Balloon Federation Of America

HACD Newsletter

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US Nationals in Shreveport

The 2017 US Nationals Rules have been finalized and are available here: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/us-nationals/us-nationals-rules

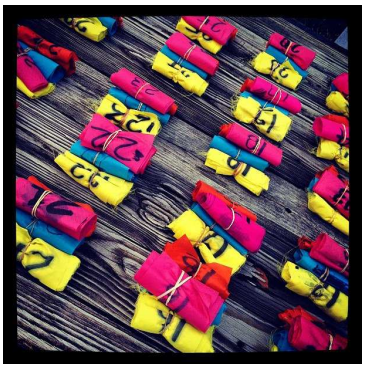
Pilots competing in the US Nationals should watch for Remind invitations to go out soon for US Nationals communications. Please remember to sign up with your cell phone number and not an email address.

In an effort to stay well clear of USAF approaches to Barksdale Air Force Base and also keep our competitors out of the downtown area at landing time, the Shreveport map is moving. The map will be reconfigured moving to the south and west. The exact changes are still under consideration.

The HACD is considering allowing a select number of international pilots to fly during the US Nationals. Their scores will not be included, nor will they be eligible for prize money. The intention is to fill the remaining spots available at the event, allow Shreveport extra marketing opportunities, as well as provide an opportunity for international pilots to fly against our best pilots. If you have any issues, questions, or concerns please contact US Nationals Championship Director Maury Sullivan or any other HACD Board member. Upon the conclusion of the 2018 event the Nationals will move to a new location. Shreveport has

welcomed ballooning back into the community and intends to host the SE Regional Championships for a three year run starting in 2019.

Future US Nationals Sites



The HACD Board is in the beginning process of finding a location for the 2019-2021 US Nationals. The Board has been in discussions with locations concerning potential bids. Letters of intent to bid are due by July 31st with the bid proposals to host the Championships are due by November 1st.

Please contact a Board member if you would like more information on submitting a bid, or see the HACD website: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/us-nationals/hosting-a-national-championship

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New Event Officials T-Shirt

The HACD has developed an event officials t-shirt which can be customized by events and ordered through the BFA Store. The back features a cool design, with the front left chest open to an event logo or the BFA logo. For ordering information contact Maury Sullivan.

Where Do I Find That?

Through the BFA website, the HACD has published a lot of information to members which may be useful. Here is a quick reference guide to some of the important information members can find on the BFA website.

HACD Operating

- The HACD landing page on the BFA website: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/divisions/competition
- The HACD Bylaws: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/hacd-home/hacd-by-laws-2
- HACD Board Contact Information: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/hacd-home/hacd-board-members-2
- List of Current HACD Members: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/hacd-home/hacd-members
- HACD Board Meeting Minutes (must be logged in to the website): https://bfa.net/index.php/hacd-home/board-meeting-minutes
- HACD Blog: https://bfa.net/index.php/blogs/us-competition-blog

HACD Pilots

- Competition Rules: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/tools-for-event-organizers/rulebook-2/2017-rules-and-regulations
- HACD Competition Events Listing: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/events5/competition-event-list
- The National Eligibility List: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/ranking/national-eligibility-ranking
- HACD Task Results - Results of all HACD competitions from 2009-2017! Also a good tool to use to find new competitive events to attend: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/ranking/task-results

HACD Events

- Sanction Application: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/tools-for-event-organizers/sanctioning
- Scoring Program: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/tools-for-event-organizers/bfa-scoring-program
- Balloon Event Guidelines: https://www.bfa.net/index.php/tools-for-event-organizers/balloon-event-guidelines

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BFA Shop

Online clothing Store to purchase items to support the division and Team USA:

https://phelpsusa.com/stores/usa-ballooning

US Nationals Trivia

The 2017 US National Championships is about two months away, test your knowledge on previous US Nationals by answering the trivia questions below. Look for the answers to appear in the blog section of the BFA/HACD website in the coming weeks.

- The first US National Hot Air Balloon Championship occurred in what city and state in 1963?
- From 1963-2016, how many times has a US National Championship not been held?
- Who is the only pilot to have won 5 US National Championships in 5 different cities?
- Who is the only pilot to have ever won three straight US National Championships?
- Who has won the most number of US National Championships?

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