

Response to Complaint from Competitor #09 (Aline Kalousdian)

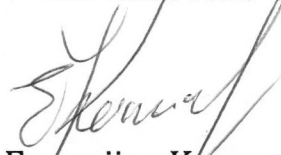
In response to your complaint and request to be awarded compensation points according to Rule 10.1.5, my answer is as follows:

I will not award you compensation points under Rule 10.1.5 as I believe this Rule relates to collisions in flight, and more importantly to situations where the affected pilot could do nothing to avoid the incident. In this particular matter, neither of these criteria are met.

Having spoken to yourself and to pilot #8, I believe the pilots involved had time and opportunity to resolve any potential conflict prior to the start of the launch period, by discussing the situation with each other. If you were unable to resolve the situation amongst yourselves you could have asked myself or another official to assist.

In my opinion, the damage to your balloon was as a result of three (balloons) attempting to inflate in close proximity to each other. The damage could have been avoided, as indicated above.

For this reason I have decided to warn the three pilots involved under Rule 2.12 Conduct (inconsiderate behaviour).



Eugenijus Komars
Event Director

11:45 09/08/2018

11:00 09/08/2018

Eugeniusz Jozef
Glewe

COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY
Wojciech Kozłowski

Naleczow, Poland

09th August 2018

To Event Director ~~and Official Jury~~

I am writing this complaint in order to explain why I aborted my afternoon take off.

Yesterday (08/08/2018) during the briefing we were set to start at CLP 02. All the pilots drove down to the common launch area and each one searched their best spot. After choosing my spot, I began the normal procedure to take off. Other pilots approached and also started to build up their balloons.

My envelope and the one of competitor #08 were being filled with cold air at the same time. Competitor #08 saw that my envelope was near her fan. She warned me and I stayed there with my crew. For seeing the possibility of an accident, with the fabric of my envelope being pulled into the fan and ripped, I turned her fan off. This was the time that she was already heating the cold air inside the balloon with her burner. As I turned her fan off, I asked to my crew turn off my fan. He did it. Meanwhile, the competitor number 08 turned her fan on again. I did not had time to pull my parachute. There fore, my envelope was ripped.

As a result, the envelope had a hole close to the equator. To guarantee my safety, I went to talk to the organization. They declared that I could not take off.

It was taken from me the chance to fly due to irresponsibility from another competitor.

In face of the current situation, I only ask for what is fair:

1) That I be awarded in the tasks 13 (XDD) and 14 (H2W) with an average / medium score.

According to rule to the Chapter 10 - Flight Rules, section 10.1.5, "in the case the competitor suffering the collision is not able to fly further tasks ~~in that flight~~ after the collision, the Director may award him points for the last tasks in that flight"

I am aware that the specific rule applies to "Midair Collision", but I did not even have the chance to take off. My fate was to stay on the ground, even though I chose that launch position before competitor #08.

So, I kindly ask to the ~~jury~~ event director to analyse this situation.

Thank you for your attention,

Aline Kalousdian (Competitor #09)

AAK. (2/2)