sale you need to contact Colleen Johnson at Old West Balloon Fest directly (colleenjohnson302@gmail.com) for booth information, pricing and availability.

Social Events

Planned social events during the week include Sunday Welcome BBQ, Thursday Pilot/Sponsor Dinner and Sunday Awards Brunch. The HACD will also schedule an open general membership meeting lunch around other flight and social events.

Volunteer Crew

We will make every effort to provide local crew should you need such. Please indicate on the Pilot Application the number of crew members you would like us to provide for each scheduled flight.

If you are provided local crew, we ask that you provide them with the complimentary meal tickets that are given to you or purchase additional tickets as needed. If your plans or needs change, we ask that you notify the volunteer coordinator immediately so that the volunteers can be reassigned. Our volunteer coordinator is Peggie Michaels and her contact information will be made available in your acceptance confirmation package.

Maps

Each participating pilot is provided two official full color competition maps of the primary competition area. Once finalized, you will be provided a link to digital versions (several file formats) of the competition map.

Map development will be available for viewing thru its finalization using this link: [US National Map Drop Box](#). Printed maps will be available at on-site registration.

Airspace

A portion of competitive flight operations are within the Class E airspace of Western Nebraska Regional Airport (KBFF). The facility is fully cooperating with our event and operations personnel to ensure a safe event. No ATC clearance or radio communication is required for VFR flight in Class E airspace. You are expected to be familiar with all requirements when operating in Class E airspace. Our staff will include critical elements of operating in this airspace in the pilot safety training video.

Other

Further information on rules, schedule updates, competition maps, etc. will be posted to the Official Notice Board on Watchmefly.net as available and applicants should check the site frequently. It is my intent to rely heavily on this web site's Official Notice Board, Remind Messaging System and e-mail correspondence to keep everyone posted on current developments.

If you have any questions concerning this application as it relates to the Championship, please contact Maury Sullivan, Championship Director, at (330) 323-4455. Details regarding hotel contacts, volunteer crew and other local organizational details will be made available at the time acceptance packages are sent.

Documents that require a signature, Pilot Application and Entry Agreement, will be held for your signature during on-site registration for those competitors applying electronically.

On behalf of the BFA and Old West Balloon Fest, we look forward to seeing you in Scottsbluff, Nebraska this summer.

Sincerely,

Maury Sullivan
Championship Director
2020 USA and Canadian Nationals, Balloon Federation of America

Enclosures: Pilot Application, Entry Agreement, Pilot Biography, Preliminary Schedule of Events



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PILOT INFORMATION					
Name Last		First		Middle	
Street		Emergency Contact (relationship) <i>name and cell phone number</i>			
City		State		Zip	
E-mail Address (please print neatly)		BFA/HACD Competition #		BFA Membership Expiration Date <i>(Must be paid thru August 15, 2020)</i>	
Cell Phone (for event recall and messages)		Crew Chief Name and Cell Phone <i>(for event recall and messages)</i>		Additional Crew Name & Cell Phone <i>(for event recall and messages)</i>	
Pilot Certificate No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	PIC Hours	Hours Last 12 Months	Flight Rev Date	Currency Date
Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail balloon and personal photo (head shot) to BFA	Have you ever competed in a BFA US National Championship? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you qualify for the Senior Award (50 at start of competition) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
In the past three (3) years, have you been convicted of a DUI/DWI offense or been cited by the FAA for violation of a Federal Aviation Regulation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, FAR violation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, DUI/DWI violation. Have you filed the Notification Letter required by §61.15? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes to either, please explain (e.g. date, brief facts, disposition). What remedial/corrective action have you taken as a result of your incident/accident or conviction?					
Pilot Golf Shirt Size S M L XL 2X 3X Crew tee shirt size – three (3) are provided S M L XL 2X 3X					
BALLOON INFORMATION					
Balloon Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Balloon		<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Logo - \$1,500	
<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail photo of balloon to BFA office					
Balloon Name		N Number	Registered Owner		Hours
Date of Last 100-hour/Annual Inspection		Hours Since Last Inspection			AX Size
Model					
Airworthiness Certificate: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental		Date Issued	Manufacturer		Serial Number
INSURANCE INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION					
Name and Address of Insured					
Insurance Agency / Underwriter:		Policy Number:		Expiration Date	
Coverage Per Passenger:		Combined Single Limit:		Policy Limit:	
I authorize _____ to add the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County for the period August 8-15, 2020.					
Required Minimum Coverage Every participating pilot is required to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage, \$100,000 minimum property damage, and \$100,000 minimum passenger liability for each passenger carried. In the event of policy cancellation prior to August 18, 2020, ten (10) days written notice will be given to Balloon Federation of America, P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125.					
Signature			Date		



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Pilots receive one (1) complimentary room for the scheduled dates of the competition (8/9/20 thru 8/16/20). You will need to confirm any extra night stay and crew rooms with your credit card directly with the hotel once your acceptance has been confirmed. Please complete the following information. **The Old West Balloon Fest will not be responsible for any extra hotel costs or incidentals.**

Arrival Date	Departure Date	<input type="checkbox"/> King	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking
		<input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking

If you plan to arrive early for practice flying, please indicate the days you expect to practice so we can plan propane needs:

Saturday, August 8 **Sunday, August 9**

Crew Accommodations

Additional crew rooms will be available at a cost of approximately \$100 plus tax per night. You are required to make your own hotel reservation for any additional crew rooms you may require.

PILOT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Private or Commercial Pilot Certificate (**plastic**)
2. Minimum of 50 hours as LTA/PIC This is what is required for FAI World championships
3. Aircraft Airworthiness, **current registration** and Aircraft Logbook checked at registration by Lincoln FSDO personnel
4. **You must view the event safety video, complete the quiz and receive a passing grade prior to July 20, 2020**
5. All balloons must arrive fully fueled
6. Quick-release tie off restraint required and must be used on all common launch areas
7. Entry fee, commercial and non-commercial, bio and photos must accompany your application
8. Your additionally insured insurance certificate must be submitted to the BFA Office prior to July 20, 2020
9. You must arrive on time for registration, General Briefing and be present for all flight briefings
10. Application must be completely filled out
11. You must submit IRS Form W-9. Form may be downloaded using this link: [IRS Form W-9](#). **Download, complete and sign.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

Pilot entry fees will not be refunded due to cancellation after July 1, 2020.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Pilot Entry Fee enclosed: \$200 for US pilots and \$250 US for Canadian pilots (payable to Balloon Federation of America) or [BFA Store](#)
- \$1500 Commercial entry fee in lieu of pilot entry fee (payable to Balloon Federation of America), if applicable
- Signature on Entry Agreement and application
- Completed Pilot Biography enclosed. PLEASE take the time to complete all information requested.
- Color photo of balloon provided
- Personal photo provided
- E-mail address is complete and legible. You will be kept up to date on the Championship information.
- IRS Form W-9 completed**

LOCAL CREW NEEDS

Do you need local crew? Maximum 4 crew credentials provided. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many? _____ Special needs? _____
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Please circle the days you need crew.

Practice: Saturday Sunday **Competition:** Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



PILOT ENTRY AGREEMENT

Including Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

I hereby declare that I am participating in the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship (**Championship**) on August 9 - 16, 2020 of my own free volition. I agree that the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County' Balloon Federation of America, event race officials, my sponsor or any subsidiaries, employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot in command, as shown in CFR § 91.3(a) and elsewhere in the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's).

I hereby certify that I am aware of and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) as regards my personal decision to fly my balloon, and any bodily injury or property damage resulting from there is solely my liability, and that my decision as pilot in command may affect my placement in this event if I choose not to fly. I understand that the pilot of each balloon has full and complete authority over the balloon and is responsible for all decisions to be made associated with the balloon on the ground and in the air.

I certify that I am of sound mind and body and I have no medical, mental, or physical limitations that would limit my ability to safely fly my aircraft. I am not taking prescription or over the counter drugs that may impair my ability to safely fly my aircraft.

Officials of the US and Canadian National Hot Air Balloon Championship may supply information, guidance, or data and will use reasonable care to ensure the information is accurate and complete. However, the BFA/HACD and Championship assumes no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information. It is my decision whether to rely on that information or acquire additional information. I agree that none of the flights are mandatory and that I will make all flights at my option.

I hereby agree to have in full force during the Championship a balloon insurance policy with minimum liability limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage, including passengers, but not less than \$100,000 each passenger.

I hereby give permission, without any restriction, to the Championship or its assigns, to use still and motion pictures and sound recordings of me, my balloon, equipment, chase crewmembers, employees and agents for news, advertising, promotional media and commercial uses.

It is my understanding that the organizers may inspect all balloons entered in the event; but that such inspection is only for the purpose of determining whether the aircraft complies with all rules of eligibility of said event. The approval of the balloon by said officials does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the mechanical condition of the aircraft, or whether or not it is airworthy.

I acknowledge that the Championship utilizes GPS loggers for purposes of scoring and monitoring participant's flights for adherence to event regulations regarding landowner relations and Prohibited Zone infractions. I agree to carry this GPS logger on all flights and conform to all rules related to its use. I also acknowledge financial responsibility for the device while under my control.

I agree that this Agreement is a Nebraska contract and it is to be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska, and that I hereby submit myself to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska courts concerning any claims arising out of the Championship or this Agreement. This Agreement, including the Conditions of Entry, General Information, Insurance and Hotel Reservation form, contains all the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties hereto, and no other agreements or discussions, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of the Agreement shall be deemed to exist or bind any of the parties hereto.

I, the pilot in command, hereby declare that I will fly in accordance with the event rules and regulations, HACD Code of Conduct, abide by the FAR's, and fly entirely at my own risk and waive any right of action against the Championship, the owner of the launch site, event race officials, my sponsor or any employees, officers, trustees, agents, and their respective members for any loss or damage sustained by me in consequence of any action or omission on their part, my part or the part of other participants.

Thus, I release the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell, Oregon Trail Community Trail Foundation and Scotts Bluff County, Balloon Federation of America, event race officials, my sponsor or any subsidiaries, employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) from liability for their actions or inactions relating to the Championship which may arise out of or result from or in any manner be connected with the balloon flight or activity in which I participate as a pilot in command.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRATION IS ACCURATE AND I ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THIS ENTRY AGREEMENT.

Pilot Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
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PILOT BIOGRAPHY & PHOTOS

Every participating pilot **must submit a new personal balloon biography and COLOR photo of their balloon as well as a personal photo (head shot)**. We ask that all photos be submitted in digital format. You may email your digital photo and biography to the Balloon Federation of America, bfaoffice@bfa.net

Must be submitted with Pilot Application by **April 15, 2020**. **Registrations will not be considered complete without photos and bio. Thank you!**

Digital personal color photo sent by e-mail

Digital color photo of balloon sent by e-mail

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Occupation: _____

Commercial

Private Years / Hours PIC: ____/____ Highest Altitude / Longest Distance ____ / ____

National Ranking: 2019 ____ 2018 ____ 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____

World Ranking: 2019 ____ 2018 ____ 2017 ____ 2016 ____ 2015 ____

List any past Championships

US or Canadian Nationals: _____

World Championships: _____

Any "unique" competitive experiences: _____

Countries flown in other than United States: _____

List any ballooning (hot air or gas) records currently or previously held: _____

List any other aircraft ratings that you hold: _____

Most memorable flight: _____

Have you attended a BFA US National Championship in the past? _____

Other hobbies: _____

Any other "claims to fame"? _____



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Preliminary Pilot Schedule

Friday, August 7, 2020 (SR 05:55; SS 8:06)

4:00 – 7:00 PM Pilot attitude adjustment and happy hour, Flyover Brewing, 1824 Broadway

Saturday, August 8, 2020 (SR 05:56; SS 8:03)

All event provided rooms available for check in Sunday

4:30 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
Preliminary Pilot Registration, Hampton Conference Center. Pilots flying 'official' practice flights must register, get competition maps, review and sign FAA Waiver acknowledgement form. Pilots will still be required to attend full Pilot Registration on Sunday afternoon for FAA credential exam.

5:30 – 5:45 AM Pilot Flight Briefing for optional practice flight (FAA Waivered), Hampton Conference Center

6:00 – 9:00 AM **Optional practice flight 1**

8:30 – 9:30 AM Propane refueling (\$40/fill, cash only), Location TBD

1:00 – 2:30 PM Task Debriefing – logger orientation and strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by competitors and staff, Hampton Conference Center

3:00 – 6:00 PM **Preliminary Pilot Registration**, Hampton Conference Center. Pilots flying 'official' practice flight must register, get competition maps, review and sign FAA Waiver acknowledgement form. Pilots will still be required to attend full Pilot Registration on Sunday afternoon for FAA credential exam.

5:30 – 7:30 PM Gering public meet and greet on 10th Street – **mandatory, map and details in registration materials**

7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling (if there is a candlestick glow), Location TBD

Sunday, August 9, 2020 (SR 05:57; SS 8:02)

All event provided rooms available for check in 3 PM today

5:00 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center

5:30 – 5:45 AM Pilot Flight Briefing for optional practice flight (FAA Waivered), Hampton Conference Center

6:00 – 9:00 AM **Optional practice flight 2**

8:30 – 9:30 AM Propane refueling (\$40/fill, cash only), Location TBD

11:00 – 12:00 noon Task Debriefing – logger orientation and strategies for the morning's tasks discussed by competitors and staff, Hampton Conference Center

1:00 – 4:00 PM **Pilot Registration and FAA check-in**, Hampton Conference Center

2:00 – 4:00 PM **Rookie Orientation, BFA Declaration App, FAI Logger, review and discussion of complex tasks, pilot Q & A** - all welcome, non-mandatory, Hampton Conference Center

4:00 – 5:30 PM **General Briefing**, Hampton Conference Center

6:00 – 8:00 PM Welcome party, Volunteer and Pilot meet and Greet BBQ, Legacy of the Plains Museum

Monday, August 10, 2020 (SR 05:58; SS 8:00)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center

5:20 AM Briefing doors open,

5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing**: Hampton Conference Center

6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 1**

8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center

8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Location TBD

10:30 – 11:30 AM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for the morning's tasks discussed led by Nick Donner, Hampton Conference Center

5:00 PM Briefing doors open,

5:15 PM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing**: Hampton Conference Center

6:00 – 7:45 PM **Competition Flight 2**

7:30 – 9:00 PM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center

7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling, Location TBD



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Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (SR 05:59; SS 7:59)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 3**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Location TBD
10:30 – 11:30 AM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by Rhett Heartsill, Hampton Conference Center

5:00 PM Briefing doors open,
5:15 PM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 7:45 PM **Competition Flight 4**
7:30 – 9:00 PM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling, Location TBD

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 (SR 06:00; SS 7:58)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 5**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Location TBD
10:30 – 11:30 AM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by Johnny Petrehn, Hampton Conference Center

Wednesday Evening Non-Competitive Activities

Need fifteen volunteers to glow at community college. Your participation is appreciated and you will receive a gift of \$100 value.

6:00 – 6:30 PM Pilots arrive Western Nebraska Community College
6:30 – 7:30 PM **Pilot light Dinner**
7:30 PM **Glow Briefing:** college
8:00 – 9:00 PM **Balloon Glow,** Western Nebraska Community College
9:30 – 10:30 PM Propane refueling, Western Nebraska Community College

Thursday, August 13, 2020 (SR 06:01; SS 7:56)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 6**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Location TBD
10:30 – 11:30 AM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for last evening and this morning's tasks discussed led by Joe Heartsill, Hampton Conference Center

12:00 – 2:00 PM HACD General Meeting and lunch, Flyover Brewing, 1824 Broadway

Thursday Evening Non-Competitive Activities

5:30 – 8:30 PM **Pilot / Sponsor Dinner open to pilot plus two guests,** Weborg 21 Centre



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Friday, August 14, 2020 (SR 06:02; SS 7:55)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Competition Flight 7**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Mitchell Airfield
10:30 – 11:30 AM Non-mandatory Task Debriefing – strategies for this morning's tasks discussed led by Andy Baird, Hampton Conference Center

5:00 PM Briefing doors open,
5:15 PM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 7:45 PM **Competition Flight 8**
7:30 – 9:00 PM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM Propane refueling, Location TBD

Saturday, August 15, 2020 (SR 06:03; SS 7:53)

4:45 AM Coffee available, Hampton Conference Center
5:20 AM Briefing doors open,
5:30 AM **Competitive Pilot Flight Briefing:** Hampton Conference Center
6:00 – 9:00 AM **Last Competition Flight 9**
8:30 – 10:00 AM Debriefing - return of unused markers, Loggers, and FRF to Hampton Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM Propane refueling, Mitchell Airfield

Saturday Evening Non-Competitive Activities – Mandatory Attendance

6:00 – 6:30 PM Pilots arrive Grasslands at Five Rocks
6:30 – 7:30 PM **Pilot Pizza Party**, Glow Field
8:00 PM **Glow Briefing:** All pilots, Glow field
9:00 – 10:00 PM **Balloon Glow, The Grasslands at Five Rocks**
10:00 – 11:00 PM Propane refueling, Legacy of the Plains Museum, 2930 Old Oregon Trail, Gering

Sunday, August 16, 2020 (SR 06:04; SS 7:52)

6:00 – 8:00 AM **OWBF fun flight**
10:00 AM **Awards Brunch**, Weborg 21 Centre



Return all paperwork to BFA office by April 15, 2020

