# CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

## General
ALPSTEIN CROSSING is an extreme sports event. Every participant has to have sufficient condition and experience in the discipline Hike&Fly. At the check-in every participant has to sign the conditions of participation. Likewise, the associated race briefing is obligatory for all participants.

## Eligibility
All persons who have reached the age of 18 are eligible to start. For younger participants (absolute minimum age is 16 years) the declaration of consent of the legal guardian(s) is necessary at the latest when signing the conditions of participation. Only paraglider pilots who have a valid hang glider license are allowed to participate.

## Withdrawal of registration
A team can withdraw from the race. A withdrawal has to be reported at any time to the race management or to registration@alpstein-crossing.ch. A withdrawal can be made free of charge up to two weeks before the race. For withdrawals after the deadline of two weeks before the race day, entry fees cannot be refunded. The entry fees will then be charged to the team. If ALPSTEIN CROSSING is cancelled due to force majeure, the organizer reserves the right to withhold CHF 30.00 of the paid entry fee per team. In case of cancellation, CHF 270.00 will be refunded to the team accordingly.

## Personal responsibility
Each participant is responsible for the entire process, from take-off to flight to landing. This includes the ongoing assessment of all relevant hazards and conditions, both in terms of weather and other potential risks such as cables and equipment. Each participant should always keep in mind their own skill level, experience, equipment and current physical condition. Flying responsibly means aborting the flight if you no longer feel 100% safe in the given situation.

It is important to follow the event's safety guidelines and all legal requirements, including airspace regulations, right-of-way rules, and the requirement to avoid aggressive flying and not interfere with rescue operations.

Turnpoint helpers, homebase helpers, the organizing committee especially the race director are very concerned about safety on the day of the event and bring their own expertise and knowledge of the area, weather conditions and potential hazards and share this assessment at the race briefing. They have a duty of care, but no more. Even if, in retrospect, decisions of the race organizers are judged to be negligent or grossly negligent, each participant remains responsible for his or her own actions.

If the race is cancelled or interrupted during the race, the orders of the race organizers must be followed. The race takes place mainly on public ground. The rules of the regulations in force in the traffic or the alpine area must be strictly respected. The organizer declines any liability in all matters.

## Health
With the participation the participant confirms to be in perfect health condition and to be up to the requirements of ALPSTEIN CROSSING.

## Race Rules
The Race Rules are part of the Conditions of Participation. By signing the Conditions of Participation, the participant declares to have read, understood, and accepted the Race Rules. The rules will be explained again at the race briefing. Otherwise, the Race Rules can be viewed or downloaded on the website. The organizer reserves the right to change the Race Rules constantly. Namely, turnpoints or their scoring may be cancelled, postponed, or temporarily closed (completely or flight) due to weather conditions.

## Fairness
Unfair or dangerous actions of any kind towards other participants, crew or public persons will lead to immediate disqualification. Any further registration with ALPSTEIN CROSSING will be blocked for the following years. The race committee decides alone and united about the disqualification.

## Environment
The race takes place in the alpine region Alpstein. The participant must take care that the racecourse or surrounding landscape is polluted as little as possible.

## Race Riot
Protests against the decisions of the race committee will be accepted until 18:00 on race day. After that time, there is no right to appeal or protest the race result. Protests must be submitted in writing. No further appeal is allowed against the final decision of the race committee. The race committee decides about the protests until the announcement of the classification at 20:00 o'clock.

## Race Committee
The following persons will act as the race committee. Sandro Schärer, Sam Hochstrasser, Alex Koller

## Picture rights
By participating in ALPSTEIN CROSSING, the participant grants the organizer HFC Alpstein, as well as the photographers, the irrevocable right to use and publish the recordings (audio, video, photography) made by him/her in connection with the participation in ALPSTEIN CROSSING without compensation and without temporal or spatial restriction by means of any technical procedure for any permitted purpose (namely in social media and websites).

## Validity of the conditions of participation
With the check-in and the associated signature, the participant accepts the present Conditions of Participation and the Race Rules. The participant hereby declares to have attended the Race Briefing and to have received and understood all necessary instructions from the organizer.

Weissbad, 14.09.2024
Organizing Committee ALPSTEIN CROSSING

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| First name, Last name (Block letters) | Signature participant |