

# Swiss Paragliding Open 2026

## General and Safety Briefing

Charmey – Vounetz, Switzerland | 21–27 June 2026

### Welcome

Welcome to the Swiss Paragliding Open 2026 in Charmey! This is a CIVL Category 2 event organised by Club de vol libre de la Gruyère, supported by SHV and the Swiss League.

Please read this document carefully before the briefing. We will go through the main points together, but a thorough read will save a lot of time and ensure everyone starts on the same page.

### Programme at a Glance

Date	Daytime
<b>Sun 21 June</b>	From 10:00 Tickets at cable car station (details in Telegram chat) 12:00 Task briefing for training task 18:00-19:00 Registration
<b>Mon 22 June</b>	08:00–09:00 Registration 09:00 General Briefing From 10:00 Task 1
<b>Tue 23 June</b>	Task 2
<b>Wed 24 June</b>	Task 3
<b>Thu 25 June</b>	Task 4
<b>Fri 26 June</b>	Task 5
<b>Sat 27 June</b>	Task 6, then prize giving

### Technical Staff

Role	Name	Phone / Contact
Race Director	Jörg Ewald	+41 77 275 18 03 / joerg@volirium.com
Safety & Retrieve Director	Daniel Graf	+41 77 478 39 02
Competition Coordinator SHV	Raphael Oerer	—
Tracker Manager	Oliver Flügel	+41 78 706 43 40
Airspace Support	Marco Vergari	—
Score Keeper	Katherina Schaigorodsky	Telegram / katherina@volirium.com

### Pilot Representation

#### Task Committee

- Fabrice Thiébaud (organiser)
- Roger Aeschbacher
- ??? (to be elected at the briefing)

#### Pilot Representative

??? (to be confirmed at the briefing)

## Task Stopper

Experienced pilot who has the authority to stop a task.

??? (to be confirmed at the briefing)

## Feedback, Complaints and Protests

- **General comments and questions:** Contact the Race Director or Pilot Representative.
- **Task concerns:** Raise them before the task briefing.
- **Formal complaints:** Submit in writing (email) to joerg@volirium.com.
- **Protests:** Submit in writing (email) + protest fee (see sporting regulations) joerg@volirium.com.

## Jury

Representative of the Organiser	<b>Fabrice Thiébaud</b>
Representative of the SHV	<b>Daniel Graf</b>
Swiss League Team Leader	<b>Toni Crottet</b>

Feedback during a task (level reports, weather observations) is extremely valuable and welcome at any time – see below.

## Daily Schedule

*Subject to adjustments depending on actual weather conditions. Exact times announced each morning on Telegram.*

Time	Activity
From 9:00	Coffee & croissants, trackers
11:30	Task briefing
12:30	Launch window open
13:30	Race start
19:00	Task deadline
19:30	First results, 1 hour for corrections
Evening	Debriefing + weather and timing info for next day via Telegram

## Communication

### Telegram

The primary information channel for the competition. Join the official group with this link:

[t.me/+Waf-z6mOR5o5ODRk](https://t.me/+Waf-z6mOR5o5ODRk)

All schedule updates, weather decisions, task results and emergency information will be sent there.

### Swissleague.ch

Download waypoints and airspace files, detailed meteo information, link to live tracking, results, debriefings, pictures: [www.swissleague.ch](http://www.swissleague.ch)

### lt.flymaster.net

Live tracking: [lt.flymaster.net/bs.php?grp=7408](http://lt.flymaster.net/bs.php?grp=7408)

### Radio

<b>PMR</b>	Channel 7-38 → 446.08125 MHz / CTSS 250.3 Hz
<b>2 m Band</b>	157.400 MHz (limited coverage)

**No VOX.** Radio discipline is mandatory. Only use the radio for safety-relevant messages during a task.

## Registration and Reporting Back

### Initial sign-in

- To ensure we have your actual phone number: **Send SMS “para start so” to +41 79 381 60 10**

### Daily Registration (to fly)

- Pick up your live tracker (otherwise: ABS = 0 points)

### Reporting Back (safe landing – mandatory every day)

- After the landing, the tracker will ask for a check-in, give status
- If problems with tracker: send your position in the Telegram chat

## Safety – Personal Responsibility

You are responsible for your own safety. The Race Director does their best to provide a fair and sportive environment for all pilots. The Safety Director assists those in trouble. But none of that can substitute good personal decision-making.

Know your personal limits and remember that we all fly for fun first and foremost. What we do is cross-country racing, and this can include making a detour to avoid a turbulent area, flying around a small rain cell, or giving a helicopter room to do their work.

## Emergency Procedures

REGA (Swiss helicopter rescue service) is informed about the task and live tracking.

### Accident with injury

- **Call REGA directly: 1414** (or use the REGA app – only available for app stores in CH/FR/IT/AT/DE).
- Inform the Safety Director as soon as possible: +41 77 478 39 02.

### Crash or Reserve / No Injury

- Call the Safety Director: +41 77 478 39 02.
- The Safety Director will assess the situation and involve REGA if needed.
- REGA is informed about the task and live tracking – they know you are flying.
- If in a tree: Stay calm, secure yourself, we will organise tree rescue crew.

### Observed an Accident

- Note the location (GPS coordinates if possible).
- Report immediately on radio (PMR 7-38) or call the Safety Director.
- **Do not approach unless it is safe to do so without endangering yourself.**

## Live Trackers

**Collecting Your Tracker:** Distributed at the cable car station. Remember your tracker number (a list will be published in the Telegram group).

**Switching On:** At launch! Press **TOP RIGHT**, then press **BOTTOM RIGHT**.



**Switching Off:** Press **TOP RIGHT**, use **BOTTOM LEFT** to select “shutdown”, press **BOTTOM RIGHT**.



## Level Reports

**Level 1** – Menu (top right) – Reports – Level 1

**Level 2** – top left

**Level 3** – bottom left



*Tell us what is happening in the air!*

Level	Meaning	When to send
Level 1	Good flying, good conditions	Proactively, to reassure the organisation
Level 2	Strong, but OK	As soon as conditions become challenging
Level 3	Dangerous, or about to become dangerous	Immediately – this can stop the task

**Returning Trackers:** Return every night to Tracker Manager (to recharge).

## Scoring

Formula: GAP2026

Minimum distance	5 km
Nominal distance	80 km
Nominal time	2 hours
Discards (FTV)	25%

## Waypoints

- Waypoints files: [available on swissleague.ch](https://www.swissleague.ch)
- Waypoints map: [available on swissleague.ch](https://www.swissleague.ch)

## Airspace

- Load the “**COMP CH**” layer in XCTrack (automatically activated for competition days).
- Airspace file: available on swissleague.ch
  - [For weekdays](#)
  - [For Saturday and Sunday](#)
- Altitude: GNSS (“GPS”)
- Maximum altitudes: 3,050 m (Central Plateau sector) / 3,950 m (Alps sector).
- **Zero tolerance: 1 GPS point inside restricted airspace = 0 points for the day.**

## Tracks and Results

- **Live tracks** are the primary scoring source.
- **Backup tracks** from your own flight instrument must be submitted to Katherina (Telegram or Email to katherina@volirium.com) if your live track is missing or you disagree with your result.
- **Deadline: right after landing, no later than 1 hour after first publication of provisional results** (30 minutes on the final day).

## Scoring Categories

- Overall + Swiss Overall
- Sports Class + Swiss Sports Class
- Women + Swiss Women
- Junior (under 26) + Swiss Junior

## The Flying Area

### Cable car station

Coffee & croissants, trackers, tickets, scales.

### Take-Off (Vounetz)

Restaurant, toilets, shade.

Water for ballast: available at the top-station toilets.

The take-off area is quite compact. There will be helpers who open your wings. We give you plenty of time to launch before the race start. Thank you for your patience, leave the pilots in front of you as much space as possible.

## Goal / Landing Field

- Minimise damage to the tall grass when landing.
- **Fold your glider in the designated space** – do not leave it spread in the meadow.
- Check landing wind conditions as you arrive at goal.

## Landing out

- **Immediately leave** meadows and agricultural fields after landing.
- **Fold your glider on tracks or roads** – a spread glider looks like an accident and will trigger emergency response.
- Respect and apologise to landowners if necessary.

## Cables and Obstacles

Switzerland has many power cables and infrastructure cables (gondolas, ski lifts). They are not always marked. Familiarize yourself with cable positions before the task (e.g. in XCTrack). The Race Director will highlight known danger areas during the task briefing.

## Airspace

Always fly with the COMP CH airspace file active in XCTrack. Do not rely on the general Swiss airspace file on competition days – the competition file is adapted and may differ.

## Retrieve

The retrieve back to Charmey is organised exclusively by public transport.

- **Install the SBB Mobile app** for easy connections.
- **Destination:** “Charmey (Gruyère) (télécabine)”
- **More details during the briefing.**

The Safety Director (+41 77 478 39 02) will be reachable for pilots who land in difficult or remote locations.

## Sponsors and Support



We sincerely thank all sponsors, volunteers, landowners, the local community of Charmey, the Club de vol libre la Gruyère, and especially Fabrice Thiébaud and his team for making this event possible.

- **Be good guests.** Respect landowners, parking regulations and the local environment.
- **Separate your waste** and leave all areas cleaner than you found them.
- **Help each other.** This is a community event.

The entire staff and volunteer team give their personal time so that you can fly. A smile and a word of appreciation will make their day!

## Important Numbers at a Glance

Who	Number / Info
<b>REGA (rescue helicopter)</b>	<b>1414</b>
Safety Director – Daniel Graf	<b>+41 77 478 39 02</b>
Race Director – Jörg Ewald	<b>+41 77 275 18 03</b>
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