

# Participant Rules for Beach Blast 2017

Panama City Beach, FL and the Beach Blast staff welcome you to Beach Blast 2017! We are excited to bring you this spectacular Powered Paragliding event on the white sandy beaches of Florida. We expect everyone to have a great time in a warm (literally) and welcoming environment with terrific flying, the world's leading Paramotor and Paragliding manufacturers and loads of fun for Pilots and their families.

In order to ensure the safety of our Pilots, Vendors & the Public and in accordance with Panama City Beach local ordinances, we must insist that participants abide by the following rules. Some rules that are new this year have been mandated by city ordinances. Rules mandated by city ordinances are noted with a ♦. Your understanding and compliance with these rules is highly appreciated by the staff, guests, the hotel management and residents of Panama City Beach.

- Do not start any motor on the pool deck
- Do not prop start any motor
- Do not fly low over people whether on land or in water
- Do not fly behind the condos
- Tandem flights must be authorized by the Event Director
- ♦ You may not launch from the LZ without a registered wristband and wing ID numbered flag
- Pilots must receive clearance from an LZ official to launch
- Pilots must, upon receiving clearance to launch and in the most prudent manner, exit the LZ in the opposite direction of the landing zone. If you wish to turn back towards the landing zone, attain a 500 foot altitude before doing so.
- Do not fly over the city buildings at any altitude
- Clear all turns
- When meeting a pilot head on, stay to the right
- Do not empty sand from wings onto the pool deck
- Pilot briefings are mandatory
- All Pilots must operate in a safe and prudent manner at all times
- Respect all families, pilots and guests
- Beach Blast senior staff reserves the right to refuse registration to any pilot if deemed necessary for the viability and/or safety of the event.

Pilot sanctioning:

- ♦ First Violation: One daylight hour grounding.
- ♦ Second Violation: 12 Daylight hours grounding.
- ♦ Third Violation: Expulsion from the event, in each case regardless of whether the violations are of the same provision.
- ♦ Violations that, in the judgment of the LZ Director or Event Director, are imminently dangerous to the public may have sanctioning escalated.

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City ordinances requires that the following rules are also included in this document and are followed by event participants:

- ◆ The Event Organizer shall register each pilot participating in the event, and maintain records of the conduct of the event, in sufficient detail to permit the Police Department to identify the pilot of a particular Powered Paraglider in flight through a photograph identifying the wing coupled with the time and place the photograph was taken. No pilot shall participate in an event, and the Event Organizer shall not register a pilot unless:
  1. **The pilot shall** provide the Event Organizer documentation that he or she **holds a current PPG II rating** or an equivalent rating by an equivalent rating organization;
  2. **The pilot shall provide the Event Organizer a current driver's license** or other picture identification showing the pilot's permanent address **which the Event Organizer shall copy**;
  3. The pilot shall have signed a certification that he or she has received a copy and has read, understands and will comply with and be governed by the event rules promulgated and enforced by the Event Organizer; and
  4. The forgoing documents shall be available to the City upon request at all times during and for a period of thirty (30) days after the event.
- ◆ **Each pilot** shall register with the Event Organizer as required by this Article and **shall fly only a wing registered to that pilot with the Event Organizer**. A single wing may be registered to not more than three (3) pilots.
- ◆ Every takeoff and landing area is delineated and marked with at least two (2) red traffic cones not less than eighteen (18) inches high and continuously monitored with two (2) safety supervisors at all times that the landing zone is available to the Powered Paragliders participating in the event. **Take offs and landings from a landing zone not in compliance with this subsection is prohibited.**
- ◆ **All participants in the event shall operate at an altitude of:**
  - **Not less than five hundred (500) feet everywhere within the City except over the waters of the Gulf of Mexico** and except for take-off and landings which shall be made in the most direct and prudent manner, and
  - **Not less than two hundred (200) feet above Gulf of Mexico within three hundred (300) horizontal feet of the shoreline.**
- ◆ It shall be unlawful for any pilot participating in a Powered Paraglider Event to take-off or continue to operate (other than to immediately land) a powered paraglider with knowledge that any pilot participating in the event has flown below the ceilings established by this Article or has flown a wing not registered to that pilot, until the pilot with such knowledge shall have informed the Event Organizer of the violation and the identity or description of the pilot in violation.
- ◆ It shall be unlawful for any pilot participating in an event to take-off or, unless necessary for safety reasons, to land in a landing zone which is not properly marked and monitored.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and fully understand each of the rules stated above and the sanctioning process. I agree that, should it become necessary to remove me from the event, I will not attempt to launch from any site in the City of Panama City Beach or Bay County, Florida. I agree to report any violations with Pilot's wing number to Beach Blast Staff.

Pilot's printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot's signature and date \_\_\_\_\_