

CBC RACE RULES FOR MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

1. Authority

Complete authority over these events is vested in the Balloonmeister and his appointed assistants. This includes the right to interpret all rules and regulations to ensure fairness and safety; to act on matters involving violations, property damage or improper actions; and the authority to reprimand, penalize, disqualify or expel any pilot.

2. Liability

The authority stated above does not convey or imply any liability on the Balloonmeister and his appointed assistants, or the Colorado Balloon Club (CBC). Each competitor is responsible for the safety of his/her flight and carries the same liabilities as during free flight.

3. Pilot Qualifications

Competing pilots must be a member in good standing of the CBC and hold a valid private or commercial LTA free balloon certificate, to have their points count toward the annual competition trophy.

4. Safety

All meteorological reports, forecasts, and other safety information will be provided in good faith for the competitors. However, each pilot shall be completely responsible for the safe operation of his/her balloon. He/She must ensure that their crew, equipment, and level of skill, are suitable for the conditions.

5. Scoring

Competitors will be ranked in order of their performance according to the rules for each task, after adjustments for any penalties, according to the following scoring formula:

Each target has a 1000 point value. Markers within the scoring area (200 foot radius) will be awarded 1000 points minus the feet away from the center of the target.

Example; the closest marker to the center of the target is 3 feet 7 inches. The next closest marker is 50 feet 3 inches. 997 points will be awarded for the closest marker and 950 points for the next closest marker.

Pilots that fly a task but do not achieve a result will be awarded 400 points for that days competition. Pilots who enter but do not choose to compete or the race is canceled at the field, will be awarded 200 points. Pilots violating any safety rules or contacting the ground within the scoring area will be disqualified from that days competition and receive zero points. Final landings must be at least 500 feet from the target area unless for an emergency.

DO NOT THROW YOUR MARKER AT A TARGET IF YOU ARE MORE THAN 200 FT. AGL.

6. Complaints

A competitor who is disqualified on any manner may make a formal complaint to the Balloonmeister within two hours after the task has closed.

7. Markers/Baggies

Pilots will provide their own markers/baggies for the competition and be marked to identify the owner. Markers/Baggies must meet the BFA requirements for weight and size.

8. Pilot Meetings/Competition Registration

Pilot meetings, competition registration, and weather briefings will be 15 minutes before sunrise at the competition location unless otherwise announced. At the end of the race all participating pilots are required to contact the Balloonmeister or his assistants to close his/her flight plan for the day.

9. Race Location

Check the Newsletter, Website, or Race line to confirm the location and meeting time.

10. Balloon Qualifications

The Balloonmeister or his assistants reserve the right to inspect any balloon at any time and to disqualify any balloon found not to conform to generally accepted standards of airworthiness. Balloon insurance must be current and in effect during all competitions.

11. Race Season

Races will be held from February through November, each year.

12. Race Line

The race line (303-544-2359) will be updated by 6:30 pm. the night before the race with a Go or No-Go decision.

13. Race Dates

Races will be held the third Saturday of the month with Sunday as a back up date. Some months' dates are subject to change due to conflicting activities. Check the web site or newsletter for details.

14. Club Championship

The pilot with the most accumulated points for the year will determine the champion. Prizes will be awarded at the annual CBC After Holidays Party for first, second, and third place finishers.