Task Catalogue for

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Authority
This Task Catalogue is to be used in conjunction with the Local Regulations. The General Section and Section 10 of the FAI Sporting Code takes precedence over the Local Regulation and Task Catalogue wording if there is ambiguity

Clarification
The term "Paramotors" refers to classes PF1, PF2, PL1 and PL2.

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1. Introduction

This catalogue describes tasks which may be set by the Championship Director.

The Championship Director is free to set any tasks, including some that are not in this catalogue. The Championship Director may also select tasks from previous European Microlight Championships (Paramotors and PPT Classes) and/or previous World Paramotor Championships Task Catalogues.

Most of the tasks here are taken from the FAI-CIMA section 10 task catalogue.

1.1 Principles

Good tasks make for good championships, but tasks also drive the design direction for the aircraft. For example, Microlights would soon lose their short field capability if no more precision landing tasks into a 100m deck were given.

Flight planning and navigation tasks develop good pilot skills but they, too, affect the characteristics of competition aircraft so a Director must try to set a reasonable balance between tasks where ultimately speed is the advantage and economy is the advantage. These tasks should be as long as possible, so that pilot skills are tested by having to fly over new and different country.

Competition Directors are cautioned against setting a few complicated tasks in favour of lots of simple ones. It is all too easy for a Championship to end with the minimum of tasks required (S10 4.3.3) and there is nothing more likely to upset pilots than if they think they have not flown enough in a championship to properly demonstrate their skills.

Task descriptions are written as the task sheets that will be used during a championship. Each task is written in a single page so that it can be individually printed for the convenience of competitors. They will not be modified before or during the championship, with the only exceptions of the addition of figures or further clarifications.

1.2 Task types

Tasks fall into three categories:

A   Flight planning, navigation estimated time and speed. No fuel limitation.
B   Fuel economy, speed range, duration.
C   Precision

The proportion of each task to be used is stated in S10, 4.29.3

Any task or its component may be set more than once, either identically or with variations, set separately or integrated with any other tasks.

Distances should be as long as possible referring to the recommended still air range of the competing aircraft stated in S10 4.17.7.

In any task requiring pre-declaration of speed or elapsed time the Director may set up hidden gates through which the pilot would fly if on the correct flight path. Pilots failing to be checked through such gates or who are observed flying a devious path to adjust timing/speed errors may be penalised. No information will be given at briefing on the existence or whereabouts of hidden gates, or the method by which they are controlled.

2. Navigation Tasks

2.1 Pure Navigation

Objective

To fly a course between as many turn points or markers as possible within the time window and return to the

deck.

Scoring

Pilot score = 1000 x (NBp/NBmax)

Where, according to briefing;

Either:

NBp = The number of ground markers and/or turn points a pilot collects in the task

NBmax = The maximum number of markers and/or turn points collected in the task

OR

NBp = the distance flown by the pilot in the task.

NBMax = the maximum distance flown in the task.

2.2 Pure Navigation with Distance

Objective

Fly the maximum number of turn points and distance with a limited amount of time and return to the airfield.

Planning

Competitors will be given a list of turn-points. Planning will be done in quarantine but no declaration is needed for this task.

Take-off

A standard take-off in open window will be performed.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

Pilots will fly to as many turn-points as they wish trying to maximize both number of turn-points and distance.

Landing

Landing will be performed at the designated deck.

Scoring

Number of turn-points:

N	= Number of turn-points crossed by the pilot
Nmax	= Maximum number of crossed turn-points in the class
Qn	= 500 * N / Nmax

Distance

D	= Distance measured in straight lines between consecutive TPs crossed by the pilot.
Dmax	= Maximum distance along turn-points in the class
Qd	= 500 * D / Dmax

Total

Q	= Qn + Qd
P	= 1000 * Q / Qmax

Task-specific penalties

None

2.3 Precision Navigation

Objective

Fly a circuit at a constant speed in each leg, estimating arrival times to known turn points.

Planning

A circuit will be defined by a start (SP) and finish (FP) points, with a small number of intermediate turn points (TP). All turn points will be known before take-off. Legs between consecutive points will normally be straight segments, but some of them may also be well defined arcs of circumference. As an additional aid, the organiser may also give the length of each leg.

Pilots will receive the collection of turn points at a specified start-of-planning time (PT) and will plan their flight individually. PT for each pilot will be published in advance.

Pilots will fill in a declaration sheet indicating their estimated times of arrival to every turn point in the circuit, including the finish point. Estimated times will be given in seconds counted from SP. Pilots will hand their declaration to a marshal before take-off.

Take-off

The director may choose to tun the task with take off at a designated time or allow pilots to take off immediately after handing their declaration to the marshal.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

After take-off, pilots will fly to the start point (SP) where the clock starts. They will fly each leg at a constant speed that should be consistent with their declarations. The speed in each leg may be different, but it must be constant along each leg.

There will be an undetermined number of hidden time gates along the legs.

There will be a small bonus for speed along the whole course, that may include planning time if briefed..

Navigation ends at the finish point (FP).

SP	→	AA	→	BB	→	CC	→	DD	→	FP
T = 0	Hidden gates	Ta	Hidden gates	Tb	Hidden gates	Tc	Hidden gates	Td	Hidden gates	T

Landing

After crossing FP, pilots will proceed to land. Unless otherwise briefed, they will perform a standard deck landing at their designated decks.

After landing they will secure their aircraft and take their loggers to the download office.

Scoring

Hidden time-gate score: The difference between the time of arrival estimated by the pilot and the real crossing is the time error for a gate.

E_i = Absolute error in seconds in gate i with a tolerance of 5 seconds and a maximum of 180.

H_i = $180 - E_i$ (Points obtained in gate i). Time gates not crossed score zero.

Q_t = ΣH_i (Sum of all gate points)

Speed score

T_{start} = Time of crossing SP or time when the pilot starts planning (according to briefing)

T_{fin} = Time of crossing FP

T = $T_{fin} - T_{start}$

T_{min} = Minimum time in the class

Q_v = $200 * T_{min} / T$

Total

Q = $Q_t * (1 + Q_v / 1000)$

P = $1000 * Q / Q_{max}$

Task-specific penalties

100% penalty for backtracking or making 360º turns.

20% penalty for an excessive delay between effective take-off and crossing the start point.

2.3.1 Precision Navigation – Declaration Sheet

Turn-point	**Estimated time of arrival in seconds counted from the start point (SP)**

SP	**0 s**
FP	

Pilot _____

Comp. No. _____ **Team**_____   **Class** _____

Task No. _____ **Date** _____   **Time** _____

Pilot's Signature

Marshal _____

Marshal's Signature:

2.4 Curve Navigation

Objective

Precisely fly the course defined by an arbitrary line drawn on the map, with time estimations and a time limit.

Planning

Pilots will receive a course drawn on a map.

If the course shows a number of known time gates, then the pilots will estimate their crossing time, counted from the start point.

Before take-off, pilots will hand their declaration to a marshal.

Take-off

The director may choose to tun the task with take off at a designated time or allow pilots to take off immediately after handing their declaration to the marshal.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

Time will start when the aircraft crosses the start point. Then pilots will precisely fly the course trying to cross the time gates in order at their estimated times. Navigation and timing end at the finish point.

There will be an undetermined number of hidden gates to validate the course. Gates must be crossed in order and proper direction. Crossing the same gate more than once in any direction invalidates the gate. Example: The sequence 1-2-4-3-5-6-5-7 will be evaluated as 1-2-4-6-7, a total of five correct gates.

Time will be measured at the known time gates (TG) and checked against pilot declarations. If a time gate is crossed more than once, time will be extracted from the first crossing.

There will be a small bonus for speed along the whole course, that may include planning time if briefed.

SP	→	TG1	→	TG2	→	TG3	→	FP
T = 0	Hidden gates	T1	Hidden gates	T2	Hidden gates	T3	Hidden gates	T

Landing

After crossing FP, pilots will proceed to land. Unless otherwise briefed, they will perform a standard deck landing at their designated decks.

After landing they will secure their aircraft and take their loggers to the download office.

Scoring

Hidden gate score

- Nh   = Number of hidden gates in the task
- H   = Number of hidden gates correctly crossed (crossed once, in order and proper direction)
- Qh   = $1000 \times H / Nh$

Known time-gate score (when the course includes known time gates). An expected time of arrival (ETA) to each gate will be calculated based on the pilot's declaration. The difference between the ETA and the real crossing is the time error for a gate.

- Ei   = Absolute error in seconds in gate i with a tolerance of 5 seconds and a maximum of 180.
- Hi   = $180 - Ei$ (Points obtained in gate i). Time gates not crossed score zero.
- Qt   = $\Sigma\ Hi$ (Sum of all gate points)

Speed score

- Tstart   = Time of crossing SP or time when the pilot starts planning (according to briefing)
- Tfin   = Time of crossing FP
- T   = $Tfin - Tstart$
- Tmin   = Minimum time in the class
- Qv   = $200 * Tmin / T$

Total

- Q   = $(Qh + Qt) * (1 + Qv / 1000)$
- P   = $1000 \times Q / Qmax$

Task-specific penalties

100% penalty for backtracking or making 360º turns.

20% penalty for an excessive delay between effective take-off and crossing the start point.

2.4.1 Curve Navigation – Declaration Sheet

Time gate	Estimated time of arrival in seconds counted from the start point (SP)
SP	**0 s**
FP	

Pilot   _____

Comp. No.   _____ **Team**_____   **Class**   _____

Task No.   _____ **Date** _____   **Time**   _____

Pilot's Signature

Marshal   _____

Marshal's Signature:

2.5 Navigation / Speed (Bermuda Triangle)

Objective

To take off from the deck, then, from the start gate, fly the largest possible triangle in a given elapsed time, then return to the finish gate before landing back on the deck.

Description

The map shows a timing gate and the area available for you to fly the largest possible triangle in a given elapsed time. You select the 3 corners of the triangle of your choice by doing a 360° turn at each corner (in either direction).

The position of the timing gate can be anywhere in relation to your triangle and does not affect your scoring distance.

There is a specified minimum altitude from the start gate and to the finish gate.

Scoring

Your score is computed as the square root of the product of all 3 sides of your triangle, thus making an equilateral triangle the best scoring shape.

Formula: 1000 x Psc / MAX (Psc)

Where:

Psc = Pilot's score = Square root (A x B x C) – deductions

MAX (Psc) = the highest score (Psc) attained

A, B & C are the three sides of the triangle
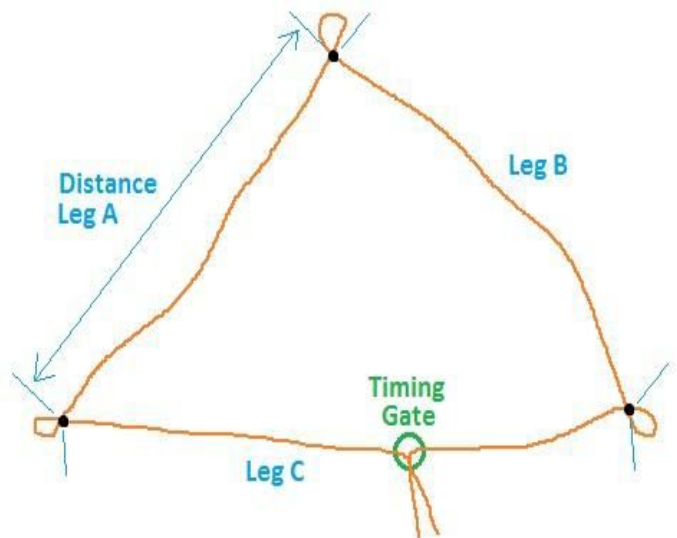
Deductions and Penalties

- No 360° turns at corners: 1 minute added to your elapsed time per missing 360° turn
- Landing out before the finish gate: 100% deduction
- Landing out after the finish gate: no deduction
- Late arrival up to 1 minute at the finish gate over given time: 20% deduction
- Late arrival between 1 and 5 minutes at the finish gate over given time: 50% deduction
- Late arrival over 5 minutes at the finish gate over given time: 100% deduction
- A corner outside the permitted map area will result in 2 legs been truncated. Two corners outside the permitted map area will also void one leg. Only complete legs can be scored.
- Flying below the required minimum altitude: up to 100% penalty.

2.6 Navigation with Unknown Legs

Objective

Fly a circuit discovering one or more legs while in flight.

Planning

Competitors will be given a series of headings to follow or lines drawn on a map or a description of the procedure to draw them. The start point (SP) and finish point (FP) will always be known.

They will also receive photos of ground features or description of canvas markers: each one indicates the start of a leg. There will be no out-of-track (false) photos or markers.

Planning will be done in quarantine and pilots will declare their planned speed along each known leg.

Before take-off, pilots will hand their declaration to a marshal.

Take-off

The director may choose to tun the task with take off at a designated time or allow pilots to take off immediately after handing their declaration to the marshal.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

After take-off, pilots will fly to the start point (SP) where navigation starts. They will fly the circuit discovering legs as they fly. They will fly known legs at their declared speed.

There will be an undetermined number of hidden gates along the legs.

There will be a small bonus for speed along the whole course, that may include planning time if briefed..

Navigation ends at the finish point (FP).

Landing

After crossing FP, pilots will proceed to land. Unless otherwise briefed, they will perform a standard deck landing at their designated decks.

After landing they will secure their aircraft and take their loggers to the download office.

Scoring

Hidden gate score

Nh = Number of hidden gates in the task
H = Number of hidden gates correctly crossed (crossed once, in order and proper direction)
Qh = $1000 \times H / Nh$

Hidden time-gate score (when briefed). An expected time of arrival (ETA) from the start of each leg to the hidden gate will be calculated based on the pilot's declaration. The difference between the ETA and the real crossing is the time error for a gate.

Ei = Absolute error in seconds in gate i with a tolerance of 5 seconds and a maximum of 180.
Hi = $180 - Ei$ (Points obtained in gate i). Time gates not crossed score zero.
Qt = $\Sigma\ Hi$ (Sum of all gate points)

Speed score

$Tstart$ = Time of crossing SP or time when the pilot starts planning (according to briefing)
$Tfin$ = Time of crossing FP
T = $Tfin - Tstart$
$Tmin$ = Minimum time in the class
Qv = $200 * Tmin / T$

Total

Q = $(Qh + Qt) * (1 + Qv / 1000)$
P = $1000 * Q / Qmax$

Task-specific penalties

100% penalty for backtracking or making 360º turns.

20% penalty for an excessive delay between effective take-off and crossing the start point.

2.6.1 Navigation with Unknown Legs – Declaration Sheet

Known leg	Speed along the leg in Km/h

Pilot   _____

Comp. No.   _____ **Team**_____   **Class**   _____

Task No.   _____ **Date** _____   **Time**   _____

Pilot's Signature

Marshal   _____

Marshal's Signature:

3.Economy Tasks

3.1 Duration

Objective

Fly for as long as possible on a limited amount of fuel.

Fuelling

Fuelling will be performed in accordance with Local Regulations or as briefed.

Planning

A start point (SP) and finish point (FP) will be given.

No formal planning is necessary for this task.

Take-off

A standard take-off in open window will be performed.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

After take off pilots will proceed to the start point SP where time starts. As SP can be crossed many times, start time is taken from the first crossing.

Aircraft will try to stay airborne as long as possible.

An aircraft joining another in a thermal shall circle in the same direction as that established by the first regardless of height separation.

Before landing pilots will cross FP where time stops. As FP can be crossed many times, finish time is taken from the last crossing.

Landing

Landing will be performed inside the designated deck.

Immediately after landing pilots will proceed to the quarantine area where a standard fuel check in quarantine will be performed.

Scoring

Time score

T	= Time between first crossing of SP and last crossing of FP.
Tmax	= Best time in the class
P	= 1000 * T / Tmax

Task-specific penalties

None

3.2 Turn-point Hunt

Objective

To take off with an unlimited quantity of fuel and locate as many given waypoints as possible within the elapsed time window, whilst achieving the best possible fuel consumption (litres/hour) in proportion to bodyweight before returning to the deck.

The Championship Director may set the task to either score on the number of waypoints visited or the distance flown.
- Pilots may carry as much fuel as they wish.
- Time starts from launch (or start gate) and ends on landing (or finish gate)
- Maximum and minimum time limits may be applied

Fuelling

Fuelling will be performed in accordance with Local Regulations or as briefed.

Pilots are weighed immediately prior to launch and immediately after landing in accordance with the process described in the Local Regulations.

Planning

Competitors will be given a list of turn-points. Planning will be done in quarantine but no declaration is needed for this task.

Take-off

A standard take-off in open window will be performed.

Unless otherwise briefed, pilots will perform a standard deck take-off from their designated deck.

Flight

Pilots will fly to as many turn-points as they wish trying to maximize both number of turn-points (and/or distance).

Landing

Landing will be performed inside the briefed airfield boundaries.

Scoring

Pilot score = (500 x NBp / Nbmax) + (500 x FCmin / FCp)

Where:

NBp = The number of waypoints a pilot collects in the task (or the distance flown)

NBmax = The maximum number of waypoints scored or (maximum distance flown)

FCp = The fuel consumption of a pilot (litres/hour) divided by his/her bodyweight index.

FCmin = The minimum ratio of fuel consumption to bodyweight index.

Penalties

- Penalty for landing outside field (100%)
- Penalty for landing outside deck 100%
- Penalty for leaving the airfield after landing BEFORE being re-weighed (100%)

3.3 Speed Triangle Out-and-Return

Objective

To take off with an unlimited quantity of fuel and fly around a given circuit (for instance a triangle) in the shortest possible time and then fly as far as possible in the direction of the pilot's choice (unless briefed otherwise) before returning to the deck, whilst achieving the best possible fuel range (km/litre) for the whole flight.

The fuel range (km per litre) is calculated as the whole flight distance divided by the quantity of fuel used multiplied by the bodyweight index. With limited fuel, fly around a triangular circuit in the shortest possible time, then fly in a given direction as far as possible and return to the airfield.

Fuelling

Fuelling will be performed in accordance with Local Regulations or as briefed.

Description

Part 1: Speed: Prior to launch, the pilot is weighed in accordance with the process described in the Rules & Regulations. The pilot's take off time is recorded. The pilot flies the given circuit and returns to the deck where he is timed, possibly kicking one or more sticks on arrival to stop the clock for the speed element or by crossing gates to be timed by the loggers

Part 2: Fuel Range: The pilot then flies to one or two points of his/her choice (as briefed) in order to maximise the distance and therefore, the overall range. He/she then returns to the deck where he/she is re-weighed to calculate fuel used. The direction of the first point may be given.

Special Rules

- There will be a maximum elapsed time limit.
- The second element may require pilots to fly to (and subsequently declare) 2 distant points on the map, such that the 'out and return' distance is calculated from the total of three legs. This may be used where available airspace is limited.
- Penalty for exceeding time limit (50% of range score)
- Penalty for landing outside the deck is 100%
- Penalty for leaving the airfield after landing BEFORE being re-weighed is100%

Scoring

Pilot score = (500 x Tmin / Tp) + (500 x FRp / FRmax)

Where:

Tp = The pilot's time in the speed section

Tmin = The fastest time in the speed section

FRp = The fuel range achieved by a pilot (Km/litre) for the whole flight multiplied by his/her bodyweight index

FRmax = The maximum product of fuel range by bodyweight index

3.4 Pure Economy (litres per hour)

- Free launch
- Landing deck
- Imposed climb to minimum GPS altitude
- Task window

Objective

Free launch then stay airborne within the map area whilst using as little fuel as possible (litres per hour). Pilots must climb and reach a minimum imposed altitude at least once during the flight. There is a 100m margin of error.
Pilots may fly or thermal anywhere within the defined map area.

Notes

Landing after end of task window = zero task score.
Landing out or outside the deck = zero task score.
Not climbing once to the minimum imposed GPS altitude (100m grace) = 50% penalty.
If the task is cancelled once started, it may be scored at the discretion of the task Director if he thinks there has been enough time for everyone to participate in the task, and all scoring durations will stop at the official time of cancellation when the visual marker and sms texts are deployed.

Scoring

$$Q = \frac{1000 \times (T / F * i)}{Max (T / F * i)}$$

Where:
N = Number of hidden gates visited.
T = Pilot's time in the air.
F = Weight of fuel used.
i = Pilot's Bodyweight index

To be normalised to 1000 points if needed.

Formula Explanation

There are 1000 points available for the best endurance in relation to the bodyweight index.
Twice the duration for the same amount of fuel gives you twice the points.
Half the fuel used for the same duration gives you twice the points.

3.5 Eco Range (km per litre)

- Array of turnpoints
- Start gate
- Half-way gate
- Finish gate
- Free launch
- Task window
- Landing deck

Objective

Free launch then cover as much **distance** as possible between waypoints, within a **one hour elapsed time**, whilst using as little fuel as possible (km per litre).
Clock starts at the start gate (SG) and the pilot must visit the half-way gate (HG) at exactly 30 minutes' elapsed time and the finish gate (FG) at exactly 60 minutes.
Penalty for time deviation is 100 metres per second.
Return to airfield and land on a specified deck.

Notes

Distance is calculated as the straight line between the **different** waypoints, including SG, HG and FG.
Failing to visit SG = zero score for the whole task.
Failing to visit HG or FG will incur maximum deviation (10km) for each gate.
Landing out or outside deck = no economy score
Landing after end of task window = zero score for the whole task.
If the task is cancelled, it will not get scored.

Scoring

$$Q = \frac{500 \times (D - d)}{\text{Max} (D - d)} + \frac{500 \times (D / F \times i]}{\text{Max} (D / F \times i)}$$

Where:
D = Distance flown by pilot
d = Deviation at the rate of 100 metres per second with a maximum of 10km per gate.
F = Weight of fuel used
i = Pilot's Bodyweight index

To be normalised to 1000 points if needed.

Formula Explanation

Half the points are available for distance flown and by arriving on time at HG and FG.
The other half is for eco-range, by flying as many km per litre in relation to your index (no penalty for time deviation).

3.6 Eco Endurance (litres per hour)

- Free launch
- Several optional snake courses
- Hidden gates on snake courses
- Task window
- Landing deck

Objective

Free launch then fly along several optional snake courses in any order but in the imposed direction, to score hidden gates, whilst using as little fuel as possible (litres per hour).
There are hidden gates only along the optional snake courses.
A hidden gate visited twice or crossed in the wrong direction is void.
Pilots may thermal anywhere and anytime between the snake courses to increase their endurance.
Return to airfield and land on a specified deck.

Notes

Landing out or outside deck will score zero for economy but will score hidden gates.
Landing after end of task window = zero
If the task is cancelled, it will not get scored.

Scoring

$$Q = \frac{500 \times N}{Max\ N} + \frac{500 \times (T / F \times i)}{Max\ (T / F \times i)}$$

Where:
N = Number of hidden gates visited.
T = Pilot's time in the air from launch to landing.
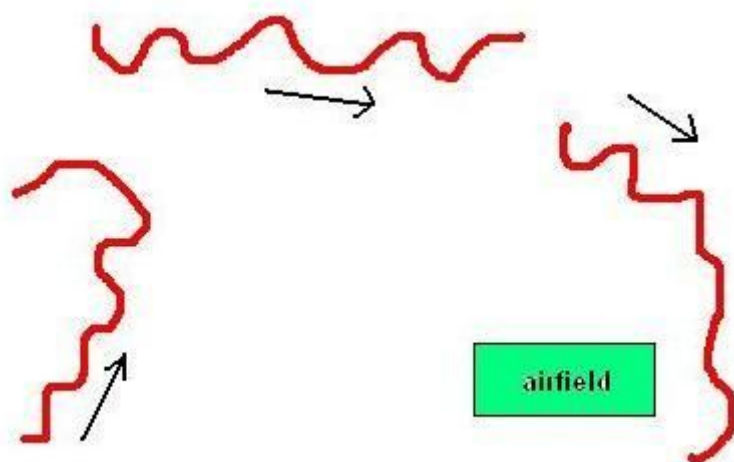F = Weight of fuel used
i = Pilot's Bodyweight index

To be normalised to 1000 points if needed.

Formula Explanation

Half the points are available for visiting all the hidden gates along the snake courses.
The other half is for eco-endurance, eco-range, by using as little fuel as possible in relation to your bodyweight index, for the time you are airborne (litres per hour).

4. Precision Tasks

4.1 Precision Take-Off and Landing

Objective

To make a clean take off at the first attempt in the deck, and subsequently land as near as possible to a target.

Description

The pilot is permitted four takeoff attempts, climbs climbs to 150m overhead the target, cuts the engine before passing through a gate and tries to make a first touch as near as possible to the centre of a target.

Alternatively pilot climbs high enough to make full 360 turn overhead the target. Pilot cuts the engine, makes full 360 turn and tries to make a first touch as near as possible to the centre of a target.
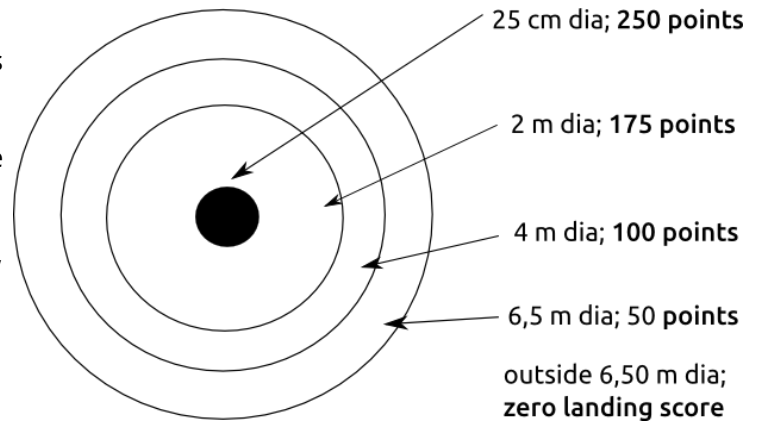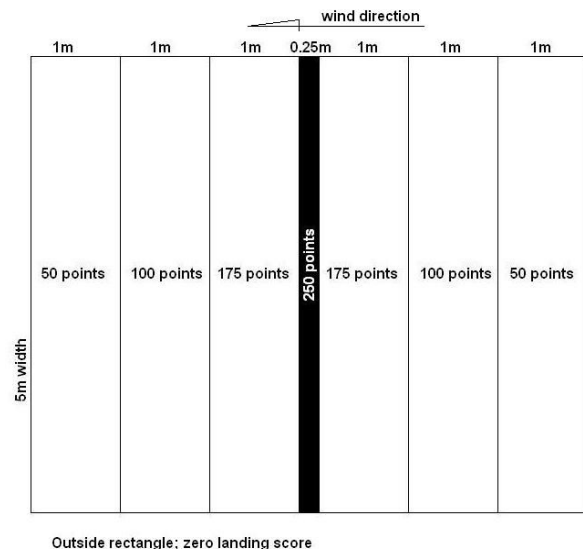
Target is consisting of:

- A series of concentric circles for PF1, PF2 classes.
- A series of 5m wide parallel strips for PL1 and PL2 classes

25 cm dia; **250 points**

2 m dia; **175 points**

4 m dia; **100 points**

6,5 m dia; 50 **points**

outside 6,50 m dia;
zero landing score

Special rules

- The pilot scores 250 points for a clean take off at the first attempt, 170 for the second, 90 for the third, zero for the fourth.
- The circuit to be flown will be detailed at briefing.
- The first touch of the ground by the pilot's foot (PF) or the aircraft wheels (PL) is the point from which the pilot's score will be derived. A first touch on the line scores the higher score.   When more than one PL wheel touches simultaneously, the point chosen is the one in favour of the pilot.
- Contestants will be awarded a zero score if the pilot or any part of the aircraft touching the ground outside the deck while undertaking the task.
- Contestants will be awarded a zero landing score for:
  - Engine not stopped before the gate.
  - Gate not passed correctly.
  - Falling over as a result of the landing.

wind direction

1m   1m   1m   0.25m   1m   1m   1m

5m width

50 points   100 points   175 points   250 points   175 points   100 points   50 points

Outside rectangle; zero landing score

Scoring

Bto	= Takeoff points
Bld	= Landing points
P	= Bto + Bld

4.2 The Four Sticks

Objective

This task is intended as a small break task between elements of an overall task.

Description

There are 4 standard kicking sticks set at the corners of a 50m x 50m square. The pilot must kick 3 of the 4 sticks. The first stick the pilot kicks may be any of the 4 sticks. The third stick the pilot kicks must be diagonally opposite the first, the second stick may be either of the two other sticks.
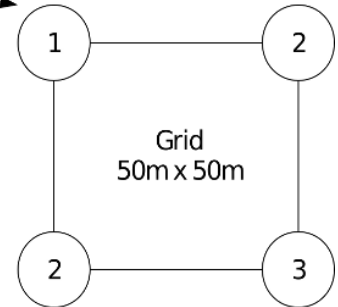

Approach from direction of pilot's choice

Special rules

- If this task is used to take a time for the purposes of an element of the overall task then the time shall be taken the moment the pilot strikes the first stick.
- The pilot may have as many attempts as necessary at striking the first stick.
- Only ONE attempt is allowed at kicking both the second and third sticks.
- There shall be one group of 4 sticks for every 15 competitors in the task.
- On approach to the task, pilots should choose a "free" group of sticks. However if, in the opinion of the marshals on duty a conflict with another aircraft existed (depending on the overall task, for example if there is a timing involved) both should kick only one stick and then depart on the rest of the overall task. Both pilots will then be given the opportunity to have ONE further attempt at this task as soon as possible after the end of the overall task.

Scoring

The scoring should be integrated into the overall task as NQ. If the pilot fails to kick either the second or third stick then for each stick then the penalty shall be no more than 5% of the overall task score.

4.3 Precision Take-Off and Landing

Objective

To make a clean take off at the first attempt in the deck, and subsequently land as near as possible to a target which is:

- A point for PF1 and PF2 classes
- A 5 m long line marked on the ground perpendicular to the wind direction for PL1 and PL2 classes.

Description

The pilot is permitted four takeoff attempts, climbs to 500ft overhead the target, cuts the engine before passing through a gate and tries to make a first touch as near as possible to the centre of a target.

Special rules

- The pilot scores 250 points for a clean take off at the first attempt, 170 for the second, 90 for the third, zero for the fourth.
- The circuit to be flown will be detailed at briefing.
- The first touch of the ground by the pilot's foot (PF) or the aircraft wheels (PL) is the point from which the pilot's score will be derived. When more than one PL wheel touches simultaneously the point chosen is the one in favour of the pilot.
- Zero score if the pilot or any part of the aircraft touches the ground outside the deck while undertaking the task.
- Contestants will be awarded a zero landing score for:
- Engine not stopped before the gate.
- Gate not passed correctly.
- Falling over as a result of the landing.

Scoring

Pilot score = Bto + 250 * Dmin / Dp

Where

Bto = Pilot's takeoff score.

Dmin = x - the closest distance to the target achieved by any pilot.

Dp = x - the pilot's distance to the target (> x m = zero landing score).

The value of x, in metres will be given at briefing but may be between 10 and 25 metres depending on the meteorological conditions. This outer zone should be marked by cones or some other visual indication in the form of:

- A circle for PF1 and PF2 classes,
- Two 5m long lines parallel to the target for PL1 and PL2 classes.

4.4 Shortest Take-Off

Objective

To take off in as short distance as possible.
This task is intended to be included as a small element of another task.

Description

Takeoff permission is granted after the pilot has indicated he is ready to take off.
The maximum distance on the ground, from where the pilot's feet or aircraft wheels have been since the start signal, to where the pilot's feet or aircraft wheels permanently leave the ground will be measured and scored. (permanently is defined as aircraft is airborne for more than 10 sec.)

Special rules

- There will be time and distance limits established at briefing according to the weather conditions.
- If not otherwise briefed, the time limit for this task is 1 min.
- No restrictions on number of attempts within the time limit.
- No penalties for the wing touching the ground on each attempt.
- If not otherwise briefed, the distance limit is 30 m.
- Exceeding either time or distance limits will be signaled with red flag and scored zero.

Scoring

Pilot score = 100 x (Smin / Sp)
Where
Smin = The shortest distance in metres for a takeoff.
Sp = The pilot's takeoff distance.
The scoring can be done separately or may be integrated into the overall task scoring as S.
If the pilot scores 0 then the penalty shall be no more than 10% of the overall task score.

Notes

Marking pilot's footsteps or wheels on the ground can be a tricky task for marshals. Using 2-3 m long rods (sail battens, fishing rods or similar) has proven to be effective to help in fixing visual observation results on the ground before they are measured.
Alternative methods can be developed and used for more precise measurements.

4.5 Fastest Take-Off

Objective

To take off in as short distance as possible.
This task is intended to be included as a small element of another task.

Description

Takeoff permission is granted after the pilot has indicated he is ready to take off.

The time between the moment the wing first leaves the ground and when the pilot's feet or the aircraft wheels permanently leave the ground will be measured and scored. (Permanently is defined as aircraft is airborne for more than 10 sec.)

Special rules

- There will be a time limit established at briefing according to the weather conditions.
- If not otherwise briefed, the time limit is 30 sec. between when takeoff permission is granted and when the wing must first leave the ground.
- If a takeoff is aborted after the wing has first left the ground, one second attempt is permitted.
- Exceeding the time limit will be signaled with red flag and scored zero.

Scoring

Pilot score = 100 x (Tmin / Tp)
Where
Tmin = The fastest time for a takeoff.
Tp = The pilot's time for a takeoff.
The scoring can be done separately or may be integrated into the overall task scoring as S.
If the pilot scores 0 then the penalty shall be no more than 10% of the overall task score.

Notes

The most challenging part of the time measurement is to determine the last touch before pilot's feet permanently leave the ground. Fortunately stopwatches with Split/Lap measuring features can be used to solve this.

4.6 Precision Circuit in the Shortest Time ('Clover leaf slalom')

Objective

To strike a number of targets laid out in a given order in the shortest possible time and return to the deck.

Description

4 pylons 2m in height are laid out
- At the corners of a 70.71m square for PF1 and PL1 classes.
- At the corners of a 100m square for PF2 and PL2 classes.

A fifth target is set at the centre of the square.

The pilot enters the course and strikes the target T (strike 1).

At this point the clock starts. The pilot flies around pylon 2 and returns to kick the stick T (strike 3), he then flies around pylon 4 and returns to kick the stick T (strike 5). This continues until all four pylons have been rounded. The clock stops when target T is kicked for the last time (strike 9).
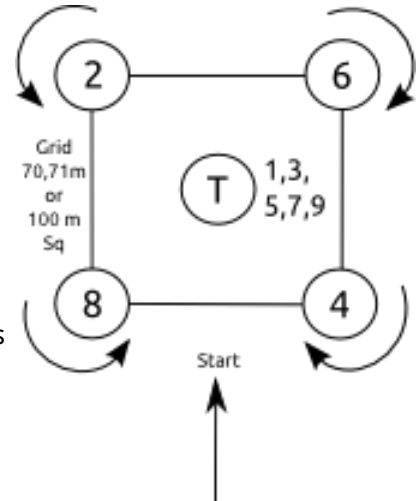
Special rules

- A valid strike on the target T is:
    - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
    - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- To count as a strike, the pilot's body must be clearly seen to round each pylon and pylons 2 & 8 must be rounded in an ANTI CLOCKWISE direction and pylons 4 & 6 must be rounded in a CLOCKWISE direction.
- A strike on target 1 starts the clock, a strike on target 9 stops the clock.
- Pilots may have only one attempt at striking each target except for the first and last targets where three attempts at each are permitted.
- Failure to strike the first or last target or round at least one pylon or touch the ground at any point between them: score zero.
- The grid may be opened up to max. 100M at the briefing if the meterological conditions dictate.

Scoring

$$t_{pen} = t_{pil} + mv_{pen}$$

$$Q = \ln\left(\frac{3t_{best}}{t_{pen} - t_{best} + 3}\right)$$

Where

t_{pil}	= the measured pilots time (seconds)
m	= the number of missed targets
v_{pen}	= the time penalty for each missed target (seconds)
t_{pen}	= the pilots time (after penalties for missed targets)
t_{best}	= the best time (after penalties for missed targets)
Q	= the task value before normalization

Note: Spreadsheet formulas:

t_{pen}	= t_pil + m * v_pen
Q	= LOG(3 * t_best / (t_pen – t_best + 3))
or	
Q	= LOG(3) + LOG(t_best) – LOG(t_pen – t_best + 3)

4.7 Precision Circuit in the Shortest Time ('Japanese Slalom')

Objective

To strike a number of targets laid out in a given order in the shortest possible time and return to the deck.

Description

4 pylons 2m in height are laid out on

- On a 50 m x 50 m grid for PF1 and PL1 classes,
- On a 70,71 m x 70,71 m grid for PF2 and PL2 classes.

The pilot enters the course into wind and strikes target 1. At this point the clock starts. The pilot then strikes targets 2 and 3. He then returns to fly clockwise around target 1 (strike 4), anticlockwise around target 2 (strike 5) and clockwise around target 3 (strike 6). He then returns to strike target 1 (strike 7), target 4 (strike 8) and target 3 (strike 9). The clock stops when target 3 (strike 9) is kicked.
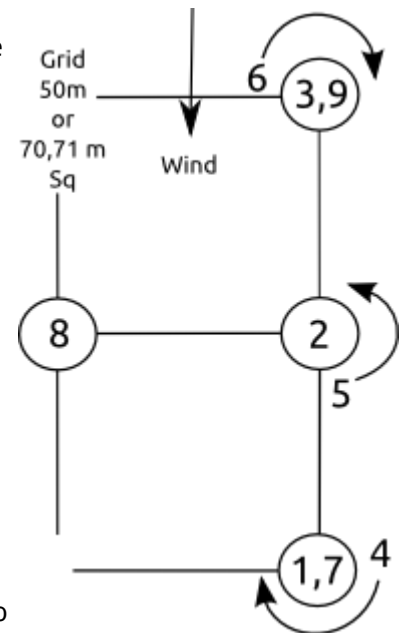
Special rules

- A valid strike on a target is:
  - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
  - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- When targets are acting as pylons, to count as a strike, the pilot's body must be clearly seen to round it, pylons 1 & 3 must be rounded in a CLOCKWISE direction and pylon 2 must be rounded in an ANTI CLOCKWISE direction.
- A strike on target 1 starts the clock, a strike on target 9 stops the clock.
- Pilots may have only one attempt at striking each target except for the first and last targets where three attempts at each are permitted.
- Failure to strike the first or last target or touch the ground at any point between them: score zero.

Scoring

$$t_{pen} = t_{pil} + mv_{pen}$$

$$Q = \ln\left(\frac{3t_{best}}{t_{pen} - t_{best} + 3}\right)$$

Where

t_{pil}	= the measured pilots time (seconds)
m	= the number of missed targets
v_{pen}	= the time penalty for each missed target (seconds)
t_{pen}	= the pilots time (after penalties for missed targets)
t_{best}	= the best time (after penalties for missed targets)
Q	= the task value before normalization

Note: Spreadsheet formulas:

t_{pen}	= t_pil + m * v_pen
Q	= LOG(3 * t_best / (t_pen – t_best + 3))
or	
Q	= LOG(3) + LOG(t_best) – LOG(t_pen – t_best + 3)

4.8 Precision Circuit in the Shortest Time ('Chinese Slalom')

Objective

To strike a number of targets laid out in a given order in the shortest possible time and return to the deck.

Description

Between 6 and 12 targets are laid out on a course not exceeding 3Km in length. Targets are sticks.

The pilot enters the course into wind and strikes target 1. At this point the clock starts.

The pilot then flies the course to strike all the other targets in the given order, a strike on the last one stops the clock.

Special rules

- A valid strike on a target is:
    - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
    - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- A strike on target 1 starts the clock, a strike on the last target stops the clock.
- Pilots may have only one attempt at striking each target except for the first and last targets where three attempts at each are permitted.
- Failure to strike the first or last target or at least two of the intermediate targets or touch the ground at any point between them: score zero.

Scoring

$$t_{pen} = t_{pil} + mv_{pen}$$

$$Q = \ln\left(\frac{3t_{best}}{t_{pen} - t_{best} + 3}\right)$$

Where

t_{pil}	= the measured pilots time (seconds)
m	= the number of missed targets
v_{pen}	= the time penalty for each missed target (seconds)
t_{pen}	= the pilots time (after penalties for missed targets)
t_{best}	= the best time (after penalties for missed targets)
Q	= the task value before normalization

Note: Spreadsheet formulas:

t_{pen}	= t_pil + m * v_pen
Q	= LOG(3 * t_best / (t_pen – t_best + 3))
or	
Q	= LOG(3) + LOG(t_best) – LOG(t_pen – t_best + 3)

Note to Director

This task is ideally suited for sites where there are physical features which obscure a direct view from one target to the next.

4.9 Fast / Slow Speed

Objective

To fly a course as fast as possible and then as slow as possible (or vice versa).

Description

A straight course consisting of four equally spaced 'kicking sticks' between 250m and 500m long is laid out facing approximately into wind.

The course shall be flown twice. The order will be briefed (fast then slow or slow then fast).

The pilot makes a timed pass along the first course, returns to the start, and makes a second timed pass in the same direction.

There may be two courses but they must be of equal dimensions and orientation and separated by at least 200m flying distance.

Special rules

- A valid strike on a stick is:
  - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
  - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- For each course, the clock starts the moment the pilot kicks the first stick and stops the moment he kicks the fourth stick.
- The pilot may have 3 attempts at kicking the first stick on each run.
- If the pilot misses the second or third stick then he is considered 'too high', penalty 50% course score for each stick missed.
- The maximum time allowed for a pilot to complete each course is 5 minutes.
- In the slow course;
- If the pilot or any part of his Paramotor touches the ground or the fourth stick is missed: Vp2 = null and Ep = zero
- If the pilot zigzags: Score zero.
- In the fast course;
- If the pilot or any part of his Paramotor touches the ground: Vp1 = zero and Ep = zero
- The pilot may have three attempts at kicking the fourth stick.

Scoring

Pilot score = $\left(125 \times \dfrac{Vp_1}{Vmax}\right) + \left(125 \times \dfrac{Vmin}{Vp_2}\right) + \left(250 \times \dfrac{Ep}{EMax}\right)$

Where:

Vmax	= The highest speed achieved in the fast course, in Km/H
Vp1	= The speed of the pilot in Km/H in the fast course.
Vmin	= The lowest speed achieved in the slow course, in Km/H
Vp2	= The speed of the pilot in Km/H in the slow course.
Ep	= The difference between the pilot's slowest and fastest speeds, in Km/H
Emax	= The maximum difference between slowest and fastest speeds, in Km/H

4.10 Round The Triangle

Course Description

The course consists of 4 sticks to be kicked and another stick or pylon as a turn point.

The distance from stick 1 to 2 is 70.71 m, the side of the equilaterlal triangle is 60 m, and the distance between stick 2 to turnpoint 6 is 50 to 200 m.
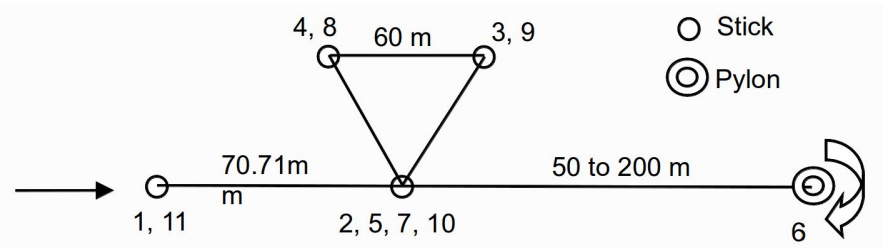
Flying the course

The pilot enters the course as indicated by the arrow and strikes the first target (strike 1). At this point the clock starts. The pilot flies kicking the sticks in the triangle (strikes 2, 3, 4 and 5), then ckockwise around pylon 6, returns to kick the sticks in the triangle (strikes 7, 8, 9 and 10) and then back to the initial stick (strike 11) The clock stops on strike 11.

Detail rules

- A valid strike on a target is:
    - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
    - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- The pilot's body must be clearly seen to round pylon 6 clockwise.
- Pilots may have only one attempt at striking each target except for the first and last targets where three attempts at each are permitted.

Scoring

$$t_{pen} = t_{pil} + mv_{pen}$$

$$Q = \ln\left(\frac{3t_{best}}{t_{pen} - t_{best} + 3}\right)$$

Where

t_{pil}	= the measured pilots time (seconds)
m	= the number of missed targets
v_{pen}	= the time penalty for each missed target (seconds)
t_{pen}	= the pilots time (after penalties for missed targets)
t_{best}	= the best time (after penalties for missed targets)
Q	= the task value before normalization

Note: Spreadsheet formulas:

t_{pen}	= t_pil + m * v_pen
Q	= LOG(3 * t_best / (t_pen – t_best + 3))
or	
Q	= LOG(3) + LOG(t_best) – LOG(t_pen – t_best + 3)

Penalties.

Touch the ground at any point between first and last strikes: Zero score.

Any part of the aircraft crosses the crowd line or dangerous flying: DSQ

4.11 The Eight

Course Description

The courses consists of one central stick and another two sticks or pylons 50 m away on both sides.

Flying the course

The pilot enters the course as indicated by the arrow and kicks the stick (strike 1). At this point the clock starts. The pilot flies around the pylon ahead of him clockwise (strike 2), then kicks the stick (strike 3), then the other pylon counter clockwise (strike 4) and kicks the stick (strike 5). The course is repeated twice, the clock stops on strike 9.
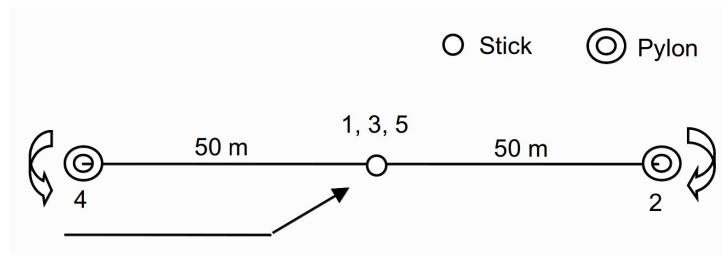
The course may be flown in a mirror image pattern consistent with the description above.

If briefed, the course may be flown only once, accumulating a total of 5 possible targets.

Detail rules

- A valid strike on a target is:
    - EITHER one where the pilot or any part of the Paramotor has been clearly observed to touch it.
    - OR when electronic 'kick stick' sensors which have been shown to meet the standard tests are used, a valid strike is one which is recorded by the device.
- The pilot's body must be clearly seen to round the pylons clockwise or anticlockwise as indicated.
- Pilots may have only one attempt at striking each target except for the first and last targets where three attempts at each are permitted.

Scoring

$$t_{pen} = t_{pil} + m v_{pen}$$

$$Q = \ln\left(\frac{3 t_{best}}{t_{pen} - t_{best} + 3}\right)$$

Where

t_{pil}	= the measured pilots time (seconds)
m	= the number of missed targets
v_{pen}	= the time penalty for each missed target (seconds)
t_{pen}	= the pilots time (after penalties for missed targets)
t_{best}	= the best time (after penalties for missed targets)
Q	= the task value before normalization

Note: Spreadsheet formulas:

t_{pen}	= t_pil + m * v_pen
Q	= LOG(3 * t_best / (t_pen – t_best + 3))
or	
Q	= LOG(3) + LOG(t_best) – LOG(t_pen – t_best + 3)

Penalties.

Touch the ground at any point between first and last strikes: Zero score.

Any part of the aircraft crosses the crowd line or dangerous flying: DSQ

4.12 Bowling Landing

Objective

Land without engine, hitting as many pins as possible.

Description

5 – 10 pins are placed along a straight or curved line into wind in the landing area at regular intervals between 1 and 2 m.

The pins are 50 cm high for PF classes and 100 cm high for PL classes and they are covered by dense foam. They can simply stand on the ground or can be attached to a spring system like that of the kicking sticks. A pin is said to be hit when it is clearly seen by a marshal or electronic sensor, or when the pin falls down.

Pilots will fly to 150 m AGL and cut the engine before crossing a briefed gate.

They will fly a minimum of 60 seconds and will try to hit as many pins as possible before touching the ground.

Alternatively pilots will fly high enough to make full 360 turn overhead the target with engine cut off and hit as many pins as possible before touching the ground.

Each pin hit before touching the ground will score 50 points (maximum 250 points).
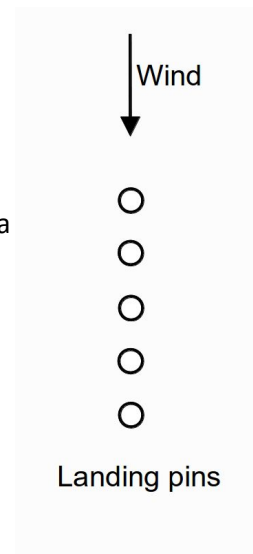
Scoring

Pld   = 50 points for each pin hit (maximum of 250 points)

Penalties

Not crossing the gate or crossing it engine on: zero landing score.

Flying less than 60 seconds with no engine: zero landing score.

Falling over during landing or two knees on the ground: zero landing score.

4.13 Landing Square

Objective

To approach without engine and touch down on a small square target.

Description

Pilots fly to 150m AGL and cut the engine before crossing a briefed gate, and fly a minimum of 60 seconds.

Alternatively pilots will fly high enough to make full 360 turn overhead the target with engine cut off and touch down on the target.

There is only one bonus score.

The square target's size may vary between classes and will be given at the briefing.

The amount of bonus points for the single target will be given at the briefing and may vary between 50 and 250, depending of how many such tasks the Director wished to run.

This task is designed to be attached to navigation or precision tasks, and by its simplicity makes it easy for marshals to score.

4.13 Landing Square

4.14 The Wall

Objective

To approach without engine into a clearly marked corridor and land as close to a line (the wall) as possible, without crossing it.

Pilots will fly to 150m AGL and cut the engine before crossing a briefed gate, and fly a minimum of 60 seconds.

Alternatively pilots will fly high enough to make full 360 turn overhead the target with engine cut off and land as close to a line (the wall) as possible, without crossing it.

Description

The first touch of the ground by the pilot's foot (PF) or the aircraft wheels (PL) is the point from which the pilot's score will be derived. When more than one PL wheel touches simultaneously the point chosen is the one in favour of the pilot.

The glider is allowed to fall beyond the finish line (not the pilot or any part of the paramotor)

The pilot and machine must come to a standstill as quickly as possible and must remain on the spot until the "end task" signal is given by the marshal.

Contestants will be awarded a zero landing score if:
- Pilot or paramotor or trike crossing the line
- Engine not stopped before the gate.
- Gate not passed correctly.
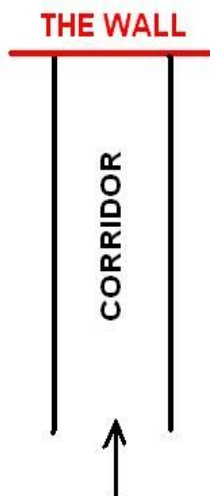- Falling over as a result of the landing.

Scoring

Pilot score = 250xDp/Dmin

Where

Dmin = Z minus the closest distance to the target achieved by any pilot.

Dp = Z minus the pilot's distance to the target (> Z metres = zero landing score).

The value of Z, in metres will be given at briefing for each class but may be between 5 and 30 metres depending on the meteorological conditions.

4.15 Precision Paraball

Objective

Deliver three balls into a target or as close as possible to it, in a limited time.

Description

The target is a basket approximately 1-2m in diameter.

Three balls are placed between 10 and 50m from the target on marked start positions.

After takeoff, the pilot flies to the assigned circuit area and observes the green flag to start.

The pilot approaches a ball, collects it with his feet and carries it to the target. Alternatively the pilot can kick balls towards the target. This is repeated until all the balls are in the target or the time limit is reached.

Timing starts with the touch of the first ball, the first attempt to touch a ball or when passing the first ball. Timing ends when all three balls are in the target or when three minutes has elapsed, whichever comes first.

The time limit is signalled by a marshal with a red flag.

Upon completing the task, the pilot flies to the briefed landing area.

Scoring is based on the time taken to get all three balls in the target, or, if the maximum time limit is reached, the number of balls in the target and the position of the remaining balls outside the target.

Special rules

There are no limitations to the number, angle, speed or height of approaches to the balls and the technique for moving, hitting, kicking or carrying the balls.

Balls must stay in the target. Balls bouncing out of the target will be scored according to their distance from the target.

Pilot's contact with the ground is permitted, but no part of the wing may touch the ground before the end of the task. Penalty for the wing touching the ground before the end of the task = 4 min elapsed time (zero pilot score).

No part of the pilot or aircraft may touch the target. Penalty for touching the target = 4 min elapsed time (zero pilot score).

If a pilot is carrying a ball at the moment the time limit is reached he may continue to finish the task with that ball until it touches the ground or a total elapsed time of 3 min 30 sec has passed, whichever is first.

Scoring

T	= pilot elapsed time to get all 3 balls into the target, or 3 minutes, whichever came first.
B1	= Number of balls moved to within 5m of the target.
B2	= Number of balls moved from their original starting position.
B3	= Number of balls still in their original starting position.
T1	= T + (B1 * 5 sec) + (B2 * 11 sec) + (B3 * 20 sec)
Tmin	= Shortest T1 time.
P	= 1000 * (Tmin / T1)

Organizer notes

The optimum target is a hybrid of hole and basket with edges between 20 and 50cm above ground. Construction should be light for safety reasons but strong enough to hold the force of a flying ball and to keep balls inside.

Balls may be the same size or different sizes or colours. The optimum is soft foam balls, but footballs or 'Pilates balls' may be used as available. Balls should always be in quite a soft condition to discourage too much bouncing and to assist collecting of balls with feet.

The starting position of each ball may be any orientation from the target. Upwind is preferred.

A marked 5m circle around the target is a useful aid for pilots and scoring marshals.

Some reserve balls of identical shape, size and colour should be available. These can be used to speed the 'resetting' of the course and as replacements for any damaged balls.

4.16 Team Relay

Description

The Team Relay is a task that only counts towards the Team scoring.

Each Team can choose 3 pilots.

Option 1:

Ground start

When all 3 pilots are ready to launch as briefed, the Team's elapsed time starts when the marshal gives the green flag.

It is up to each Team to decide which pilot goes first into the slalom course.

There is a wide infrared gate near the slalom course which the first pilot must cross as he exits the slalom course, before the second pilot enters. If a pilot crosses the gate before the previous pilot has crossed it, then that overlapping time will occur a time penalty as briefed.

The elapsed time stops when the third pilot crosses the infrared gate.

Option 2:

Airborne start

Same as above but all 3 pilots get airborne and the elapsed time starts when the first pilot crosses the infrared gate.

Scoring

1000 X Best Team relay time /Team relay time

4.17 Estonian Slalom

Description

The course may have one or more infrared gates used for timing.

There may be a number of slalom poles to kick or to round.

There may be a number of inflatable pilots to round.

The course description will be given at the briefing.

Elapsed time may start and/or stop when crossing an infrared gate, or when kicking a slalom pole, as briefed.

Scoring

Pilot score = 1000 x Tmin / T

Where

Tmin = Fastest scoring time

T = Pilot's scoring time

Penalties

Each missed kicking strike will incur a time penalty as briefed.

Touching an inflatable pylon with any part or the aircraft or pilot will incur a time penalty as briefed.

Flying the wrong course will incur a zero score.