



# Sky Grand Prix of Aerobatics 2023

## Bulletin 1

### 1. General Information

#### a. Venue and Date

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sky Grand Prix of Aerobatics (Sky GP) will be held at Virginia Airport (FAVG), Durban South Africa on 15 June and 16 June 2023.

#### b. Organiser

The Sky GP will be organised by Sky Grand Prix (Pty) Ltd, represented by Roger Deare and Nigel Hopkins under the auspices of the Sport Aerobatic Club of South Africa and CIVA (International Aerobatic Commission)



c. Contact Details

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2. Event Location

The event will take place at;  
Virginia Airport, Durban, South Africa.

ICAO code: FAVG

Address: 27 Fairway Road, Beachwood, Durban

GPS Co-ordinates: S29 46 25 / E31 03 62

Elevation: 20 ft AMSL

Runway: 05 / 23 Length 925m

Airfield Frequency: 120.60





16 June	09h00 – 10h30	Known programme
	12h00 – 13h30	Unknown programme
	15h00 – 16h30	Freestyle programme
	17h00	Awards Ceremony

Participant briefings will be held at 08h00 daily on 15 and 16 June at the airfield contest base. These times are subject to change, an updated version will be posted on the website.

NB. The schedule may include various air displays between the competition programmes.

#### 4. Officials

Contest Organiser	Roger Deare
Contest Director	Annie Boon
Contest Safety Officer	Cliff Lotter
Registrar and Scorer	Natalie Stark
Jury President CIVA	TBA
Chief Judge	Quintin Hawthorne RSA
Judges	Guy Auger FRA Laszlo Liskay RSA Johnie Smith RSA
Marketing	Katey Watkin

#### 5. Participants

Participation is by invitation and restricted to Unlimited category aerobatic pilots. The following pilots have accepted invitations to date;

Aarron Deliu AUS  
Aude Lemordant FRA  
Barrie Eeles RSA  
Elton Bondi RSA  
Eugene du Preez RSA  
Mark Hensman RSA  
Nigel Hopkins RSA  
Patrick Davidson RSA



## 6. Regulations

The event will be conducted according to the following regulations;

- a. FAI Section 6 Part 5c 2023 edition
- b. Regulations issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority
- c. Local regulations
- d. Protests must be lodged with the Jury President, accompanied by the requisite protest fee.

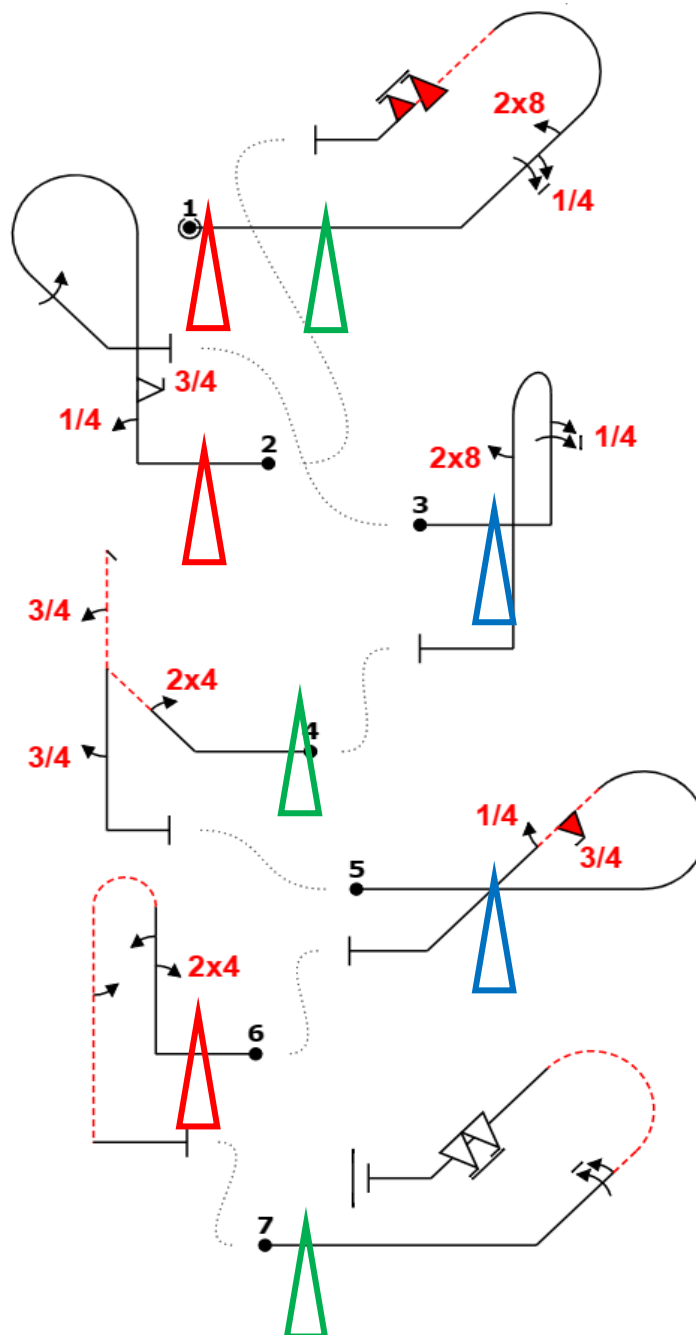
## 7. Competition Format and Known Programme

The full description of the competition format is outlined in FAI Section 6 Part 5c 2023. A brief description of the flight is:

*'With smoke on, the aircraft enters the box with wings-level above the first pylon (red), then pulls up to perform the first figure immediately after passing the second pylon (green), overhead the third pylon (blue). After completion of the first figure, the aircraft must be horizontal and wings-level before reaching the centre pylon and then commences the next figure immediately after passing the centre pylon which is performed overhead the first pylon. This continues until completion of the sequence. The time is measured from when the aircraft passes the first pylon to when it passes the final pylon after figure 7. Height and deadline penalties will be assessed throughout the flight'*

SkyGP 2023 Known sequence







## 8. Aircraft

All participating aircraft must satisfy the performance criteria essential for competition flights in the Unlimited aerobatic category.

All participating aircraft must have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness.

All participant aircraft must have third party liability cover for a minimum of R10 million.

Hangarage will be available for all participating aircraft.

## 9. Accommodation, Travel and Catering

All participants and officials will be provided accommodation in a local hotel from the night of 14 June to departure on 17 June 2023. The hotel details will be provided at a later date.

Local transportation will be provided for participants and officials for the same period.

Catering; Breakfast will be available at the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be provided at the airfield. This applies to meals from the evening of 14 June to breakfast on 17 June.

## 10. Contest Zone and Deadline.

The contest flights will take place abeam the airfield runway, overhead the sea and beach, between the inflatable pylons.

A deadline will be demarcated on the airfield side of the Contest Zone.





Performance Zone



Deadline

Runway

Spectators

Judges

Spectators

