

## **FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE**



## **INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION**

### **SKYDIVE ARIZONA OFFICIAL BID FORM**

The 27th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Formation Skydiving  
The 16th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Artistic Events  
The 6th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Speed Skydiving  
The 11th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Canopy Piloting Standard  
The 5th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Canopy Piloting Freestyle

**Eloy, Arizona: October 2026**



## EVENT ORGANIZERS

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### 1. EVENT ORGANIZERS

Skydive Arizona  
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#### 1.4 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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#### 1.5 APPLICATION FEE

Banking Information

##### **Domestic Wiring Instructions**

Routing Number: 092901683  
Bank Name: First Interstate Bank  
Account Number: 11993438  
Beneficiary: Para Drop Corp dba Skydive AZ  
5100 N Tumbleweed Rd.  
Eloy, Arizona 85131

### **International Wiring Instructions**

SWIFT CODE: FRIRUS55

Bank Name: First Interstate Bank

401 N 31<sup>st</sup> St.

Billings, Montana 59101

Account Number: 11993438

Beneficiary: Para Drop Corp dba Skydive AZ

5100 N Tumbleweed Rd.

Eloy, Arizona 85131

#### **1.6 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

As per FAI rulings.

#### **1.7 DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

According to FAI by-laws 5.2.1

## **EVENT DETAILS**

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### **2.2 LETTERS OF APPROVAL**

Attached at end of document

### **2.3 DISCIPLINES TO BE CONTESTED**

Artistic Events

- Freely
- Freestyle

Formation Skydiving

- 4-Way FS Event
- 4-Way FS Female Event
- 4-Way VFS Event
- 8-Way FS Event

Canopy Piloting

- Standard
- Freestyle

Speed Skydiving

## 2.4 EVENT DATES & TIMES

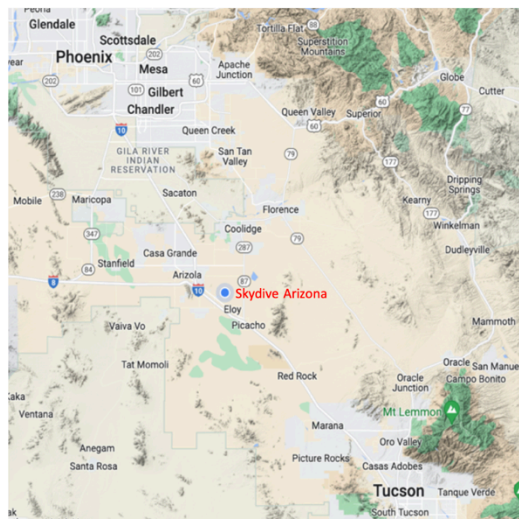
Skydive Arizona proposes to hold the named FAI World Skydiving Championships in the year of 2026 with events taking place in October. Exact dates will be provided promptly after being awarded the bid. Dates provided will include registration dates and competition dates.

October 15	Arrival of Chief Judges, Assistant to the chief judge, FAI Controller, & SP Technical director
October 16	Arrival of 1 EJ per panel
October 17	Arrival of judges panel
October 17	Official arrival day & practice period
October 18	Judges conference & official practice period
October 18	Opening ceremony
October 19	Competition jumps start (FS, SP, CP) & AE judges conference
October 20	AE Competition jumps start
October 24	Competition ends & Closing ceremony

## 2.5 LOCATION OF EVENT

## Skydive Arizona – Artistic Events, Formation Skydiving, Canopy Piloting, Speed Skydiving

- Field Elevation: 462 meters above sea level
- Latitude: N32°48.28
- Longitude: W111°34.79



## 2.6 ACCESSIBILITY

Recommended Main Airport: Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX)

- Phoenix Sky Harbor is 90 kilometers (62 miles) to the north of Eloy. It is the closest international airport and is an easy one hour drive.

Other Nearby Airports: Tucson International Airport (TUS)

- Tucson International Airport is 103 kilometers (64 miles) to the south of Eloy. It is the second busiest airport in Arizona, after Phoenix Sky Harbor. The drive is a little over one hour.

Transportation Services

- Phoenix: <https://www.skyharbor.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/>
- Tucson: <https://www.flytucson.com/transportation/car-rental/>

## 2.7 WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather tends to be warm and dry, with temperatures ranging from lows around 15°C at night to highs of 35°C during the day. Rain is rare. Since 1991 all championship events and world records that have been held during this time frame have been completed. Average Sunrise: 06:26. Average Sunset: 18:45.

## 2.8 AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS

None.

## 2.9 LANDOWNER RESTRICTIONS

None.

## 2.10 EVENT INSURANCE

Individuals who are covered by their NAC liability insurance, valid in the USA, will not need to acquire liability insurance. Those who are not covered in the USA will need to purchase a membership in the US Parachute Association which provides \$50,000 in liability coverage. Members of USPA are covered by third-party property damage and third-party bodily injury liability insurance according to terms and conditions of the policy while the member is jumping at a drop zone. Coverage is valid worldwide for members who are permanently domiciled in the US or Canada and foreign members when skydiving in the US or Canada, provided all claims and suits are brought in the US or Canada. For more information visit: [uspa.org/insurance](https://uspa.org/insurance)

## 2.11 INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE

Individuals should have at least \$250,000 in medical and repatriation insurance. If buying travel insurance, check the fine print carefully. Many travel companies do not cover the cost of skydiving related accidents.

## 2.12 ENTRY FEES

Note: Pricing has been established in accordance with current ISC rules, taking into consideration factors such as the number of rounds and judging panel requirements, as well as past calculations of overall event expenses. The cost of lift tickets has been

determined based on a \$4 per gallon rate. Every 60 cents above this will result in a \$1 increase in lift ticket pricing. The anticipated price of a lift ticket in 2026 is projected to be \$37. Entry fees have determined accounting for jumps at this rate. Should costs increase unexpectedly, requiring an increase of the standard lift ticket beyond \$37, the organizer will be requesting permission to adjust the entry fees accordingly. Should there be any alterations in the rules, resulting in an augmented cost for the organizer, the organizer retains the authority to modify the pricing. In such an instance, the ISC will be promptly notified, and the changes will be outlined in Bulletin 1.

#### **Competitor Entry Fees Cover:**

- Competition Expenses
- Competition Jumps
- Training Jumps
  - Artistic Events: 2 Official Training Jumps
  - Formation Skydiving: 1 Official Training Jump
  - Speed Skydiving: 1 Official Training Jump
  - Canopy Piloting Standard: 1 training Jump included with Entry Fee
  - Canopy Piloting Freestyle: 1 training jump included with Entry Fee
  - Canopy Piloting All Events: 2 training jumps included with Entry Fee
  - CP and CPFS competitors are required by rule to make at least 1 jump on the course during the Official Practice Period.
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Judging & Scoring Equipment
- Event Jersey
- Medals

#### **Non-Competitor Entry Fees Cover:**

- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Event Jersey

#### **PROPOSED ENTRY FEES PER PERSON**

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>SANCTION FEE</b>
Artistic Events	\$805	TBD
AE Additional Event	\$60 + (\$37 x Jumps)	
Canopy Piloting Standard	\$1,284	TBD
Canopy Piloting Freestyle	\$818	TBD
Canopy Piloting All Events	\$1,492	TBD
Formation Skydiving	\$853	TBD
FS Additional Event	\$60 + (\$37 x Jumps)	
FS Alternate	\$483	TBD
Speed Skydiving	\$1,015	TBD
Official Delegation Member	\$220	TBD
Accompanying Person	\$220	
SP Mixed Team Event	\$140	

**NOTE – ALTERNATES:** Alternates are not required to cover the per-jump expense as the team member they are replacing has already paid for jumps.

**NOTE – SANCTION FEE:** Sanction fee pricing is to be determined by the FAI/ISC, and need only be paid once per competitor/delegation member.

**NOTE – LATE REGISTRATION:** Late registration will be accepted with a 20% increase in price. Sanction fee pricing will not be affected.

**NOTE – REJUMPS:** Any tie-break jumps or re-jumps will be \$37 and the competitor will bear the cost.

The organizer shall bear all costs necessary for the proper organization and staging of the event and shall be solely liable, therefore. The organizer represents and warrants that it has and will maintain the financial capability to properly organize and stage the event as per its bid.

## 2.13 FACILITIES

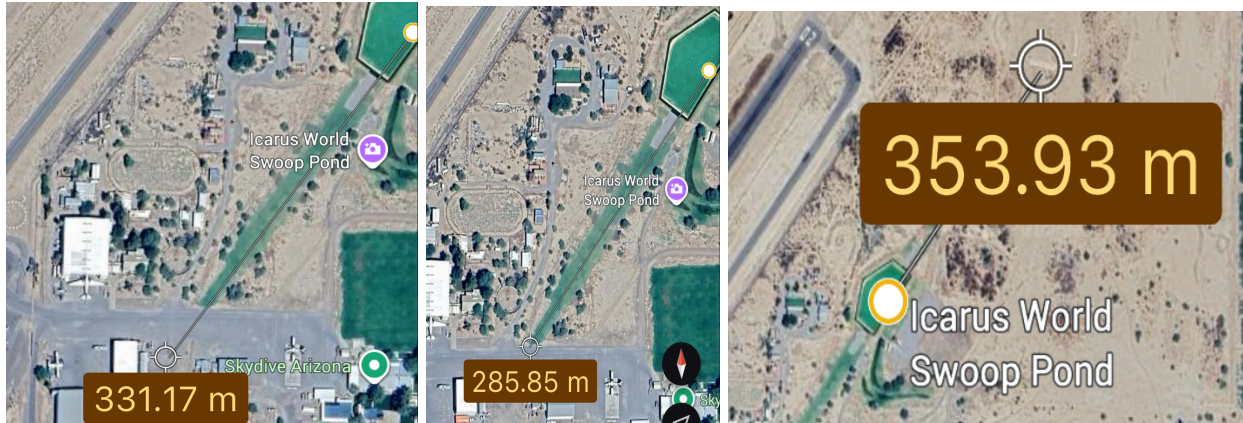
Skydive Arizona is a full service drop zone with an on-site wind tunnel that has been in operation at its Eloy location since April of 1991. In 2016, a second location known as the Sawtooth Drop Zone was established as an extension of Skydive Arizona. Over the years, Skydive Arizona has been the venue for various US National Skydiving Championships, World Skydiving Champions and World Cup Events. It has also hosted numerous world records, some involving up to 300 participants. The drop zone offers a range of amenities on-site, including accommodation options, a rigging loft, wellness center, restaurant & bar, and a convenience shop. For a detailed list of facilities, please visit: [www.skydiveaz.com](http://www.skydiveaz.com)

Competition Layout:

- Address: 4900 N Taylor St. Eloy, AZ 85131
  - Registration, check in, official training days and competition will take place out of the main hangar. Competitors, judges, and officials will have access to WiFi and internet upon arrival. A specific parking area will be allocated for attendees of the competition. We will provide fully equipped judging rooms, a video dubbing station, a dedicated media room and a designated space for the FAI Controller, Jury Members and Officials.
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The entire course is over 10 meters wide and the body of water is more than 15 meters wide for the total length. The depth of the water is over the minimum of .6 meters but no greater than 1.5 meters. For Distance, the course is over 280m long. The Accuracy Pits are filled with Pea gravel ranging from 2mm to 10mm in diameter at a minimum depth of 30cm. The entire course has a 5m safety zone between the course sidelines and spectator areas. The speed course will be a right-hand carving course

#### 2.14 AIRCRAFT

Skydive Arizona has 6 De Havilland DHC Twin Otters all of which are configured in an identical manner for competition purposes. These aircraft have the capacity to accommodate up to 23 competitors each. The aircraft are equipped with uniform floater bars that span the entire length of the door, a videographer step positioned 84cm behind the door, and a videographer handle situated above and behind the door. The dimensions of the door are 127cm in height and 140cm in width.

**Exit Speed/Jump Run Speeds:** 85 - 90 kts.

**Flight Time:** 18 - 20 minutes



#### 2.15 PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Skydive Arizona operates seven days a week from October 1 through May 31. The drop zone is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday June 1 through September 31. Our current lift ticket price is \$35; Lift ticket pricing will reflect the current price at the drop zone at the time of the event. For FS teams making 30 or more jumps per week as a team and AE teams making 50 or more jumps per week, our current team rate at the time of the event will be available. More information on pricing can be found here:

<https://www.skydiveaz.com/pricing>.



*Note:* Prior to the start of official practice day, airspace intensive disciplines may be subject to certain restrictions.

## **2.16 ACCOMMODATION**

At the Skydive Arizona drop zone, we offer a bunk house and team rooms that are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. For details information, please visit <https://www.skydiveaz.com/lodging>.

In the Eloy, Toltec and Arizona City areas, you will find a variety of Airbnb homes, all conveniently located within a 15-minute drive from the drop zone.

Furthermore, close proximity to Eloy, AZ is the town of Casa Grande which offers a diverse range accommodation options, catering to various standards.

Note: a comprehensive list of accommodation recommendations will be provided in Bulletin 1.

## **2.17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

The organizer will provide transportation for the CJ and members of the judges panel(s). See 2.19 for more information.

Transportation of delegations will not be the responsibility of the organizer. Upon arrival there are various car rental options at both the Phoenix Sky Harbor and Tucson International Airports (See 2.6). The city of Casa Grande has options for car rentals and shuttle services as well.

## **2.18 OUTLINE OF MEDIA PLAN**

Comprehensive coverage of the event will be provided on-site and shared across various social media platforms. Additionally, an event webpage and Facebook page will be established, featuring updates leading up to the event. We aim to generate substantial exposure for the event both at the national and international levels through our social media channels, local and national news outlets, as well as international publications. Professional photographers will be present throughout the event to capture compelling PR content, both on the ground and in the air. Furthermore, there is an option for live streaming where relevant. Further details regarding media coverage will be determined in coordination with USPA.

## 2.19 ACCOMMODATION DETAILS FOR FAI/ISC OFFICIALS

Per Section 5, the organizer will cover expenses including travel, visa fees, food, accommodation and related expenses for the FAI Controller, Assistant to the CJ, SP Scoring Technical Director, WS Scoring Technical Director and Electronic Scoring Operator. Additionally, the organizer will provide for the CJ, members of all judging panels, and, if applicable, the CJT in case a Judges Training Course coincides with the event. This includes covering costs for food, living expenses and local transportation.

Skydive Arizona will provide transportation for the FAI Controller, Assistant to the CJ, SP Scoring Technical Director, WS Scoring Technical Director, Electronic Scoring Operator, and members of the judging panel from their arrival airport to their accommodations or the drop zone, provided their arrival occurs within 24 hours of the official "Judge Arrival Date." Additionally, Skydive Arizona will arrange transportation to the departing airport from either the judges' accommodations or the host drop zone on the official "Judge Departure Date."

Please be aware that judges will be offered three meals daily from the on-site restaurant, The Bent Prop Saloon & Cookery. Breakfast and lunch selections will be made from a predetermined menu each day. For dinner, a \$20USD gift voucher will be provided for each working day and is to be used exclusively on that date. The judges lounge will be equipped with a variety of snacks and beverages throughout the week. If members of the judges panel desire food options not provided, it will be their responsibility to obtain them independently.

## 2.20 OFFICIAL SCORING EQUIPMENT

OmniSkore!HD will be used to score events.

Flysight/Skyderby

Results will be published according to Sporting Code Section 5.

## 2.21 PUBLIC ADDRESS

As a year-round drop zone, Skydive Arizona has PA speakers in the main operations area, broadcasts calls over FM radio, and has a WiFi manifest display.

## 2.22 SAFETY

Skydive Arizona has **direct radio contact** with the Eloy Fire Department. Together, the drop zone and the Fire Department have over 25 years of experience responding to skydiving accidents. Ambulance response time is typically 8 to 12 minutes.

Skydive Arizona is the primary location for the Air Evac Helicopter business. Response time is under 2 minutes if a medical helicopter is required.

The closest hospital to Skydive Arizona Banner Medical – a level 4 trauma center with a 24-hour emergency room. It is 29 kilometers (18 miles) from the drop zone.

During the Canopy Piloting events, there will always be at least one paramedic directly on site. This paramedic will work with the chief judge and Skydive Arizona's safety staff to provide help as necessary during the competition.

### **2.23 PROPOSED OFFICIALS**

Meet Director: Randy Connell

Assistant to the Chief Judges: TBD

SP Technical Director: TBD

CP Course Technical Director: TBD

Video Controller: TBD

### **2.24 ON-SITE COMMUNICATIONS**

- Radios will be utilized for operational staff
- Telephone Apps (WhatsApp) will be utilized for communication between officials, HODs, Team Managers, and competitors
- Online webpage with competition information
- Information board on site
- Skydive Arizona's mobile app

### **2.25 RULES APPLYING TO THE EVENT**

Skydive Arizona adheres to the USPA Basic Safety Regulations (SIM Section 2). Minimum opening altitude is 2,500 feet/750 meters. Helmets and AADs are not required but are highly recommended. Landing turns over 90 degrees will not be allowed during any event outside of Canopy Piloting.

The US Federal Aviation Administration does not have a reciprocity agreement to allow foreign skydivers to use their equipment as accepted by their own NAC. Unless the equipment has no components with a Technical Standard Order, the parachute must be packed according to US Federal Aviation Regulations. This means it must be packed by an FAA certified rigger, within 180 days, and contain a seal on the reserve.

All competitors must present a valid license, logbook and proof of insurance. All competitors must have reached 18 years of age before jumping. We unfortunately cannot accommodate competitors less than 18 years old.

### **2.26 VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Visa requirements are the responsibility of the participant and vary depending on country. Detailed information can be found here: <https://www.usa.gov/visas>

If needed, we can provide invitations to delegations to participate in this sporting event.

### **2.27 MEDALS**

Medals will be supplied by the Organiser, conforming to the FAI specifications, in accordance with ISC Medal requirements.

## **2.28 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

The FAI follows WADA directives and anti-doping controls may occur during the competition

## **2.29 POST EVENT REPORT**

Post event reports will be available within 30 days of competition end

## **2.30 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- (a) Details of Opening and Closing Ceremonies: location of the opening and closing ceremonies will be at Skydive Arizona. More information will be shared as the event approaches.
- (b) Planned Social Events: TBD.
- (c) Accompanying persons who are not members of the official delegation will be able to attend for a \$220 entry fee (no sanction fee).