

Rules of the Swiss Acrobatic Paragliding League 2024

1. Conditions for admission to the Swiss Acrobatic Paragliding League (SAL)

Pilots who want to be member of the SAL must complete the following conditions:

- Be in possession of a SHV/FSVL membership card.
- Hold a valid Swiss paragliding license.
- Be a member of at least one Swiss acrobatic paragliding club recognized as such by the SAL (ACBEO, ACZ, RNVL).

1.1. Conditions for admission to SAL

Pilot must have:

- A license and civil liability insurance recognized in Switzerland.
- Accident insurance recognized in Switzerland.
- 2 rescues parachutes (At least).
- Equipment adapted to the pilot's level.
- Have taken part in at least one SIV course.
- A life jacket (AWT¹ & AWQ² pilots are allowed to fly without it at their own risks).

The training organizer or person in charge may exclude pilots from training if the conditions are not filled.

In case of an accident, it's the pilot's own responsibility.

2. Conditions for the cadres

Cadres and their members are selected by the head of the SAL. In case of any exception, the head of the SAL can assign a pilot to a cadre even if the admission conditions are not fulfilled. Or exclude pilots from the cadre if the conditions are not fulfilled. These exceptions are discussed with the pilot's comity and must be justifiable.

2.1. Cadre A

The A cadre is composed with Swiss pilots that are competing in the Acro World Tour (AWT). Or the pilot who won the *Swiss champion* title the previous year and has taken part in all the international competitions in his category. The maximum number of pilots in the A cadre is limited to 4 men and 2 women.

2.2. Cadre B

The B cadre is composed with Swiss pilots who, during the previous year, participated in at least 50% of the AWQ competitions and got ranked in the top-10 at the Swiss championship (Swiss class).

¹ AWT = Acro World Tour.

² AWQ = Acro World Qualifier.

2.3. Cadre C

The C cadre is composed with Swiss pilots that regularly take part in national competitions and who want to progress in the SAL. During the previous year, they finished in the top-20 of the Swiss championship (Swiss class). (Exception: The Swiss championship (CS) could not be held. In this case, the evaluation is the responsibility of the head of the SAL).

2.4. Talent Project

The Talent Project (PT) is the cadre for promoting in the SAL, in which young pilots are supported and encouraged for 4 years. The main goal is to bring them as quickly and safely as possible to the top, and to compete with the A cadre. Even after their promotion years, they must continue to represent Switzerland at the highest level.

PT selection can take place:

- During an acro-club or SAL training

Or:

- Flying for a season in the SAL.

Conditions for admission to the PT selection:

- Be between 16 and 25 years old (before the first year of PT).
- Hold Swiss nationality.
- Fulfill SAL admission requirements.

The selection is made by the head of the SAL or his delegate. The final decision on the Project Talent cadre and its selection rests with the head of SAL.

Selected pilots: Selection lasts a maximum of 4 years, and if they fail to fulfill the conditions and requirements, they may withdraw or be withdrawn from the PT.

2.5. Pilots pool cadre

The pilot pool includes all pilots registered with the Swiss Acro League. They benefit from the training and advantages of the SAL.

3. Conditions for cadres pilots

3.1. Comportment

Pilots of all levels behave correctly in the practice of their sport and give a positive image of acrobatic paragliding. They behave correctly and loyally towards the competition and all event organizers and participants.

3.2. Clothes

During paragliding events and competitions, pilots must wear the clothing provided by the SAL (including on the podium). Pilots can add their personal sponsors.

3.3. Competitions and event participation

The A cadre is required to:

- Participate in all the AWT competitions.
- Participate in SAL shows (as far as possible).
- Participate in the Swiss championship.

The B cadre is required to:

- Participate in at least 50% of the AWQ competitions.
- Participate in SAL shows (as far as possible).
- Participate in the Swiss championship.

The C cadre is required to:

- Participate in at least 50% of the national competitions.
- Participate in SAL shows (as far as possible).
- Participate in the Swiss championship.

3.4. Medias

A, B, C and Talent Project pilots are required to comply with the Social Networking requirement of SAL sponsors. During the season (April-September), they make at least 4 post's per month per pilot in social networks with the Hashtags (#) of the SAL sponsors. In the off-season, they make at least 2 post's a month to social networks using the Hashtags (#) of SAL sponsors.

Cadres' pilots produce together or in agreement with each other at least 2 videos of 1 to 3 minutes per year, which can be shown at the SHV/FSVL sports day and posted on SAL social media.

In the event of opposition to a personal sponsor, the requirement of the pilot's sponsors applies.

4. Advantages for the cadres

The following table shows what cadre pilots must pay for the various SAL services.

Designation:	Cadre A	Cadre B	Cadre C	Talent project	Pilot's pool
Wings	League special price (PL)	PL	PL	1/year up to CHF2'400.- Excl. Special colors	PL
Harness	PL	PL	PL	1 Acro 4 / year	PL
rescue	PL	PL	PL	2 the first year, after PL	PL
SAL clothes	free	50%	75%	free	▪
La Sportiva	League discount (RL)	RL	RL	RL	▪
SAL training in Switzerland	free	50%	75%	free	100%
Lago di Garda : cable car, nights (Camping)	free	50%	75%	free	100%
Travels abroad	League Bus for free, Private car up to 150.-	League Bus for free, Private car up to 100.-	League Bus for free, Private car up to 50.-	League Bus for free, Private car up to 150.-	100%
Flights to Ötügen	Expense over 500.-	Expense over 250.-	Expense 125.-	Expense 500.-	100%
Ötügen cable car (+1.- taxi) and hotel	free	50%	75%	free	100%
Registration fees AWT/AWQ	free	free	free	free	100%
International competitions travel, accommodations	free (flight expense over 500.-) (League bus for free)	50% (flight expense over 250.-) (League bus for free)	75% (flight expense over 125.-) (League bus for free)	free (flight expense over 500.-) (League bus for free)	100%
Coaching	free	free	75%	free	100%
Registrations fees SAT & CS	free	50%	75%	free	100%
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Anyone who takes on the organization and responsibility (Team Leader) of a training session abroad or an international competition is paid CHF 200.-

Prize money:

Overall AWT Ranking:

1st place: 2'500.-

2nd place: 1'000.-

3rd : 600.-

AWQ (per competition):

1st to 3rd place: Accommodation and travel covered as in cadre A

AWQ overall ranking:

1st place: 1'000.-

2nd place: 500.-

3rd place: 300.-

5. Pilots' committee

The pilots' committee is made up of (minimum 2 and maximum 4) pilots belonging to the SAL and selected by the SAL chief.

Committee tasks:

- Communication with pilots: they listen to pilots' questions, ideas and suggestions. They pass them on to the SAL chief.
- Involvement in major ideas and decisions. However, the head of SAL has the right of veto.

The committee is first and foremost the point of contact for the head of the league, in order to gather pilots' opinions. Pilot Committee members serve on a voluntary basis.