



# Balloon Federation Of America



## HACD Newsletter January 2, 2020



### HACD Board Face to Face Meeting

The HACD Board met this December in Punta Gorda, FL, for their annual face to face meeting. The following newsletter outlines many of the topics that were discussed there. Please look for the minutes of this meeting to be posted on [the BFA web site](#) to see the full meeting topics and decisions.

### U.S. National Championship Scottsbluff, NE August 11-16, 2020

We are excited to return to Scottsbluff for the 2020 National Hot Air Balloon Championship. This year's event will have an international flair. We will include international pilots to fill the field to 50 if 50 U.S. pilots do not attend. The field will compete for the International Challenge Trophy and the U.S. pilots will also compete for the National Championship. This will be an exciting event that all should attend. Stand by for more information on [the BFA web site](#).

### Women's Nationals Brookfield, MO September 3- 7, 2020

The HACD is excited to announce that the US Women's Nationals will once again be held in Brookfield, MO, in 2020! Green Hills Ballooning Inc. will once again be putting on a great event. Competitors please look for important information coming in the next few months on [the BFA website](#) and [the Women's Nationals Facebook page](#).

### JR National Championship Longview, TX

## **June 19-21, 2020**

The HACD is excited to announce this year the Great Texas Balloon Race will be hosting the first ever US JR National Hot Air Balloon Championship! As many of you know last year was GTBR's first year of their Young Guns program. This was such a success that the event decided to take the event one competitive step further and make it a national championship!

## **FAI Update**

The 2022 World Air Games scheduled to be flown in September 2022 has been canceled. At this time there will be bids accepted for the 2022 World Championship and World Air Games. The deadline for these bids is March 2021.

Women's Worlds : Naleczow, Poland : August 11-15, 2020

Women's Worlds : Australia, August : 28-September 4, 2021

Junior Worlds (bid pending) : Leszno, Poland : September 6-11, 2021

World Championship : Murska Sobota, Solvenia : September 19-26, 2020

64th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett : Wroclaw, Poland : August 28-September 4, 2020

## **Rules Changes for 2020**

We always try to highlight the rules changes that will most affect pilots throughout the next flying season. This year there were no major rules changes that will affect pilots at events. A few areas where you will find changes are:

1. Section II goal selection
2. Section III Conduct
3. Appendix A Code of Conduct

We always encourage members to read through and understand all the rules but these areas you may want to make sure to look at.

## **New JR Membership Fees**

The HACD has put into place a new fee structure for JR members. Anyone under the age of 30 at the start of the calendar year may purchase a JR membership for \$35.00. This membership grants you all the privileges of membership: NEL recognition, competing at state, regional, and national levels, and world team selection. So JR's make sure to take advantage of the new payment structure!

## **Life Memberships**

Life memberships will once again be available! To follow the BFA and other divisions the HACD Board has put into place a permanent life membership option. For \$550.00 you may become a life time pilot member to the division. For \$150.00 you may become a life time officials member. Please consider this as you renew your membership this year.

## **Document Management System**

The BFA is in the process of putting together a system that would allow pilots to fill in all pertinent information needed by hot air balloon events. This database then could be accessed by events instead of the pilots filling out multiple applications for the events they attend. This database is still under construction. We will update you on the database and its progress.

## **We Need Your Input**

The HACD Board conducts conference calls when discussion is needed or decisions need to

be made. We would like to provide you the opportunity to be a part of these calls. The Board will publish the agenda and the conference call times at least a week prior to the date of the call. Call-ins will be scheduled the first 15 minutes of each conference call. Here is how you can participate:

- Email Jason Jones ([jnsy588@aol.com](mailto:jnsy588@aol.com)) to be placed on the docket of speakers.
- Each speaker will be allowed to talk for 3 minutes.
- The speaker must speak to a topic on the agenda.

At the end of the speaker's 3 minutes we will go to the next speaker. We hope that this opportunity will be one you will take advantage of and that all members feel they have a voice in the HACD. We encourage you to work with your regional representative with concerns you have as well.

## Events in 2020

As the new competition season get under way please remember there are several things you can do to help use promote your event.

- Contact the HACD so we can place your event on the web site as an event flying tasks for the NEL.
- The HACD needs your event to meet certain requirements for state and regional championships. The HACD is more than willing to help you make this happen.
- Scores need to be emailed to Jason Jones ([jnsy588@aol.com](mailto:jnsy588@aol.com)) or Drew Egerton ([slowburnballoon@gmail.com](mailto:slowburnballoon@gmail.com)) within 2 weeks of the end of the event.

***The HACD Board would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a safe flying season. Please contact your representative with any questions you have. We look forward to seeing you at events around the country!***

## Email Us!

Ideas, questions, comments, anything: [hacd@bfa.net](mailto:hacd@bfa.net)

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