



## FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SOARING MODEL AIRCRAFT (Class F3J)

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Johannesburg, South Africa

### Preliminary Information Document

This information document precedes the official Bulletin 1 which will be made available after approval by the CIAM at the beginning of December 2011.

The 2012 F3J World Championships is being organised by the **Model Glider Association of South Africa**, from 6 to 12 August 2012 and will be preceded by the SOS Children's Villages (SA) F3J pre-contest on Fri 3 and Sat 4 August 2012. The contest will be held at the GEMS model gliding field, East of Johannesburg, approximately 28 km from the Johannesburg International Airport and 20 km from the official hotel. It will be the end of winter so the field will not be as beautiful and green as the picture below.



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**Organisation**

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[www.f3jsouthafrica.co.za](http://www.f3jsouthafrica.co.za) which is currently under construction.

Information on internet access both at the field and hotels will follow in official bulletins.

**Contest Schedule (Preliminary)**

Date	Activity
3-4 August 2012 Friday-Saturday	* SOS Children's Village (SA) F3J Pre-contest
5 August 2012 Sunday	Registration, Model Processing and Opening Ceremony
6 -10 August 2012 Monday-Friday	2012 F3J World Championships Days
11 August 2012 Saturday	2012 F3J World Championships Fly-off's and Banquet
12 August 2012 Sunday	Departure Date

\* Entry forms and fees for the Pre-Contest will be distributed in official bulletins.

**FAI Jury**

Preliminary jury members still be to approved by CIAM - Tomáš Bartovský (Czech Republic), Patrik Michnáč (Slovak Republic), Lionel Brink (South Africa) with reserve jury member Raymond Pavel (Luxembourg).

**Flying site facilities**

The following facilities will be available at the flying site during the competition:

- Tent facilities
- Ground anchor/stake
- Toilet facilities
- Catering (refer to meals above)
- Paramedic services
- Security
- 220V electricity

**Meals**

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotels. Lunch will be available at the field by prior arrangement, prices and menu to follow. Approximate costs of meals and drinks will be included in official bulletins for budget purposes.

Drinks, water, snacks and light meals will be available on the field.

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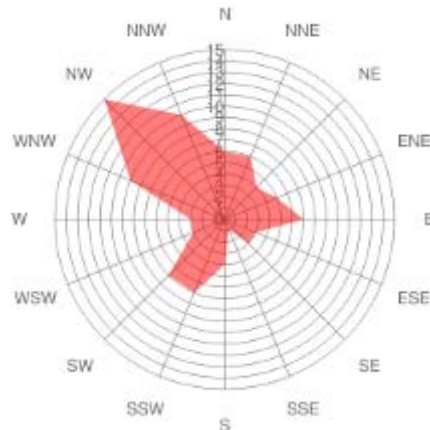


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**Weather conditions**

Description	Specifications
Co-ordinates	S 25° 59' 44.17"      E 28° 21' 59.38"
Altitude	Approx 1600 m / 4800 ft
Sunrise	6:45 am
Sunset	5:45 pm
Ave Min / Max Temp	6 °C / 19 °C for the month of August (average air temp 16°C)
Ave Rainfall	6 mm for the month of August
Wind Statistics	28% probability of NW wind of 9 Knots (4.63m/s) <a href="http://www.windfinder.com/windstats/windstatistic_Johannesburg_or_tambo_airport.htm">http://www.windfinder.com/windstats/windstatistic_Johannesburg_or_tambo_airport.htm</a>



**Wind Direction Distribution - August (%)**

**Official Language**

The official language of the competition, publications and results will be English.

**Competition Rules**

The SOS Children's Villages (SA) pre-contest and the World Championships will be run according to the most recent FAI Sporting Code – Section 4, Aeromodelling.

**Entry fees**

Senior Team Manager	€250
Senior Pilot	€250
Junior Team Manager	€150
Junior Pilot	€150
Helpers (including tow men)	€50
Media and official supporters	€50

**Deadlines**

Preliminary Entry	1 September 2011 - 1 February 2012
Official Entry	1 February 2012 - 1 April 2012

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**Payments**

Banking details will follow in Bulletin 1.

**Frequencies**

Competitors are requested to provide three South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) accepted/ Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) approved frequencies on their entry forms.

27 MHz band for model control. Shared with surface vehicles, toys, etc.		35 MHz band for Model Aircraft control only (The FIRST & LAST six frequencies may affect each other in the 35MHz band in older single- conversion receivers)				53 MHz band for model control. Shared with radio amateurs	
4	26.995	61	35.010	86	35.260	31	53.300
5	27.005	62	35.020	87	35.270	32	53.350
6	27.015	63	35.030	88	35.280	33	53.400
7	27.025	64	35.040	89	35.290	34	53.450
8	27.035	65	35.050	90	35.300	35	53.500
9	27.045	66	35.060	91	35.310	36	53.550
10	27.055	67	35.070	92	35.320	37	53.600
11	27.065	68	35.080	93	35.330	38	53.650
12	27.075	69	35.090	94	35.340	39	53.700
13	27.085	70	35.100	95	35.350	40	53.750
14	27.095	71	35.110	96	35.360	41	53.800
15	27.105	72	35.120	97	35.370	42	53.850
16	27.115	73	35.130	98	35.380	43	53.900
17	27.125	74	35.140	99	35.390		
18	27.135	75	35.150	100	35.400	<b>54 MHz band for model control</b>	
19	27.145	76	35.160	101	35.410	46	54.450
20	27.155	77	35.170	102	35.420	47	54.500
21	27.165	78	35.180	103	35.430	48	54.550
22	27.175	79	35.190	104	35.440		
23	27.185	80	35.200	105	35.450		
24	27.195	81	35.210	106	35.460		
		82	35.220	107	35.470		
		83	35.230	108	35.480		
		84	35.240	109	35.490		
		85	35.250	110	35.500		

- 2.4 GHz band at 100mW maximum radiating power

**Protest fee**

All protests must be presented in writing to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of **€35**. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.





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### **Awards**

FAI diplomas and FAI medals will be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third (senior and junior classification) and to the teams (including the team-manager) placed first, second and third (senior and junior team placing).

### **No fly zones and safety areas**

No restricted flying areas will be in place for this contest. Competitors are reminded to restrict overflying the spectator/catering area and the nearby farm house and are asked to maintain a height of at least 3m over the highest point over these areas. No landing is permitted within the spectator/catering area, the launch corridor, across tow lines or other safety areas and safety penalties will be applied at the CD's discretion. A diagram of the field layout and safety areas will be included in official bulletins.

### **Advertising, Marketing, Sponsorship and Donations**

The MGA would like to offer you the opportunity to market your company or products during the preparations for the World Championships as well as during the event. Please select items which interest you and email your request to [michelle@murdoog.co.za](mailto:michelle@murdoog.co.za) so that the organisers can send you more information in this regard.

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Overall Sponsor</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Company logo present on all official correspondence, web pages, clothing, gift bags, advertising boards, television coverage including advertising space for specific products and gazebo during the World Championships |
| <b>Event Sponsors</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Ceremony<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment during event<br><input type="checkbox"/> Banquet  |
| <b>Item Sponsors</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Packs including branded bag<br><input type="checkbox"/> Official clothing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Digital time displays<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo's or tents   |
| <b>Team Sponsor</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship of specific team<br>Description (eg Czech Juniors): _____  |
| <b>Product Stand</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3x3m gazebo during the World Championships   |
| <b>Donations</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation to SOS Children's Villages (South Africa)   |

### **Tow-men**

The organisers will make every reasonable attempt to assist teams by arranging English speaking tow-people for hire during the World Championships, however teams should indicate that they would like towers well in advance (as per their Preliminary Entry) and it remains the individual teams responsibility to ensure that they can spend some time practicing with their tow-men before the event. Costs and arrangements in this regard will be outlined in official bulletins.

### **Anti-doping**

If any competitor has to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited list for a medical condition, then they must have a Therapeutic Use Exemption from the FAI – this documentation must be made immediately available to the Contest Director if requested.

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**Visa requirements**

If you hold a national passport (diplomatic, official or ordinary) or a travel document for the any one of the following listed countries / territories / international organisations, you will not need to apply for a visa before arriving at a South African port of entry if you intend to stay for less than 30 or 90 days (see table below). We recommend verifying all travel arrangements and documents with your local travel representatives.

LESS THAN 90 DAYS			LESS THAN 30 DAYS	
African Union Laissez Passer	Greece	San Marino	Antigua and Barbuda	Malawi
Andorra	Iceland	Singapore	Barbados	Maldives
Argentina	Ireland	Spain	Belize	Mauritius
Australia	Israel	St Vincent & the Grenadines	Benin	Mozambique
Austria	Italy	Sweden	Bolivia	Namibia
Belgium	Jamaica	Switzerland	Cape Verde	Peru
Botswana	Japan	Tanzania (90 days per year from 1 November 2010)	Costa Rica	Poland
Brazil	Liechtenstein	United Kingdom of Great Britain	Cyprus	Seychelles
Canada	Luxemburg	Northern Ireland	Gabon	Slovak Republic
Chile	Malta	British Islands of Bailiwick, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands	Guyana	South Korea (Republic)
Czech Republic	Monaco	British Overseas Territories namely: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island, Gough Island and Tristan da Cuna), Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Island	Hong Kong (only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports)	Swaziland
Denmark	Netherlands	Uruguay	Hungary	Thailand
Ecuador	New Zealand	Venezuela	Jordan	Turkey
Finland	Norway	United States of America	Lesotho	Zambia
France	Paraguay	Zimbabwe	Macau (only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports (MSAR))	
Germany	Portugal		Malaysia	

**Insurance**

Competitors will be covered by the SAMAA insurance for the World Championship and pre-contest however we require further travel and medical insurance. The organisers require a copy of such travel and medical insurance by 1 July 2012, for our records. Further details on the amount and type of insurance will be included in official bulletins.

**Transport**

The organisers hope to supply bus or mini-van transport for competitors but this depends on fund raising. If you would like to hire a vehicle, we suggest [www.traveljigsaw.co.za](http://www.traveljigsaw.co.za) who are agents for all the car hire companies and usually offer better rates than booking directly.

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### Accommodation

Two official venues for accommodation are currently selected and are positioned next door to each other for easy team meetings. Other accommodation is available nearby which will be added once we have negotiated better rates and inspected them personally. Final rates will follow in the official bulletins.

Please note that the official hotel has offered us excellent discounts on their normal rates and includes a full buffet dinner each evening. Bookings must be done with the reference number to ensure the quoted rate.

***!! Please let the organisers know which of the two official hotels you are considering so we can make a block booking and start reserving rooms for you. !!***

***\*\*\*If you find some other accommodation you would like to use, please email their details to us so we can check the quality of the accommodation.***

- **Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre** <http://www.kopanong.co.za>  
Rates R620 (approximately Euro 60-65 depending on exchange rate) per person sharing for **dinner, bed and breakfast**. Please let me know asap if you want me to reserve space for you.  
This is the official hotel and banquet venue.

The Kopanong Estate is comprised of 80 fully detached Villas or chalets. Each chalet consists of three individual rooms with private entrances, which can on request be opened up via inter-leading doors for use of the entire chalet. All the luxury air conditioned rooms are equipped with telephone, TV with national stations plus four DSTV channels, tea & coffee making facilities and a wall mounted safe in each bedroom. Upon your request they will stock the bar fridge and supply a hairdryer. Three disabled friendly twin rooms as well as smoking and non-smoking rooms are available upon request.

- **The Devonshire Lodge** <http://www.thedevonshirelodge.co.za>  
The Devonshire Lodge is next door to the Kopanong Hotel and has 9 Double Rooms and 7 other rooms available. More rooms are being constructed at this time. Please quote reference QT045.  
Dinner separate R80 per person  
Double Rooms: R300 (approximately Euro 30) per person including breakfast  
Other Rooms: 3-5 people sharing with a bathroom (double bunk beds): R250 per person incl. breakfast  
8-10 people sharing with a bathroom (double bunk beds): R200 per person incl. breakfast

Further negotiations and inspections are still to be done with the following nearby accommodation and more will be added in Bulletin 1:

- The Lazy Grape Guest Lodge and Spa <http://www.lazygrape.co.za>
- Glen Gory Manor <http://www.glengorymanor.co.za>
- Inathi Guest House <http://www.inathiguesthouse.co.za>

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**Preliminary Entry Form (email to michelle@murdoog.co.za)**

**Deadline 1 February 2012**

<b>Country</b>			
<b>Team Manager</b>			
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Team*</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>	
<b>Pilot 1</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>FAI No:</b>
<b>Frequencies</b>	1	2	3
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Pilot 2</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>FAI No:</b>
<b>Frequencies</b>	1	2	3
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Pilot 3</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>FAI No:</b>
<b>Frequencies</b>	1	2	3
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Defending WC</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>FAI No:</b>
<b>Frequencies</b>	1	2	3
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Tow-men</b>	<b>Name:</b>		
	<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Helpers</b>	<b>Name:</b>		
	<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Official Press</b>	<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Publication</b>			
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Hiring Tow men</b>	<b>Are you interested in hiring tow-men in SA?*</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	<b>How many?</b>		
<b>Accommodation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kopanong</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Devonshire</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>

\* Please circle the option which is applicable for your entry

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