



**Turkish Aeronautical Association
16th Turkish Open Hanggliding
Cross Country Championship**



Dates: 29 August 2024 – 01 September, 2024

Location: İnönü/ESKİŞEHİR / TURKEY

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1. PURPOSE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

To provide pilots with competition experience, facilitate knowledge sharing among pilots during the competition, and ensure that all athletes learn the FAI competition rules. For Turkish pilots to improve their scores and advance to higher levels in the global hang gliding pilot rankings and national rankings is aimed.

2. ORGANIZER

2.1. The 16th Turkish Open Hang Gliding Distance Championship is organized by the Turkish Aeronautical Association.

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2.2. Competition Name: 16th Turkish Open Hang Gliding Distance Championship

2.3. Competition Dates: August 29 – September 1, 2024

2.4. Competition Venue: İnönü / ESKİŞEHİR

2.5. All information related to the championship, including bulletins and national competition rules, will be published on THK's website.

3. OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PROGRAM

3.1. Official Championship Personnel:

- Competition Director: Kamil DEMİRKAN
- Other officials' details are provided in Appendix A.

3.2. General Program:

- Final Registration Deadline: August 26, 2024
- Registration: August 28, 2024
- Training Flights: August 26-27, 2024
- Official Training Flight: August 28, 2024
- End of Registration: August 27, 2024 (17:00)
- Competition Flights: August 29 – September 1, 2024
- Closing and Award Ceremony: September 1, 2024

4. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

4.1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the main principles set forth in Section-7A of the FAI Hang Gliding Sporting Code and the National Competition Rules. The National Competition Rules are available on the website.

4.2. Any changes to the rules will be presented to all competitors during the general briefing before the competition begins. The rules determined at the briefing will remain in effect until the competition comes to an end.

4.3. The championship will be held in the distance category.

4.4. Evaluations will be based on the total points accumulated from the daily tasks assigned during the competition.

4.5. If the number of competitors is 5 or fewer, the competition will proceed, but no Turkish Champion will be declared.

4.6. Competitor numbers issued to competitors, who approved by the organizer will be affixed to the underside of the Hang Glider.

4.8. If a hang glider already has a number affixed which does not violate standards, this may be accepted by the organizer.

5. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

5.1. Pilots participating in the competition must hold at least an FAI H-4 level license.

5.2. Required Equipment for Pilots:

- Hang glider and emergency parachute approved by the organizer
- Hang glider helmet
- Radio (144–146 MHz amateur band)
- GPS

5.3. The FAI Hang Gliding Sports Code and National Rules must be known by all athletes before the competition.

5.4. Pilots with a hang glider pilot certificate participating in the competition will be provided with an FAI sports license by THK upon request, for a fee.

5.5. Those who do not submit the application form or have incomplete documents by August 26, 2024, will not be allowed to participate. Any issues encountered will be decided by the organizer.

6. ENTRY FEES

6.1. The participation fee for the competition is set at 1,000 TL or 30 €

6.2. Meals will be provided by the organizer, and transportation services, such as transport to the launch site and collection from the landing areas, will be provided within available means.

7. INSURANCE

7.1. Competitors must present a valid insurance certificate at the time of registration.

7.2. It is recommended that competitors obtain personal accident insurance covering hang gliding flights. THK assumes no responsibility in this regard. Pilots without General Health Insurance (SGK, Retirement Fund, Bağkur) are required to obtain this personal accident insurance.

8. REGISTRATION

8.1. Each competitor must visit the registration office, submit the necessary documents, and receive a competition number to complete registration.

8.2. Competitors will use the hang glider specified at registration during the competition. However, in cases of damage or malfunction, changes may be made with the approval of the competition director.

8.3. Required documents for registration:

- 2 passport-sized photos (if a sports license is requested)
- General Health Insurance (Personal Accident Policy)
- Personal accident insurance policy
- Technical details of the hang glider to be used in the competition (Appendix D)
- Declaration

9. BRIEFINGS

9.1. Daily briefings will be held before each training and competition flight to provide meteorological information and details about the day's flight tasks.

9.2. All competing pilots are required to attend the briefings.

9.3. All safety aspects related to flight will be explained in accordance with the principles outlined in the national rules during the briefing.

10. CHAMPIONSHIP TASKS

10.1. Championship tasks will involve distance flights, depending on meteorological conditions. The characteristics of the flight tasks will be defined according to the rules in Section-7A of the Sports Code and the national rules.

10.2. Tasks will not be canceled once flights have started unless for a mandatory reason.

11. FLIGHT SAFETY AND SECURITY

11.1. Each pilot must fly within the limits specified in the hang glider's airworthiness certificate (if provided by the manufacturer) or flight manual.

11.2. Each competitor must avoid maneuvers that could be harmful to other competitors and ground personnel. Penalty points will be given based on the severity of the infraction if such actions are detected.

11.3. During flight tasks, thermal turn directions (right or left) will be predetermined and announced during briefings. Each competitor must strictly adhere to this rule.

11.4. Pilots ready for takeoff must not proceed if they have any doubts about the structural integrity of the aircraft and must cancel the takeoff by informing the takeoff official.

11.5. Any damage to the hang glider during the competition must be reported to the organizer without delay. Hang gliders can continue in the competition after repairs. After repairs, the competitor must inform the organizer.

11.6. Detailed safety information is provided in the relevant sections of the Sports Code, and the organizer may issue additional safety rules.

11.7. Hang glider flights will start 30 minutes after sunrise and finish 30 minutes before sunset. Cloud flying and aerobatics are strictly prohibited. Competitors found violating this rule may be disqualified.

12. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, AND PENALTIES

12.1. Since the championship rules are prepared in accordance with the Sports Code Section-7A and National Rules, the competition director may impose penalties for rule violations. The nature of the penalty ranges from minimum point loss to disqualification, depending on the rule violated.

12.2. The purpose of complaints is to rectify issues without requiring a formal appeal.

12.3. Complaints and appeals must be submitted in writing to the competition director. They should be made within 2 hours after the announcement of provisional results. The competition director will review the complaints and appeals. Pilots dissatisfied with the results have the right to protest. Protests must be submitted in writing along with a protest fee (1,000 TL) within 2 hours after the result is announced. The competition director will promptly present each protest to the jury chairman. The jury must make a final decision within 12 hours. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded.

12.4. Appeals against the competition rules as specified in the Sports Code and National Rules are not permitted.

13. CLOSING CEREMONY

13.1. The closing and award ceremony for the 16th Turkish Open Hang Gliding Championship will be held on September 1, 2024.

13.2. Detailed information regarding the closing ceremony will be provided to participants during registration.

14. OTHER MATTERS

14.1. Competitors participating with individual sponsors must ensure that advertisements do not cover the competition number on the hang glider. Those wishing to participate with sponsors must consult with the THK Organizing Committee at least 5 days before the competition.

14.2. Unofficial results of the competitions will be posted daily on the notice board after the completion of tasks. Final results will be determined and announced within 24 hours at the latest (excluding appeals).

14.3. Evaluations are based on the accumulation of daily task scores. The competitor with the highest total score will be declared the champion.

14.4. Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top-ranking competitors, and medals will be given to teams.

List of Officials

No	Position	Name
1	Competition Director	Kamil DEMİRKAN
2	Jury Chairman	Ziya Bayezid YILDIRIM
3	Launch Judge	
4	Goal Officer	
5	Scoring Judge	
6	Transportation Officer	
7	Test Pilot	

Other Officials

No	Position	Name
8	Meteorologist	
9	Doctor	
10	Search/Rescue Officer	
11	Driver	
12	Driver	

NB: The competition officials will be determined one day before the event.

**16TH TURKEY OPEN HANG GLIDING DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICATION DATE:

CERTIFICATE/LICENSE NO:

CERTIFICATE/LICENSE DATE:

NAME/SURNAME / BLOOD TYPE:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NO:

FAX NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

NATIONALITY:

GENDER: M / F

OCCUPATION:

EDUCATION:

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS (Specify in terms of sorties and hours.) :

TYPES OF HANG GLIDERS FLOWN:

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

- I will participate with my own sponsor.
- Organizer may accept advertising.
- I do not want advertising.

**TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE HANG GLIDER
TO BE USED IN THE COMPETITION**

HANG GLIDING BRAND:

HANG GLIDING MODEL:

YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS:

WEIGHT LIMITS OF THE HANG GLIDER:

SPEED LIMITS OF THE HANG GLIDER:

SURFACE AREA:

PILOT NAME AND SURNAME		SIGNATURE	
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