



OFFICIAL INVITATION TO NATIONAL AERO CLUBS OF EUROPE

January 6, 2012

Dear Mr. / Ms. President,

Under the Sanction granted by the Commission Internationale d'Aerostation (CIA) of the FAI, the Deutsche Aeroclub DAeC has great pleasure in inviting you to take part in the 2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship to be held in Frankenthal, Germany.

Name of event: 2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship
Location: Frankenthal, Germany
Dates: September 18th to 22nd, 2012 (event schedule see website)
Entry fee: 400 Euros

NAC's invited: All eligible National Aero Clubs on the **Continent of Europe** are invited.
Invitation process: See attached Document 'Invitation Procedure'.

The attached 'ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION' must be received by 15 March 2012 by email, fax or mail to the address indicated.

Sincerely yours

Uwe Schneider

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CIA Delegate Germany

www.womeneuropeans2012balloon.de

NATIONAL AERO CLUB'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO TAKE PART

Please complete and return this form as your acceptance of the invitation.

FROM (NAC): _____

We wish to accept the invitation to take part in the **2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship**

We nominate: *(maximum three competitors in first round) indicate name, address, email)*

LASTNAME	Name	Email	Address
1. <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Please note that the top 3 finishers in the last FAI Women's European championship will be individually invited to this event and will not take up any of the nominated places.

For the additional places we nominate: *(you may nominate as many as you like or as you think you would possibly get. Additional invitations will be issued in the order listed in the attached Excel and sent in sequence to the competitors you listed below. Please make sure the nominated competitors are willing to attend.)*

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8. <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
9. <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

NAC's address for future correspondence:

Tel/Fax numbers: _____

Email: _____

Deadline: 15 March, 2012

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

NAME (print) _____

POSITION _____

Please return by email (fax or mail) to:

ARGE Women European Championship Frankenthal
Dolores Deimling
Birkenweg 18
67227 Frankenthal
Germany
Email: info@dollyair.de
Fax: ++49-6233- 36019
www.womeneuropeans2012balloon.de

INVITATION PROCEDURE

1. According S I 5.6.1.1, the invitation to NACs will be distributed to all:
 - Eligible NACs (as per FAI list)
 - CIA Delegates (as per FAI list)
 - National Balloon Federations (as far as the addresses are known).

In order to ensure reaching all eligible NAC, the invitation will be sent to all NAC and CIA delegates of the current lists. If you are uncertain, if your NAC qualifies for the **European** Championship, please contact the organizer or the CIA secretary: anagorsk@ualberta.ca

2. Germany has committed to inviting up to 30 competitors including the medal winners from the 1st FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship.
3. According the Sporting Code – Section One, the equal number of competitors to be invited initially is 3 per NAC.
4. In order to reach 30 competitors, additional invitations will be issued based upon the NAC's finish in the 1st FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship in 2010. Therefore, each NAC should nominate up to 9 competitors on the "Acceptance of Invitation" form which **must** be returned by **15 March, 2011**.

As a courtesy we ask all NAC's who will NOT be sending any nominations to let the organizers know as soon as possible so they will monitor the status of all invitations.

5. Approximately a week after the 15 March Initial Invitation deadline, the Organizers will send 1st round individual applications to the competitors nominated according to the competitor sequence listed on the "Acceptance of Invitation" form.
The deadline for the 1st round of entries is 30 April.
6. Approximately a week after the 30 April 1st Round Invitation deadline, the Organizers will send out a 2nd round of individual applications to competitors nominated, to reach the planned number of 30 competitors.
The deadline for the 2nd round of entries is 20 June.
7. Competitors whose completed Entry Forms and Entry Fee are received by the deadlines of the respective round will be accepted.
8. Invitation to the three medal holders:
In addition to the above mentioned invitation process, the three medal holders from the 2010 Women's European Championship will be invited personally through their NACs.
9. The progress of the invitation process will be published on the event website.

10. For your information table below displays the extra places based on the preceding event, the 1st FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2010.

additional invitations available	SLO	GBR	POL	LTU	LAT	AUT	BEL	GER	RUS	UKR	POR	CZE
1	1											
2	1	1										
3	1	1	1									
4	1	1	1	1								
5	1	1	1	1	1							
6	1	1	2	1	1							
7	1	1	2	1	1	1						
8	1	1	2	2	1	1						
9	1	1	2	2	1	1	1					
10	1	1	3	2	1	1	1					
11	1	1	3	3	1	1	1					
12	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1				
13	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1				
14	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1			
15	1	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	1			
16	1	1	3	5	2	1	1	1	1			
17	1	1	4	5	2	1	1	1	1			
18	1	1	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1		
19	1	1	4	5	2	1	1	2	1	1		
20	1	1	4	6	2	1	1	2	1	1		
21	1	1	4	6	2	1	1	2	2	1		
22	1	2	4	6	2	1	1	2	2	1		
23	1	2	4	7	2	1	1	2	2	1		
24	1	2	4	8	2	1	1	2	2	1		
25	1	2	4	8	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	
26	1	2	4	8	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
27	1	2	4	8	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1
Available	SLO	GBR	POL	LTU	LAT	AUT	BEL	GER	RUS	UKR	POR	CZE

Sporting Code Section One (SI) stipulates that no more than 10% additional invitations can be awarded per NAC. Because of the rather new nature of this championship this figure can be easily reached. It is therefore decided that in case of a conflict with SI when assigning additional invitations, the FAI/CIA Bureau will be consulted for a final decision.