



2010
*Albuquerque International
Balloon Fiesta®*

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I. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Pilots:

1. Must be officially registered with the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® (AIBF) for the event(s) in which they are flying.
2. Must hold a private or commercial certificate/license issued by the country of the balloon's registry or a US pilot's certificate and meet all requirements of the issuing country.
3. Must attend the pre-recorded, event operations briefing and the appropriate morning's pilot briefing held on the Balloon Fiesta Park-North launch field prior to acting as Pilot-In-Command (PIC).
4. Must agree to know, understand and abide by all AIBF rules and regulations, including any rules that are added or modified during the event and announced during any official pilot briefing.
5. Each pilot will be completely responsible for the safe operation of his/her crew, and ensure equipment and skill level is suitable for the conditions.
6. Pilots and their crews are required to behave in a sportsmanlike manner, and to comply with the directions of the AIBF Event Officials (e.g. Balloonmeister, Assistant Balloonmeister, Safety Officers, Launch Directors, Launch Assistants, Scorers). Profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct directed at any Official will be grounds for expulsion of the pilot from this event or future AIBF events.

B. Balloons:

1. Must be registered with AIBF for the events in which they are participating.
2. Must clearly display the official 2010 AIBF gondola banner during all flight operations (including inflation) while participating in AIBF events.
3. Must meet certificate/airworthiness standards as follows:
 - a. The aircraft may be certificated in any category, including "experimental", provided the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Sections 91.7, 91.203, and 91.715 are met. "Spot" or "ramp" inspections may be performed by FAA personnel. Prior to registration, pilots must assure AIBF that all required inspections will be current during all AIBF events.
 - b. Foreign registered balloons that do not possess an airworthiness certificate issued by the country of registration, as required by FAR Section 91.203 must have a Special Flight Authorization issued by the FAA prior to registration at Balloon Fiesta.
 - c. While operating, the balloon must have within it all documents required by applicable regulations.

4. Damage to balloon:

- a. If a balloon is damaged during the Balloon Fiesta, it may be flown after damaged components are replaced or repaired. However, an envelope may be replaced during the Balloon Fiesta only with permission of the Event Director.
- b. The pilot of a balloon that is damaged while in flight, to the extent of affecting its airworthiness (according to the applicable flight manual), is prohibited from continuing in flight and must land at the first practicable opportunity.

C. Rides for Hire: No balloon or pilot may participate in any AIBF event while carrying passengers for hire, nor may they operate in AIBF's airspace unless they are contracted to the Official AIBF Balloon Ride Concessionaire and operate on its behalf. Violation of this section will result in losing one or more days flying privileges, and/or expulsion from this and/or future AIBF events.

D. Penalties for Violations: In addition to the penalties listed for violating competitive event rules, penalties exist for violating safety and/or other AIBF rules. The penalties may include a conference at the Pilot Briefing Tower at which the pilot will be counseled by a Safety Official on AIBF rules and safety, a loss of competition points, losing one or more days of propane and/or flying privileges, and/or expulsion from this and/or future AIBF events.

The FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) will also investigate noncompliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) and the waiver issued for the AIBF, in addition to accidents and incidents occurring in conjunction with the event.

A pilot who is called to the Pilot Briefing Tower because of a safety or rule infraction will not be allowed to refuel at AIBF's fueling area until he/she has spoken with a Safety Official about the infraction. In addition, points received in that task may not be counted in the overall results. Additional sanctions may be imposed if a pilot repeatedly refuses to speak with a Safety Official about an infraction. These may include losing one or more days of flying privileges, and/or expulsion from this and/or future AIBF events.

Please remember that the majority of the people who make this event possible are volunteers. Most of our flight operations team members are pilots and crew who give up their time to enable you to fly. Work with them to make this a better event. If you have a problem with some aspect of our flight operations, do not abuse our field officials, but calmly discuss your problem with one of them. They are readily identified by their official uniforms and are available to discuss any matter with you. Violation of this section may result in the expulsion of the pilot from this and/or future AIBF events.

A pilot violating any rule for which a penalty is not specified in the rules may be penalized by deduction of points or by disqualification from this and/or future AIBF events.

AIBF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PREVENT PARTICIPANTS FROM TAKING PART IN THE EVENTS WHENEVER PERSONAL CONDUCT OR UNSAFE FLIGHTS MAKE THEM UNDESIRABLE TO AIBF AND/OR PARTICIPANTS.

II. AREA OF OPERATION

Balloon Fiesta Park is located between Paseo del Norte on the south, Roy (Tramway) Avenue on the north, Washington Place (south of Alameda) and Jefferson Street (north of Alameda) on the east, and by the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) channel on the west. Balloon Fiesta Park-North is north of Alameda Blvd. Balloon Fiesta Park-South is south of Alameda Blvd. Balloon Fiesta Park-North is located at Latitude N 35° 11.8' Longitude W 106°35.8' at an altitude of approximately 5073 ft. above sea level.

III. FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Compliance with the Waiver, Special Provisions, and the AIBF Pilots Rules and Regulations is MANDATORY.

A. Waiver and Temporary Flight Restrictions

1. Federal Aviation Regulation(s) (FAR) Section 91.119 (b) and (c), Minimum Safe Altitudes and Section 91.209, Aircraft Lights have been waived for this event. **Section 91.209 Aircraft Lights has not been waived for Dawn Patrol.** Additionally, Air Traffic Control has authorized operations in the Albuquerque International Sunport (airport) Class C airspace without the required communication with the Air Traffic Control Tower (FAR Section 91.130(c)(1) & (d) and transponder equipment (FAR Section 91.215(b)(1) during AIBF events. This Waiver and Authorization has been issued for aircraft and pilots that are officially registered in the AIBF and participating in any AIBF events including Albuquerque Aloft. This Waiver and Authorization does not apply to participants in the 15th America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race.

The provisions of the waiver are:

2. Hours waiver is in effect:

October 1, 2010	0530 -- 1200
October 2, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 3, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 4, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 5, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 6, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 7, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 8, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 9, 2010	0530 – 1200 and 1600 – 2000
October 10, 2010	0530 – 1200
3. Except when taking off or landing, the minimum altitudes of FAR 91.119 (b) and (c) are reduced to:
 - a. *500 ft. AGL* over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, and over any open air assembly of persons;
 - b. *200 ft. AGL* within the boundary area indicated on the official AIBF map;

- c. *150 ft. AGL* over the buildings between Alameda and Balloon Fiesta Park-North;
 - d. *75 ft. AGL* over the area of Balloon Fiesta Park (North and South) including buildings and hospitality tents (approximately 5200 ft. MSL);
 - e. *The surface* within the Balloon Fiesta Park-North **FLAGGED TARGET AREA**; and
 - f. *The surface* within 1,000 ft. laterally of the designated off-field targets.
4. The waiver to the surface is only applicable within target areas during competitive events.
 5. Launches for hot air balloons will be conducted under the waiver only if the minimum AIBF launching weather conditions are met:
 - a. Surface winds at the launch site not in excess of 10 knots.
 - b. Visibility of at least 3 statute miles; and
 - c. Ceiling of at least 1,500 ft. AGL.
 - d. No other known conditions contrary to the safety of flight operations at the time of launch.
 - e. The Balloonmeister may cancel mass ascensions and competitive events already underway if weather conditions exceed the limits outlined above. If an event is canceled prior to its scheduled completion, no competition scores achieved before the cancellation will be valid.
 6. Launches for hot air balloons may be suspended or cancelled if any other conditions contrary to the safety of flight operation are determined to exist.
 7. During the hours the waiver is in effect, in accordance with FAR 91.145, the airspace within a four (4) nautical mile radius of Balloon Fiesta Park-North, from the surface to 8,000 feet MSL, will be NOTAMed as a Temporary Restricted Area. This Temporary Restricted Area is applicable to all aircraft (including balloons) that are not participating in that particular AIBF event, unless given specific permission by the AIBF Event Director.

B. Unscheduled Special Flights: Unscheduled special flights from Balloon Fiesta Park require permission from the Event Director.

C. Briefings: Pilot briefings are mandatory and will be conducted at Balloon Fiesta Park-North beginning each morning at **0615 hours at the Pilot Briefing Tower**. Balloon Glow, Night Magic™ and Twilight Twinkle Glow briefings will be at 1700 hours on October 2, 3 and October 9 at the Pilot Briefing tower. Special Shape Glowdeo™ briefings will be at 1700 hours at October 7 and October 8 in the Landing.

D. Communications:

1. At Balloon Fiesta Park-North, routine communication with the pilots will be via Launch Assistants (Zebras), radio station KKOB AM 770, VHF radio, and the public address system. Radio frequencies and telephone numbers for various weather information and the Albuquerque International Sunport (airport) are as follows:

	Frequency	Phone Number
ABQ International Tower	120.3	505 856-4900
Double Eagle Tower	120.15	505 352 5595
ATIS, ABQ International Sunport	118.0	505 856-4928
AWOS ABQ International Sunport	None	505 242-4044
Flight Service Station (weather brief)	122.55	800 992 7433
ATIS/AWOS Double Eagle	119.025	505 842-2009
AAAA Wind Talker (Rio Rancho)		505 891-1733
Balloon Fiesta Weather	120.65	

2. All participating pilots must possess an operative VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on common aviation VHF communication frequencies.
3. The requirement to contact the Albuquerque International Sunport when flying within Class C airspace has been waived while you are participating in the Balloon Fiesta. The only time you are required to contact the Tower is if you fly south of Central Avenue and cannot comply with the altitude requirements set out in V.B.2. (a) and (b).
4. The requirement to contact the Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) Tower when flying within their Class D airspace **is not** waived. When in contact with the AEG Tower you must follow their directions. If you are **not** in communication with the AEG tower and you are within 1 nautical mile of Double Eagle Airport, you must either land your balloon or climb above 7500 ft. MSL and fly over the airport.

E. Pilot in Command (PIC):

1. The PIC is responsible for compliance with all FARs, the Waiver and its Special Provisions, and AIBF rules. This includes reporting accidents and incidents that occur off field to FAA and/or NTSB. There are FAA personnel on location during Balloon Fiesta. The PIC will brief all crew members as to their duties and the provisions of the Waiver. The PIC will ensure crew members sign the attached "Crew Member Affidavit" prior to the first flight of each crew member during the AIBF. The PIC will return the Waiver acknowledgment to AIBF at the end of the event. No flight or event is mandatory and all flights are made at the discretion of the PIC. Owners/Operators may be individually responsible for damage or injury to persons and property, including other balloons, and shall have liability insurance as a condition of participation.
2. With the exception of ride balloons, no more than five (5) flight crew members, including the pilot, per balloon are allowed to participate. The pilot's insurance coverage must be sufficient to cover the number of total crew members.

3. The PIC shall not allow any items to be thrown from the balloon unless the item is an official marker used for a competitive event and the PIC is certain it will land in the target area.
4. In addition to the PIC reporting accidents and incidents to the FAA, the PIC should report accidents, incidents and landowner problems to a Balloon Fiesta Safety Officer.

F. Flying Conditions: Albuquerque is approximately 5,000 ft. (1600 m) above sea level. Pilots should be aware of the effects this altitude has on balloon performance, in particular, increased response times and reduced lifting capacity. The Sandia Mountains are 10,678 ft. (3255 m) above sea level. Winds follow classic mountain-valley patterns. The mountains can generate strong vertical and rotor winds that constitute a serious hazard.

G. Launch:

NEVER vent raw propane on Balloon Fiesta Park!!!

1. Your launch site has been assigned and is indicated on your pilot badge. When launching from the Park, you must launch from this site and with your assigned flight, unless you receive specific permission from the Balloonmeister to do otherwise. The first digit in your banner determines your flight number (for example, banner number 610 indicates flight number 6). See attached 2010 AIBF Launch Schedule. The smallest balloon you have registered will determine your flight. If you change balloons this may change your flight number.
2. **Launch only with the permission of a Launch Assistant (Zebra).**
3. There are up to four balloons assigned to each launch site. Please be cooperative.
4. Only the vehicle transporting the balloon (designated with an “A” pass) is allowed on the Launch Field during inflations.
5. Launch assistants Hand Signals:
 - a. **THUMBS UP:** Cleared for IMMEDIATE LIFT-OFF.
 - b. **THUMBS DOWN:** HOLD exactly where you are.
 - c. **WALK THE BALLOON:** The crew will guide the balloon to the spot indicated by the Launch Assistant. The balloon is to be buoyant with no lift provided by the crew.
6. The 2010 AIBF Launch Schedule and Pilot Briefing announcements will indicate the launch wave to which you are assigned. Please time your operations so as to be ready and buoyant at launch time. Work closely with your Launch Assistant.
7. All inflator fans must have appropriate safety cages.
8. In order to assist in the launch of all balloons on Balloon Fiesta Park, please ascend at a rate that allows you to clear the area of the field in a timely manner and merge with the balloons launched ahead of you. If you “box” back over the field, please cross at a minimum altitude of 500 ft. AGL, so that you do not interfere with the

balloons being launched in later waves. Cooperation will allow the Launch Assistants to get you and all of your fellow pilots airborne as soon as possible.

9. The FAA **requires** the proper use of an inflation harness (launch restraint system) for all inflations. **Tie-off to trailers is prohibited. Tie off or inflation harness must be secured to the chase vehicle.**

H. Ascents and Descents: No pilot may initiate or maintain a fast ascent or descent in congested airspace. The maximum recommended rate of ascent and descent within congested airspace is 200 ft. (60 m) per minute for all operations including Mass Ascensions and competitive events.

I. Landings: Choose off-field landing areas carefully, obtaining landowner permission as appropriate. Pilots and crew shall exercise care to prevent damage to property or livestock.

Landings at Balloon Fiesta Park South are permitted outside the flagged scoring area.

Landing on Balloon Fiesta Park-North is permitted, with the following conditions:

1. The landing can be done safely without endangering persons or property on the ground.
2. All scheduled flights have been launched.
3. The landing area is clear of persons, vehicles or any other obstacles.
4. Landing shall be downwind of targets during competitive events and shall not interfere with others' scoring opportunities. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 500 points.
5. You must have assistance from a Launch Assistant to launch again.
6. In the event of an emergency, land on Balloon Fiesta Park-North as safely as possible with due consideration for people, other balloons, or obstacles that may be present.

IV. FIELD OPERATIONS

A. Crowd Control: Balloon Fiesta guests will have free access to the Launch Field to observe the inflation and launch procedures. Each Pilot-In-Command (PIC) shall be responsible for crowd control in the immediate vicinity of his/her balloon during the inflation and launch. The PIC and crew are responsible for the protection of their property. The PIC shall also take measures to protect guests from any dangers associated with balloon operations. Launch Assistants and other AIBF Officials will aid in crowd control if an emergency should occur.

B. Chase Crews: Inquiries regarding the availability of crew members may be made at registration or the Chase Crew facility on Balloon Fiesta Park during the Balloon Fiesta. No representation of the suitability or experience of these crew members is made by Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc.

- C. **No Drive Zone:** No driving or parking is allowed on Main Street (Concession Concourse).
- D. **Unauthorized and/or Unattended Vehicles:** Unauthorized vehicles on the Balloon Fiesta launch field create unnecessary congestion and will be towed at owner's expense. During balloon launches from Balloon Fiesta Park, unattended vehicles, *whether or not authorized to be on the launch sites*, may be towed at owner's expense if the vehicle is deemed by Balloon Fiesta officials to pose a hazard to balloons or guests. This includes balloon trailers and recreational vehicles.
- E. No vehicle may enter or exit the launch field from Balloon Fiesta Parkway or Balloon Museum Drive.

V. **FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

NO FLIGHTS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN BALLOON FIESTA'S AIRSPACE (TFR) UNLESS YOU AND YOUR BALLOON ARE REGISTERED IN THAT SPECIFIC EVENT, including TWILIGHT TWINKLE GLOW, BALLOON GLOW, SPECIAL SHAPES GLOWDEO, NIGHT MAGIC. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN YOUR INTERROGATION BY VARIOUS AGENCIES OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

Official maps will be provided to pilots with information on Prohibited Zones (PZs) and Sensitive Areas (SAs) current up to the printing deadline. Updated information will be provided at the registration briefing and daily pilot briefings. Pilots are responsible for obtaining this information and updating their official maps.

PZs AND SAs ON THE OFFICIAL MAP ARE DESIGNATED BY AIBF. *They are in addition to the FARs and not a substitute for the FARs. Pilots must follow AIBF rules regarding PZs and SAs, even if a land owner in a PZ or SA offers their property for landing or launch.*

- A. **Prohibited Zones (PZs)** are areas where, in the interest of safety or land owner relations, balloons may not be launched or landed and in some circumstances shall not fly at less than a specified altitude. These are indicated on the official map in YELLOW and RED with the location and hazard description on the back of the map. A YELLOW PZ is a restricted area where no launches or landings are permitted. A RED PZ will also include a minimum allowable altitude. **If an emergency situation dictates a landing in a PZ, use caution in the landing and tact in dealing with the landowner.** Penalty for infringement of this rule is 500 points up to and including disqualification and may include loss of competition points.
- B. **Sensitive Areas (SAs)** are areas where you may land as long as you exercise caution to avoid property damage and follow correct retrieval procedures. You may not launch from a Sensitive Area. These are indicated on the official map in PURPLE, with location, hazard description, and special retrieval procedures on the back of the map. Penalty for infringement of this rule is 500 points up to and including disqualification and may include loss of competition points.
 - 1. Double Eagle Airport (AEG) is located approximately 10 nautical miles west south west of Balloon Fiesta Park. If you are not in radio communication with the Double Eagle Tower, you must climb to 7600 ft. MSL and fly over the airport or land prior to one (1) nautical mile of the airport.

- a. If the chase crew requires access onto Double Eagle Airport contact Double Eagle Tower at 505 352 5595, 352 5596 or 352 5597 for an escort.
2. Albuquerque International Sunport (airport) is located approximately 10 miles south of Balloon Fiesta Park. Operations in the airport traffic area or on the airport surface can be extremely hazardous. The Albuquerque International Sunport Traffic Control Tower has agreed to allow a deviation from the requirement to establish two-way radio communications prior to entering the Class C airspace. If a landing can be made prior to Central Avenue, radio contact with Air Traffic Control Tower is ***not*** required.

- a. Flights south of I-40 and ***east*** of I-25 (as indicated in gray on the map):
If you do not land north of Central Ave. you ***must*** contact Air Traffic Control Tower on 120.3 MHz.

If circumstances require you to fly over Albuquerque International Sunport and you are unable to contact the Air Traffic Control Tower, you ***shall climb*** to 8,000 ft (2,439 m) MSL and cross over the airport area. Descent below 8,000 ft. (2,439 m) MSL may begin when balloon crosses the southern airport boundary fence.

- b. Flights south of I-40 and ***west*** of I-25 (as indicated in gray stripe on the map):
If you do not land prior to Central Ave you ***must*** contact the Air Traffic Control Tower on 120.3 MHz.

If you do not to land north of Central Ave. and are unable to contact Air Traffic Control Tower you ***shall descend*** to 6,000 ft. (1,829 m) MSL and remain at or below 6,000 ft. (1,829 m) until reaching the area where I-25 curves west and crosses the Rio Grande.

- c. **If you need to land on the Albuquerque International Sunport (airport) complex, do so expeditiously and, if possible, DO NOT move the balloon equipment until airport security or military police arrive.**
- d. If the chase crew requires access to *Albuquerque International Sunport (airport)* property:

Proceed to the intersection of Girard Blvd. and Gibson Blvd. (located near the northwest corner of the North-South runway) and drive south on Girard Blvd. for three tenths of a mile; make a left turn and continue to parallel the perimeter fence on the left. Continue to the gate marked F-16. On the left side of the gate/road is a pole with a phone box on it. Follow the instructions listed on the phone. Have the crew member advise the person who answers that they are at the East Gate to retrieve their balloon and request they have Ops 60 meet them at the gate. An Operations Officer or a Police Officer will escort the chase crew as required. Chase crews attempting to enter the airport at any other gate must still make contact with the Operations Officer for escort (call 244-7700). Chase crews are not allowed inside the airport fence line without an escort. **Note:** The gate to which the entry instructions are given is currently not staffed. Escorts are limited and delays in retrieval should be expected. Be sure to notify the airport in advance that you are coming or if first contact is by the phone at the gate expect delays. *All vehicles requiring access to the Albuquerque*

*International Sunport (airport) will be searched and both driver's and passengers' identification will be verified. If extra propane tanks are carried in the chase vehicle they will **not** be allowed on the Sunport complex.*

3. Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) is directly east of and adjacent to the Albuquerque Sunport. If the chase crew needs access to KAFB property:

Pilots: Avoid landing on KAFB property except in emergency situations or for safety of flight reasons. If landing at KAFB is the only alternative, land as soon as it is safe.

Pilot and crew: Remain with the balloon until base officials arrive with the chase crew, and remain with official KAFB escorts until departure from the base. (**Note:** To ensure the safety and security of the installation, KAFB officials have the authority to detain and interview pilot and crew for potential criminal violations related to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382.) In addition, KAFB has the right to pursue claims for damages resulting from unauthorized landing on KAFB.

Chase crews: Proceed to one of the KAFB gates with a visitor center (located at the south end of Wyoming, Louisiana at Gibson, or Truman at Gibson). Check in at the visitor center and provide the names of all personnel desiring entry to the base. Base officials will provide escort for the entire chase crew. Remain with the escort until returned to the gate for exit from the base. (**Note:** Calling the Law Enforcement Desk at (505) 846-7913 may help expedite chase crew's entry onto the base.)

4. If the chase crew needs to enter *Sandia Pueblo* (north of Albuquerque) or *Isleta Pueblo* (south of Albuquerque):

Before entering Sandia Pueblo, call the Sandoval County Dispatcher at (505) 891-7226 for escort onto Sandia Pueblo. Before entering Isleta Pueblo contact Isleta Pueblo sub-station at (505) 724-9280. Follow the directions of the escort that will be provided. *Do not open any gates without an escort. Do not take any alcohol on Pueblo land.*

VI. NON-COMPETITIVE EVENTS

In addition to the general AIBF rules, the following additional rules apply to the named events.

A. Mass Ascensions are scheduled to take place on the mornings of October 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10, 2010 with officially registered balloons launching from Balloon Fiesta Park-North. The Mass Ascensions scheduled for the two weekends (October 2, 3, 9 and 10) are non-competitive events. The Mass Ascension scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, is a competitive event (*Multiple Judge Declared Goal*) as described in Section VII. E. 1. below.

B. Glows: *Twilight Twinkle Glow* will take place on the evening of October 2, 2010, *Balloon Glow* will take place on the evening of October 3, 2010, and *Night Magic™* will take place on the evening of October 9, 2010. Balloons are inflated, tethered and operate their burners on command.

1. Balloons must be specifically registered for the event (*Twilight Twinkle Glow, Balloon Glow or Night Magic*) in which they are participating.

2. Participating pilots must attend the event briefing at 1700 hours held on Balloon Fiesta Park-North at the Pilot Briefing Tower. The pilot must be registered to the balloon in which he is glowing and remain in the balloon during the Glows.
3. Pilots will be assigned a position on the field. This position is independent of the assigned launch site for the morning flying events. The assigned site will be printed on the *Glow* vehicle pass.
4. Balloons must be securely tethered to the chase vehicles(s) with *at least* one tether line. Balloons are not to lift off the ground at any time. Balloons not complying with these rules will be required to immediately deflate and cease participation in the event.
5. Propane will be supplied to those balloons participating in the Glow events. Refueling times will be printed on the Glow vehicle pass and will also be announced at the event briefing.

C. Special Shape Glowdeo™ will take place on the afternoons of October 7 and 8, 2010. Approximately 90 Special Shape balloons will tether on Balloon Fiesta Park-North. Only balloons registered in the Special Shape Glowdeo™ (or other balloons with specific permission from the Event Director) will be allowed to inflate on Balloon Fiesta Park-North during these events. Additionally, balloons not registered in this event may not operate within the restricted airspace described in Section III, A, 7.

1. Participating balloons must be specifically registered for this event.
2. Pilots will be assigned a position on the field by launch site. This position is independent of the assigned launch site for other AIBF events.
3. Participating pilots must attend the event briefings held on Balloon Fiesta Park-North. Briefings will be held prior to each event at 1700 hours at the Landing. The pilot must be registered to the balloon in which he is glowing and remain in the balloon during the Glowdeo.
4. During static displays, balloons must be securely tethered to chase vehicles with at least one tether line. Tie-off to trailers is prohibited. Balloons are not to lift off the ground at any time. Balloons not complying with these rules will be required to immediately deflate and cease participation in the Special Shape Glowdeo™.
5. Propane will be supplied to those balloons participating in the *Special Shapes Glowdeo™*. Refueling times will be printed on the Special Shapes vehicle pass and will also be announced at the event briefing.

D. Dawn Patrol will be flown each morning of Balloon Fiesta. To participate, balloons must be registered in *Dawn Patrol* and will launch either from Balloon Fiesta Park-North or will attempt to fly over or near Balloon Fiesta Park-North. All Dawn Patrol balloons will launch approximately one (1) hour before sunrise. All participating balloons must have the appropriate lighting as required by FAR 91.209.

E. Flight of the Nations

1. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2010 prior to the Mass Ascension and after the “Balloon of the Day” is launched.
2. A maximum of two balloons from each nation will be allowed to enter in this event (approximately 25 nations).
3. The regular Mass Ascension and competition continue immediately follow the launch of the *Flight of the Nations* balloons.

F. Albuquerque Aloft is an “off site” event that takes place October 1, 2010, in which the balloons will launch or tether from various schools throughout Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. Balloons/pilots must be registered for this event. Participants are expected to adhere to AIBF rules, FARs and the FAA waiver. Weather and pilot briefing will be announced on KKOB 770 AM radio (approximately 0700 hrs) and VHF radio.

1. Pilots that participate in this event are encouraged to “teach” the children about ballooning.
2. Pilots are not allowed to take school children as passengers.
3. If balloons are unable to launch, pilots are encouraged to tether.
4. Participating pilots will only be assigned to schools that have given permission to AIBF for launching.
5. Pilots and crew should locate school personnel (principal, security, etc.) prior to entering school property.

VII. COMPETITIVE EVENTS

A. Format: All officially registered balloons will be divided into ten flights determined by the first digit of your official 2010 AIBF gondola banner, (for example, banner number 610 is in flight number 6). The flight number will determine your assigned competitive task. Except for special shape balloons, no balloon larger than 105,900 cubic feet (3000 m³) will be allowed to compete.

B. Schedule: See the attached 2010 Launch Schedule for your assigned competitive event for each day. **Please note your daily scheduled flight may change due to weather and/or wind direction.** The morning competitions will be announced at each morning’s pilot briefing.

C. Crew members: The maximum allowable number of in-flight crew members per balloon is five (5) including the pilot, except for the Ride Concession balloons.

D. Competition Rules:

1. **Launch:** Pilots competing in “fly in tasks” (FITs) or other competitive tasks that include a target on Balloon Fiesta Park-North must launch at least one statute mile

(unless changed by the Balloonmeister) from the center of Balloon Fiesta Park-North (as indicated on the map) and not from a PZ or SA. **This includes PZs and SAs announced at pilot briefings as well as those marked on the official map.** The launch window for pilots competing in FITs or other competitive fly in tasks will open when announced over radio station Kkob AM 770 and VHF radio. **DO NOT LAUNCH UNTIL THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE. Penalty for infringement of this rule is disqualification from this task.** Pilots competing in a MJDG or other “off field” competitive tasks will launch from Balloon Fiesta Park-North and obey all rules for launch, Section III. Pilots competing in MJDG events must launch with their flight or as directed by the Balloonmeister or will be disqualified from that task. Pilots who have completed their tasks or who are not competing may not fly below 75 ft. AGL in any target area or interfere with competing pilots.

2. **Ground Contact:** Pilots may not touch the ground after launch until they throw their markers and clear the target area. Landing and re-launching prior to throwing the marker is not allowed and no physical assistance from the ground is allowed after launch. Do not forget that other altitude requirements of the waiver are in effect, (e.g. 75 ft. over Balloon Fiesta Park until you are inside the target area). Penalty for infringement of this rule is a minimum of 750 points up to 1000 points per occurrence.
3. **Scoring Area:** Only official current-year barcoded markers that land within the boundaries of a scoring area or within 200 ft. of the center of a target “X” (whichever is less) will be scored. Markers will be measured from the final resting spot of their weighted portion. If competition is canceled for any reason, two legs of the “X” will be moved to form a “V”. A colored smoke grenade may also be used. When throwing at a target at the Balloon Fiesta Park-North target area, **do not throw any marker unless you are certain it will land in the flagged target area.** Markers dropped outside the flagged target area may incur a penalty up to 250 points.
4. **Balloon Operations: Do not land within 500 ft. of an off-field target.** Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 750 points. *Pilots whose crew drive through or violate the scoring area of off field targets will be subject to this penalty.* See Section III. for Balloon Fiesta Park-North and South Field landings.

E. CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION: (Scores in Competitions 1 through 5 will count toward your overall score).

1. **Multiple Judge Declared Goal (MJDG):** Off-field targets will be open from the time of initial launch from Balloon Fiesta Park-North until 1000 hours or as declared at that morning’s briefing, or the competition is canceled. MJDG competitions are scheduled to take place on the mornings of October 4, 5, and 6, 2010 (October 7 and 8 for Special Shapes). Balloons assigned to participate in these events (approximately half of the AIBF registered balloons on Monday and Tuesday and all of the balloons on Wednesday) will launch from Balloon Fiesta Park-North, fly to any one of the designated off-field targets, and attempt to drop their marker as close as possible to the center of a target. The targets are located approximately one statute mile or more from Latitude N 35° 11.8' Longitude W 106°35.8' (center of Balloon Fiesta Park-North). The off-field target locations will be shown on a map at the base of the Pilot Briefing Tower.

2. **Fly in Tasks (FIT):** Balloon Fiesta Park-North targets for the FITs will open when announced over radio station KKOB AM 770 and VHF radio. Do not launch until this announcement is made because Balloon Fiesta Park-North will not be clear! All targets will close no later than 1000 hours. If competition is canceled for any reason, two legs of the “X” will be moved to form a “V”. A colored smoke grenade may also be used. FIT competitions will take place on the mornings of October 4 and 5, 2010. Pilots participating in this event will launch from a site of their own choice, excluding Prohibited Zones (PZs) and/or Sensitive Areas (SAs) and no closer than one statute mile from the center of Balloon Fiesta Park-North. They will fly to the designated target area of Balloon Fiesta Park-North and attempt to drop their markers as close as possible to the center of the target.
3. **Balloon Fiesta Golf:** This competition may take place on the mornings of Thursday October 7 *and/or* Friday October 8. If conducted, Balloon Fiesta Golf will be announced at the pilot briefing. Selected golf greens at the south end of Balloon Fiesta Park-North will be outlined. The object of the competition is for the pilot to drop his/her marker on the outlined golf green closest to the pin (flag). Markers that land within the outlined golf greens will score. Each marker will be measured from the weighted portion to that green’s pin. Shortest distance is best. Note, the material used to outline the greens will be considered as part of the scoring area.
4. **Minimum Double Drop:** Competition may take place on the mornings of October 7 *and/or* 8. If conducted, Minimum Double Drop competition will be announced at the pilot briefing. Minimum Double Drop and Balloon Fiesta Golf will not be conducted on the same day. Scoring areas will be outlined in white with an “X” between them. Competitors will drop their markers as close together as possible in the two different scoring areas of the goal. To achieve a result, markers must land inside each of the corresponding scoring areas. Each marker landing inside a scoring area (triangle) will be measured to the center of the “X” (the “X” is not the target). The best result will be the shortest combined distance. The material used to outline the scoring areas’ will be considered a part of the scoring area.
5. **Special Shape Rodeo-Morning Flights: All special shape balloons launching from Balloon Fiesta Park must be inflated and launched (weather permitting) by the times designated by the Balloonmeister at those particular briefings.**
 - a. The scores earned by Special Shape balloon pilots on Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8 mornings will be counted toward those pilots’ overall scores if:
 1. The pilot has flown a Special Shape balloon in the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday competitions the pilot flies with the Special Shape balloons launching from the Launch Field and will be scored in that flight; or
 2. The pilot has flown a standard shape balloon in the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday competitions, the pilot’s scores will not count toward the overall score unless the pilot competes in the same Flight as he/she has flown Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Special Shape balloon pilot will need to obtain permission from the Event Director prior to launching from a location away from Balloon Fiesta Park.

F. Other Competitive Events: Individually Scored-Not Scored for Overall Competition

1. **Balloon Fiesta Hold'em™:** Competition will be held on Monday, October 4 and Tuesday, October 5 in conjunction with the FITs. Each participant will have the Ace, King, Queen of Hearts, and 8 and 9 of Clubs as “*common cards*”. You will complete your Hold'em hand by dropping two special **BLUE** baggies (markers) on two different cards that are located near the FIT targets. The pilot will receive a score only if the weighted portion of the marker comes to rest on the card. Pilots holding the same hand will divide the applicable prize. There will be a maximum of 15 winners on Monday and Tuesday. These results will not count toward the overall competition scores.

2. **Prize/Pole Grab Rules:** Pilots competing in these events will launch from a site of their choice, excluding PZs and SAs, at least one statute mile from the center of Balloon Fiesta Park-North. They will attempt to fly to the target area at Balloon Fiesta Park-North and retrieve envelopes for prizes or cash from the top of poles that are approximately 30 ft. high. Pilots may also compete in other competitive tasks as selected by the event officials in conjunction with the Prize Grab. In addition to the rules governing Balloon Fiesta Golf and Minimum Double Drop, the following rules are in effect during these competitions
 - a. Time of events: Thursday, October 7, 2010, and Friday, October 8, 2010, approximately 0800 to 1000 hours. **The event officially opens upon announcement by KKOB AM 770 and VHF radio.**
 - b. Only balloons and pilots officially registered for the 2010 AIBF may compete.
 - c. There will be two tasks being conducted simultaneously. The results from the Minimum Double Drop or Balloon Fiesta Golf will count toward the overall AIBF standings. Results of the Prize Grab events will have no effect on the overall AIBF standings.
 - d. Officials will be in the general launch areas to record violations of launch times and/or distance requirements.
 - e. At the morning's pilot briefing the Balloonmeister will announce the minimum distance (one to two miles) of the launch from the center of Balloon Fiesta Park-North.
 - f. Balloons may not touch the ground after launch prior to grabbing an envelope. Infringement of this rule will result in forfeiture of any prize won.
 - g. There will be up to five (5) poles in the target area. An envelope will be attached to the top of each pole. Capture of any envelope will earn the pilot a prize however only one envelope will contain the grand prize. Placement of the grand prize envelope will be random. If wind conditions permit, pilots may make multiple attempts to capture an envelope. However taking more than one envelope per pass disqualifies the pilot. Landing and re-launching is not allowed.

Two (2) poles will be erected at the beginning of the competition. Another pole will be erected every twenty minutes until all five poles have been erected. Additionally if the envelope is taken from any of the poles, another pole will be erected until all five poles have been erected.

- h. Attempts to remove prizes may not involve the use of any tool or capture device, and are limited to the hands of any person in the gondola with **each person keeping both feet on the floor of the gondola while attempting to remove the envelope.**
- i. Balloons may not receive physical assistance from the ground after launching.
- j. Landing or touching the ground in the target area or on Balloon Fiesta Park-North is not allowed. Pilots may not land on Balloon Fiesta Park-North until the Prize Grab competition has ended or it is safe to do so. Infringement of this rule will result in forfeiture of any prize won.
- k. Any balloon not competing in the flight competition is requested to remain clear of the contest area.
- l. When the event is canceled or has reached the target closing time, a smoke grenade will be ignited in the target area.

G. Scoring:

1. Pilots must fly the balloon in which they registered, and in the event and flight for which they are scheduled. If the pilot is registered in multiple balloons, once he/she has achieved a result in a particular balloon he/she may not compete in another balloon (except Special Shape Rodeo) without the specific written permission of the Event Director. Pilots may be disqualified if the size of his/her registered balloon is different than the size of the balloon actually flown.
2. All pilots will be supplied with barcoded stickers to be applied to their markers for competition. It is the pilot's responsibility to make sure the proper 2010 barcoded sticker with his/her information is on the end of the marker tail. **If the 2010 barcoded sticker is not on the marker the marker may not be scored.** As a safeguard against stickers coming off markers, pilots should print their name and competition number on the marker within 3" (inches) of the end of the tail.
3. Score tabulations will be computed using an algorithm that assigns points based on the distance of the marker from the potential best score and its relationship to other markers of the same event and flight. Only those markers landing within the scoring area will be measured.
4. Except for "Hold'em" and Minimum Double Drop tasks, only one marker **may** be dropped from the same balloon during the same event.
5. Since there are multiple targets and multiple flights, pilots will be scored with the pilots of their numbered flight.
6. When dropping a marker, the tail must be unrolled before it touches the ground. Failure to do so will result in the pilot receiving a penalty of up to 250 points.

7. Winners will be determined for each flight of each day's events and awarded medals. Ties will be broken by determining the least total distance (results) compiled by the tying pilots.
8. Unofficial competition scores will be posted at the Pilot Briefing Tower and at Pilot Headquarters by 1400 hours the day of the flight. Unless protested, the scores become official at 1100 hours the day following the flight. Official scores will be so indicated. Medals will not be given until the official scores are posted.
9. Balloons larger than 105,900 cubic feet, and pilots and crews contracted to the official ride concessionaire, are not eligible to compete in AIBF competitive events, with the exception of registered Special Shapes. Non-competing balloons are required to remain clear of the target areas.

H. Penalties: In addition to any penalty listed in these rules, the pilot violating a rule or provision may be required to forfeit any prizes won.

1. **Unspecified Penalties:** A pilot infringing any rule for which a penalty is not specified in the rules may be penalized by deduction of points or by disqualification from the task (refer to Section I).
2. **Dishonesty:** A pilot who deliberately attempts to deceive or mislead the officials or interfere with a pilot or his/her property, will be penalized up to 950 points and may be disqualified from the task or expelled from this event and/or future AIBF events.

I. Complaints and Protests:

1. A complaint is a request by a pilot to the Balloonmeister or his designated official to investigate any operational matter in which the pilot is dissatisfied.
2. A formal complaint must be in writing and will receive a written reply from the Balloonmeister or his designated official. The complaint must be submitted within five (5) hours of the unofficial results being posted. Once received, the complaint will be posted at Pilot Headquarters.
3. The unofficial results will be posted at the Pilot Headquarters, in the Landing, generally by 1400 hours of the day of the flight. Unless a complaint is filed which could affect the scores, they will become official by 1100 hours the day following the flight.
4. The Balloonmeister will review the complaint and will give a written decision by 1900 hours on the day the complaint is received or within three hours, whichever is later. The reply will be posted at Pilot Headquarters.
5. If dissatisfied with the Balloonmeister's decision, the pilot may protest to the Jury. The pilot must, within one hour of receiving the Balloonmeister's reply to his/her complaint, declare his/her intention to protest. This declaration must be in writing in English and accompanied by \$100 (USD) deposit. The written protest must be presented to the Balloonmeister within two hours of the *declaration of intent to protest*.

6. Written complaints, declarations of intention to protest, with deposit, and written protests shall be given to the Balloonmeister or his/her designated official who will record the time of receipt. The hours between 2100 and 0800 local time will be disregarded for the purpose of the time limits.
7. The protest will be forwarded to the Protest Jury.
8. A pilot who has protested must be available to make verbal presentation of his/her case to the Jury in addition to his/her written statement.
9. The Jury, consisting of three members of the AIBF Board of Directors, will convene to hear the protest. The decision of the Jury will be final.
10. All protests and decisions will be posted at Pilot Headquarters in the Landing.
11. The deposit will be returned only where a protest is upheld, or is withdrawn prior to the hearing by the Jury.

J. Shortened Time Limits

1. On the last day of competition, complaints must be made to the Balloonmeister within one hour of publication of the unofficial results for tasks published on the last day of the event.
2. On the last day of competition, protests must be made within one hour of the Balloonmeister's reply to the pilot's complaint being posted.

VIII. PROPANE

- A. Propane will be available at the propane site from 0900 to 1200 hours each day through Sunday, October 10, 2010. Propane will also be available following *Albuquerque Aloft*, *Twilight Twinkle Glow*, *Balloon Glow* and *Night Magic* and the evening *Special Shape Glowdeos* for balloons participating in those events. Times for these refueling activities will be published with each respective event's information.
- B. The adhesive numbers supplied with the basket banner must be affixed to a window of the chase vehicle and an official 2010 AIBF banner must be properly attached to the basket and displayed so that it can be easily read by the propane crew. Only the current year banner number is allowed to be affixed to the window of the chase vehicle.
- C. Propane will only be dispensed to holders of a properly validated barcoded propane card. The number on the propane card **MUST** match the number on the basket banner and adhesive numbers on the chase vehicle.
- D. Propane cards will be marked for each day's fuel. Pilots may not obtain unused allotments from previous days or events.
- E. No propane tanks other than **those properly mounted in the basket** for that particular balloon system may be taken into the refueling area. All other tanks **MUST** be left with the crew outside the propane refueling area. Only balloon tanks may be refueled. No other tanks will be filled (including trucks). Propane tanks used in gondolas constructed of solid plastic or fiberglass must be fueled outside the gondola.
- F. NO SMOKING OR STRIKERS IN THE FUELING AREA.**
- G. ALL FUELING PERSONNEL (CREW) MUST CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY MANNER WHILE IN THE PROPANE AREA.**
- H. All traffic will be one-way in the fueling area. The maximum speed while in the fueling area is 15 MPH.
- I. Only two persons per vehicle are permitted in the fueling area.
- J. No one under the age of fourteen will be allowed beyond in the fueling area under any circumstances.
- K. No one will be allowed inside the gondola, basket, or vehicle passenger compartment during fueling.
- L. All radios, tape decks, cellular phones, and other electronic devices must be turned off until the vehicles are completely outside the fueling area.
- M. Pilot lights and all other sources of ignition in recreational type vehicles must be turned off while in the fueling area.
- N. Vehicle engines must be turned off during fueling.
- O. The windows on both the driver's side and passenger's side must be lowered while in the fueling area. This is to facilitate communications between the driver and the propane crew.

- P. Pickups and trailers must have their tailgates lowered during fueling. Vans and enclosed trailers must have all doors open during fueling. Baskets should be removed from enclosed trailers or vans during fueling.
- Q. No nylon jackets may be worn in the fueling area. Flags must be taken down and stowed before entering the fueling area.
- R. Gondola covers must be lifted up at least 12 inches from the bottom, opened on one side, or completely removed prior to fueling.
- S. No animals or pets of any kind will be permitted in the fueling area.
- T. Vehicles will wait at staging area until directed to a fueling position by propane personnel.
- U. Only **experienced** personnel accompanying the balloon shall do the fueling. If there are no experienced personnel accompanying the balloon, it will not be fueled.
- V. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed anywhere on the fueling site. Persons believed to be intoxicated will not be allowed to fuel.
- W. Any exception to these propane rules must be approved by the propane supplier, or the Chief Safety Official.

Night Fueling Rules

- A. All general rules apply.
- B. Vehicle headlights will be turned off upon reaching STOP 1 and will remain off until the vehicle is totally clear of the fueling area except vehicles with “auto lights”.
- C. Only “hazardous location approved” trailer dome lights and “hazardous location approved” flashlights may be used during fueling.

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Mexico/Albuquerque Laws and Ordinances

Seat Belts: In the State of New Mexico, requirements for using seat belts differ based on the age of the passenger and where they are seated. The following are minimums:

1. Children up to 1 year old are required to be in a rear-facing restraint device.
2. Children ages 1 through 4 or who weigh less than 40 pounds must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device.
3. Children 5 and 6 years old or who weigh less than 60 pounds must be secured in a child booster seat or an appropriate child passenger restraint device.
4. Children 7 through 12 years old must be in a booster seat until they fit into an adult seat belt. A child is properly secured in an adult seat belt when the shoulder strap crosses the center of the child's chest, allowing the child to sit back against the vehicle seat with knees bent over the seat edge.

Pick-up Truck: NO ONE under the age of twenty-one (21) can ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck. During the City's hearings enacting this ordinance, there was a significant amount of information indicating that it is unsafe for anyone to ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck. Thus AIBF discourages any passengers in the back of a pick-up.

OPEN CONTAINER: In the State of New Mexico no person shall drink any alcoholic beverage, or have in his possession any container of alcohol which has been opened or had its seal broken while in a vehicle on a public highway. It is also unlawful for the registered owner of the vehicle to allow an open container of alcohol when the vehicle is on any public highway within the state.

Cell Phones: It is illegal in the City of Albuquerque to operate a hand-held cell phone while driving. Drivers must use a hands-free device or will be subject to fines and citations if cited by local law enforcement.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed in City Parks-Balloon Fiesta Park is a City Park.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC): Ensure you are appropriately licensed and that you operate all radios and communication devices in compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

The following information is supplied for information purposes only. The inclusion of this information does not imply an endorsement by AIBF.

Balloon Repair Stations:

AERCO: 523 Rankin NE, (505) 344-5844; Weekdays – 0900 to 1800 hours, weekends and after hours by appointment only.

BRADEN’S BALLOONS ALOFT: 3321 Princeton NE, (505) 306-7548 every day including Saturday and Sunday – 1000 to 1700 hours.

SUPERIAIRE TECHNOLOGIES: 121 Mountain Park Pl. NW, (505) 858-1685; Weekdays – 1000 to 1700 hours, weekends and after hours by appointment only.

Propane:

ATEX Oil Co: 7328 4th Street NW, (505) 897-7958, 0800 to 1700 hours, Monday through Friday, 0800 to 1200 hours Saturday, and closed Sunday.

CARLISLE PHILLIPS 66 SERVICE CENTER: I-40 and Carlisle, (505) 256-3808, 0700 to 2000 hours, everyday. Friday, October 1, 0700 to 2200 hours.

ORTEGA’S PROPANE: 3914 2nd St. NW, 505 345-4910, 0600 to 1700 hours, Monday through Friday, 0700 to 1700 hours Saturday, closed Sunday.

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