

PPG

Information for Pilots

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BRIEFING COMPETITION TASKS 8 & 9

Briefing time: Tuesday 16 September, 17:00

Briefing location: Main briefing room

Task sheets will be available 1 hour before briefing from the PPG Office.

Task 8 starts: 07:00 Wednesday *(provisional until briefing)*

- Precision
- Unlimited fuel
- No photography
- Specified start order

Task 9 starts: 11:30 Wednesday *(provisional until briefing)*

- Limited fuel, Fuelling control: From landing task 8 - 11:00
(provisional until briefing)
- No photography
- Start within time window

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Competitors briefing sheet

COMPETITION TASK 8

- This task is as task 2 in the PPG local regulations
- Unlimited fuel
- Defined start order
- Briefing: 17:00 Tuesday
- Task starts 07:00 Wednesday

Precision circuit in the shortest time

PRECISION

Objective

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

Description

8 targets 2m in height are laid out 50M apart in two arrays. The first array has 4 targets in a straight line, the second array has 4 targets in a slalom.

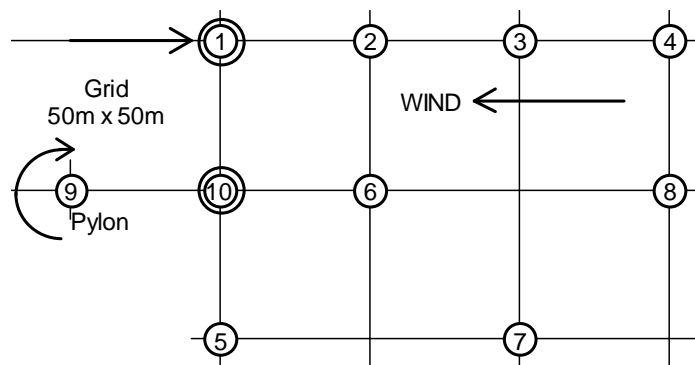
A further target is placed 50M behind target 10 to serve as a pylon which must be flown round (by the body of the pilot) before target 10 is struck.

Special rules

A valid strike on a target is one where the pilot or any part of the FLM has been clearly observed to touch it.

To count as a strike, target No. 9, the pylon, must be rounded in a CLOCKWISE direction.

A strike on target 1 starts the clock, a strike on target 10 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: score zero.

Due to the position of the task there will be no penalty for taking off entirely inside the deck. Failure to land entirely in the deck: 20% penalty.

Takeoff procedure

This task is FIXED TAKEOFF ORDER. The first person is chosen at random, thereafter in competitor number order.

There will be no more than six pilots in the deck at any one time. As soon as a pilot has taken off, (and there is 5 pilots on the deck) the next pilot in order may enter the deck to prepare for takeoff.

Pilots may not take off until the signal is given by the marshal.

The pilot must be ready to take off before the sixth pilot in order after him is ready to take off or a 20% penalty will apply.

If a marshal considers a pilot to be causing unreasonable delay (has been on the deck more than 30 minutes with the opportunity to take off), a 20% penalty will apply.

The first 6 pilots must be ready to takeoff from 12:15

Scoring

$$Q = \frac{NQ^3}{Sp}$$

Where: $Pilot\ Score = \left(1000 \times \frac{Q}{Q_{max}}\right)$

NQ = The number of targets struck by the pilot

Sp = The pilot's elapsed time in seconds between striking target 1 and target 10

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REPLIES TO WRITTEN COMPLAINTS

From the PPG director to the Spanish team regarding re-running the kicking sticks task.

The task start order was picked at random. Approximately half way through the task, the wind changed from still, to a VERY slight westerly. The director does not have control of the weather (much as he would wish to). The course was turned through 180 degrees, in my opinion at exactly the correct moment, and the competition successfully concluded.

The course was changed mainly for safety reasons, the course is flown lowest in the direction the wind started to blow. But there is also the argument that in fact a tail wind could IMPROVE the time of a competitor over the course (the opposite to your argument).

I believe your complaint to be without any foundation and reject it. As far as I am concerned I will not consider cancelling the task. You may of course take your complaint further through the system.

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PPG Director