

Paragliding World Cup Bulgaria 2026 - Swiss Team Report 🇨🇭

Event: PWCA Bulgaria 2026 | Location: Sopot, Bulgaria | Dates: Sep 7 - 11, 2026 | Swiss Delegation: 5 Pilots | Total Field: 70 Pilots (24 Nations)

1. Executive Summary & Highlights

- 🏆 **Task 4 Victory:** Noé Court stormed to victory in Task 4 (56.98 km) with 998.5 points, using superior leading points (160.4) to take 1st place.
- 🥈 **Task 2 Podium:** Stephan Morgenthaler claimed 2nd place in Task 2 (84.59 km, stopped task) with 995.6 points, flying the maximum distance of any pilot on the day and missing the win by only 1.7 points.
- 🥉 **Task 3 Podium:** Stephan Morgenthaler followed up with 3rd place in Task 3 (53.70 km) scoring 918.3 points, crossing ESS just 6 seconds behind the winner.
- 🥈 **Team Silver Medal:** Team JACK & JONES (featuring Swiss pilots Bruno Liard, Stephan Morgenthaler, and Simon Steiner, alongside Johannes Baumgarten) captured 2nd place overall in the international team competition with 7,485.3 points, including a decisive Task 2 victory (1,974.4 points) and 2nd place in Task 3.
- 🌟 **Pack Depth:** 4 of the 5 Swiss pilots finished inside the Top 25 overall (#15 Bruno Liard, #19 Stephan Morgenthaler, #23 Simon Steiner, and #24 Tim Rochas).
- 🌍 **Nation Power Ranking:** Switzerland ranked 2nd in the world by Top-3 pilot average score (2783.9 points), trailing only France.

2. Overall Individual Standings (Swiss Pilots)

Scoring applies PWC Fixed Total Validity (FTV) rules; strikethrough denotes dropped or partially dropped scores:

Rank	Pilot	ID	Glider / Harness	Sponsor	Team	T1	T2	T3	T4	Total (FTV)
#15	Bruno Liard	663	Ozone Enzo 3 / Ozone Submarine	SWISS-PARA.shop	JACK & JONES	956.0	968.5	755.4	916.3/ 923.9	2840.8
#19	Stephan Morgenthaler	512	Ozone Enzo 3 / Ozone Submarine	skyLine-Laser.ch / Nilmo.ch	JACK & JONES	893.5	995.6	918.3	0.6/ 225.4	2808.0
#23	Simon Steiner	317	Ozone Enzo 3 / Gin Genie Race 6	-	JACK & JONES	964.8	0.1/ 53.2	837.7	900.3	2702.9
#24	Tim Rochas	48	Niviuk Icepeak X-One / Niviuk Rocket R	NIVIUK / PROVENCE-P ARAPENTE / NAVITER / KOOKABARRA	NIVIUK	980.4	808.2/ 814.9	789.6	909.0	2697.6
#51	Noé Court	50	Niviuk Icepeak X-One / Niviuk Rocket R	Niviuk Wasteolas PDCZ vo2sport @cycleOne	NIVIUK	0.1/ 16.6	133.7	848.4	998.5	1980.7

3. Task-by-Task Swiss Results

Task 1 (2026-09-07) - 106.58 km - Status: OFFICIAL

Winner: Honorin Hamard [FRA] - 1000.0 pts (02:30:40, 41.17 km/h). Fast racing foothills day, 43 pilots in goal. Tim Rochas led the Swiss pack (+01:11 behind Hamard). 4 Swiss pilots in goal.

Rank	Pilot	Dist [km]	ESS / Alt	Speed	Dist Pts	Lead Pts	Time Pts	Total Pts	Status
#15	Tim Rochas	106.58	15:31:51	40.85 km/h	354.1	162.7	463.7	980.4	GOAL
#24	Simon Steiner	106.58	15:33:20	40.46 km/h	354.1	159.1	451.7	964.8	GOAL
#26	Bruno Liard	106.58	15:33:57	40.29 km/h	354.1	154.7	447.2	956.0	GOAL
#27	Stephan Morgenthaler	106.58	15:41:50	38.33 km/h	354.1	143.4	396.1	893.5	GOAL
#69	Noé Court	5.00	-		16.6	-	-	16.6	MIND

Task 2 (2026-09-08) - 99.05 km - Status: OFFICIAL (stopped at 15:51)

Winner: Honorin Hamard [FRA] - 997.3 pts. Task stopped at 15:51 due to conditions. Stephan Morgenthaler achieved maximum distance in the entire field (84.59 km) for 2nd place.

Rank	Pilot	Dist [km]	ESS / Alt	Speed	Dist Pts	Lead Pts	Time Pts	Total Pts	Status
#2 	Stephan Morgenthaler	84.59	641m	-	900.0	95.6	-	995.6	DF
#26	Bruno Liard	82.78	563m	-	880.7	87.8	-	968.5	DF
#40	Tim Rochas	69.18	-	-	736.0	78.9	-	814.9	DF

Rank	Pilot	Dist [km]	ESS / Alt	Speed	Dist Pts	Lead Pts	Time Pts	Total Pts	Status
#63	Noé Court	12.56	-	-	133.7	-	-	133.7	DF
#64	Simon Steiner	5.00	-	-	53.2	-	-	53.2	MIND

Task 3 (2026-09-10) - 53.70 km - Status: OFFICIAL

Winner: Stanislav Klikar [CZE] - 987.6 pts (01:54:02, 25.66 km/h). Technical race, 40 pilots in goal. Stephan Morgenthaler placed 3rd (+6s behind winner). All 5 Swiss pilots reached goal.

Rank	Pilot	Dist [km]	ESS / Alt	Speed	Dist Pts	Lead Pts	Time Pts	Total Pts	Status
#3 🏆	Stephan Morgenthaler	53.70	15:54:08	25.64 km/h	366.1	94.7	457.6	918.3	GOAL
#9	Noé Court	53.70	16:02:41	23.85 km/h	366.1	93.1	389.3	848.4	GOAL
#11	Simon Steiner	53.70	16:02:48	23.83 km/h	366.1	83.1	388.5	837.7	GOAL
#27	Tim Rochas	53.70	16:05:34	23.30 km/h	366.1	53.2	370.3	789.6	GOAL
#35	Bruno Liard	53.70	16:09:15	22.64 km/h	366.1	42.1	347.2	755.4	GOAL

Task 4 (2026-09-11) - 56.98 km - Status: OFFICIAL

Winner: Noé Court [SUI] - 998.5 pts (+00:00:05, 31.69 km/h). 🏆 Noé Court claimed 1st place overall (998.5 pts, 160.4 lead pts). 4 Swiss pilots scored >900 pts.

Rank	Pilot	Dist [km]	ESS / Alt	Speed	Dist Pts	Lead Pts	Time Pts	Total Pts	Status
#1 🏆	Noé Court	56.98	15:55:05	31.69 km/h	390.6	160.4	447.5	998.5	GOAL
#13	Bruno Liard	56.98	16:00:27	30.00 km/h	390.6	134.5	398.8	923.9	GOAL
#23	Tim Rochas	56.98	16:00:49	29.89 km/h	390.6	122.4	396.0	909.0	GOAL
#25	Simon Steiner	56.98	16:02:28	29.41 km/h	390.6	126.0	383.7	900.3	GOAL
#57	Stephan Morgenthaler	30.63	-		210.0	15.4	-	225.4	DF

4. Team Competition & Swiss Impact

Team JACK & JONES claimed 2nd place overall, featuring 3 Swiss pilots with a Task 2 team victory:

Rank	Team	Key / Contributing Pilots	Total Points
#1	SKY PARAGLIDERS	Stanislav Klikar, Dominik Kapica, Maros Jostiak, Daniel Rosinsky	7566.3
#2	JACK & JONES	Bruno Liard [SUI], Stephan Morgenthaler [SUI], Simon Steiner [SUI], Johannes Baumgarten	7485.3
#3	CROSSCOUNTRY MAGAZINE	Selever Bogdan Tudor, Vladimir Latis, Arthur Verrier, Ovidiu Mihai Marchitan	7484.4
#4	INUIT FACTORY - NIVIUK	Mateusz Gajczewski, Theodoros Anagnos, Evangelos Stamellos, Anatolii Mykhailiyuta	7482.7
#5	PARASTICK	Manuel Laly, Florent Attou, Erwan Didriche, Eric Pusiol	7442.6
#6	OZONE	Honorin Hamard, Darko Stankovski, Yassen Savov, Léo Hamard	7439.5

5. International Nation Power Ranking

Delegations with 3+ pilots ranked by Top-3 pilot average score:

Nation	Pilots	Best Rank	Top-3 Pilot Average	Top Finishers
 FRA	10	#2	2912.0 pts	Honorin Hamard (#2), Manuel Laly (#6), Florent Attou (#7)
 Switzerland	5	#15	2783.9 pts	Bruno Liard (#15), Stephan Morgenthaler (#19), Simon Steiner (#23)
 POL	4	#5	2751.9 pts	Mateusz Gajczewski (#5), Dominik Kapica (#12), Adrian Orłowski (#36)
 GRE	7	#8	2736.4 pts	Theodoros Anagnos (#8), Evangelos Stamellos (#21), Haris Lepesis (#30)
 GER	4	#18	2630.7 pts	Stephan Schöpe (#18), Johannes Baumgarten (#27), Horst Gresch (#39)
 JPN	5	#17	2624.2 pts	Hiroaki Kobayashi (#17), Takuo Iwasaki (#26), Masayuki Takeo (#41)
 BUL	5	#29	2434.0 pts	Yassen Savov (#29), Georgi Ivanov (#33), Veselin Ovcharov (#46)
 ROU	3	#3	2406.6 pts	Selever Bogdan Tudor (#3), Vladimir Latis (#13), Ovidiu Mihai Marchitan (#60)

6. Swiss Pilot Profiles & Gliders

1. Bruno Liard (ID 663)

— Glider: Ozone Enzo 3 | Harness: Ozone Submarine | Sponsor: SWISS-PARA.shop

15th overall (Top Swiss pilot). Exceptional consistency: 956.0, 968.5, 755.4, 923.9.
2. Stephan Morgenthaler (ID 512)

— Glider: Ozone Enzo 3 | Harness: Ozone Submarine | Sponsor: skyLine-Laser.ch / Nilmo.ch

19th overall. Two podium finishes (2nd in T2, 3rd in T3).
3. Simon Steiner (ID 317)

— Glider: Ozone Enzo 3 | Harness: Gin Genie Race 6

23rd overall. Reliable scorer across Tasks 1, 3, and 4 (all 837+ pts).
4. Tim Rochas (ID 48)

— Glider: Niviuk Icepeak X-One | Harness: Niviuk Rocket R | Sponsor: NIVIUK / PROVENCE-PARAPENTE / NAVITER / KOOKABARRA

24th overall. Fastest Swiss pilot in Task 1 (15th, 980.4 pts), three 800+ point tasks.
5. Noé Court (ID 50)

— Glider: Niviuk Icepeak X-One | Harness: Niviuk Rocket R | Sponsor: Niviuk | Wasteolas | PDCZ | vo2sport | @cycleOne

51st overall. Sensational comeback: After tough initial days, recorded a 9th place in T3 and an outright 1st place victory in Task 4 (998.5 pts).