



2011 INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE / PRE-WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

March 3, 2011

Dear Delegate,

It is my pleasure to invite your nation's competitors to participate in the 2011 International Challenge / Pre-Worlds in Battle Creek, Michigan. The event will be held in conjunction with the 2011 U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championship. The Balloon Federation of America has licensed Holiday Balloon Fest, Inc. (HBF) as the organizer for the 2011 event. The event officially starts with on-site pilot registration and the mandatory General Briefing on Monday afternoon, August 22 and concludes with the final competitive flight and awards brunch on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Practice flights are planned for the morning and evening of Monday, August 22 and all are welcome to participate. A complete schedule of events for the week is forthcoming.

The Challenge is open to all non-U.S. pilots and U.S. pilots qualified to compete in the 2011 U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championship. There will be 25 entry slots available to non-U.S. pilots. Non-U.S. pilots wishing to rent or borrow a balloon should be aware that they must have a U.S. (F.A.A.) Pilot Certificate in order to fly a U.S. registered aircraft in the U.S.

The Branson Ballroom at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek will be the venue for all briefings. Further, the McCamly Plaza Hotel will provide accommodations for International competitors.

Participation in this year's event is limited. We encourage pilots to submit their application early. Pilots will be notified of their acceptance within ten days of the entry deadline – all applications must be received in the HBF Office by May 1, 2011. Applications can be submitted only by mail or e-mail.

Applications will not be considered complete until we receive the application form, digital (.jpg) photo of balloon and pilot (head shot only), \$895 U.S. entry fee, balloon biography and insurance information.

Further information on rules, schedule updates, competition maps, etc. will be posted to the Event Directors page on the BFA web site. If you have any questions concerning this application as it relates to the competition, please contact me via e-mail at Davidnlevin@gmail.com. Any questions regarding the hotel, volunteer crew, propane sources, etc. should be directed to Derrick Jones, HBF Inc., Executive Director, at (269) 209-1792 or email at derrickjones@comcast.net.

On behalf of the BFA and HBF, we look forward to seeing your nation's competitors in Battle Creek, Michigan USA, August 22-27, 2011.

See you in Tokyo next week.

Sincerely yours,

David Levin

David Levin
Event Director
2011 International Challenge / U.S. National Championship
2012 World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Enclosures: Pilot Application, Entry Agreement, Pilot Biography

PILOT APPLICATION

PILOT INFORMATION					
Name Last		First		Middle	
Street		Emergency Contact <i>name and cell phone number</i>			
City		Country		Postal Code	
E-mail Address (please print neatly)					
Home Phone #		Pilot Mobile Phone #		Crew Chief Mobile Phone #	
Pilot Certificate No.		<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		Total PIC Hours Hours Last 12 Months	
Date of Birth		Nationality		Have you ever participated in a World Championship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$895 U.S. pilot entry fee enclosed		Charge my credit card for my entry fee plus 5.6% fee. Account number. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Visa Exp. Date _____			
Pilot Golf Shirt Size		S M L XL 2X		Crew Chief Golf Shirt Size	
				S M L XL 2X	
BALLOON INFORMATION					
Balloon Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Logo		<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail photo of balloon to johnmgibbons@comcast.net	
Balloon Name		Registration		Owner	
				Hours	
Manufacturer		Year		Date of Last Inspection	
				AX	
				Cubic Feet	
CREW NEEDS					
Do you need local crew?		I will be bringing ___ crew		How many?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Starting when?	
INSURANCE INFORMATION					
Name and Address of Insured					
Insurance Agency		Policy Number		Expiration Date	
Required Minimum Coverage Every participating pilot is required to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage, \$100,000 minimum property damage, and \$100,000 minimum passenger liability for each passenger carried. In the event of policy cancellation prior to August 22, 2011, ten (10) days written notice will be given to the Holiday Balloon Fest Inc. P.O. Box 818, Battle Creek, MI 49016					
HBF OFFICE USE ONLY					
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry Fee Received		Amount		<input type="checkbox"/> MC/VISA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ins Certificate Rec'd		<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel Form		<input type="checkbox"/> Entry Agreement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Photo		<input type="checkbox"/> Balloon Photo		<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Entry Fee	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Bio	

**Return all completed paper work and entry fee to:
 Holiday Balloon Fest Inc, P.O. Box 818, Battle Creek, MI 49016
 or e-mail to johnmgibbons@comcast.net**

2011 International Challenge (Pre-Worlds)
Battle Creek, Michigan
August 22 – 27, 2011

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Pilots receive one (1) complimentary room for the scheduled dates of the competition. Please complete the following so that we may make a reservation for you. To assist us in ensuring you have the room type you need, please complete the following information. **HBF is providing complimentary rooms for the evenings of August 22 - 26, 2011 (5 nights).**

Arrival Date	Departure Date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking
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Crew Accommodations
Additional crew rooms are available at a cost of \$ 115 per night. Please complete the following so that reservations can be made for you. Include credit card information to guarantee your reservation. Your credit card information will be submitted to the hotel and will serve as a guarantee for your crew's first night's room. **Cancellations will need to be made directly with the hotel.**

Crew Room 1	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking
Crew Room 2	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking
Name on Credit Card	Credit Card Number	Exp date	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> Discover

Parking
There are a number of parking areas available for competitors including nearby lots, covered parking deck and controlled reserved on-street parking behind the McCamly Plaza. In addition, there are thirty-eight close-in valet spots available for rental at a cost of \$12 a day. These can be reserved in advance with this application. If you wait until your arrival, there will be no guarantee that these 'valet' spaces will be available.
 Please charge my credit card for \$_____ to guarantee _____ days of valet parking.

COMPETITION MAP

Each competitor will be provided one (1) paper competition map at on-site registration.. Additional maps can be purchased at \$15 each and can be picked up at on-site registration or mailed in advance for \$30 shipping. Please order and pay for extra maps (and shipping) with this application.

Additional Paper Map	Qty _____	Additional Vinyl Map	Qty _____	Total Due @ \$15 each _____
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PILOT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Private or Commercial Pilot Certificate
2. Minimum of 75 hours as LTA/PIC
3. Aircraft Airworthiness and Aircraft Logbook (may be checked at registration)
4. All balloons must arrive fully fueled
5. Quick-release tie off restraint required and must be used on all common launch areas
6. Entry fee, bio and photos must accompany your application
7. Your insurance certificate must be submitted to the BFA Office prior to July 1, 2011
8. You must arrive on time for registration, General Briefing and be present for all flight briefings
9. Due to the proximity of W K Kellogg (BTL) Airport, you must carry an aircraft radio
10. Application must be completely filled out

CANCELLATION POLICY
Pilot entry fees will not be refunded due to cancellation after July 15, 2011.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- \$895 U.S. Pilot Entry Fee enclosed (payable to Holiday Balloon Fest Inc) or credit card information provided
- Commercial entry fee of additional \$500, if applicable
- Signature on Entry Agreement and application
- Completed Pilot Biography enclosed. PLEASE take the time to complete all information requested.
- Color photo of balloon provided
- Personal photo provided
- E-mail address is complete and legible. You will be kept up to date on the Championship information.

I certify the information provided in this Pilot Application to be correct.
Pilot Signature: _____

ENTRY AGREEMENT

Including Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability
INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE/PRE-WORLDS
BALLOON FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BATTLE CREEK, MI

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the 2011 International Challenge (Pre-Worlds), August 22 - 27 2011, I hereby certify that I am aware of and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) as regards my personal decision to fly my balloon, and any bodily injury or property damage resulting therefrom is solely my liability. I further agree that none of the flights are mandatory, that I will make all flights at my option, and that my decision as pilot in command may affect my placement in this event if I choose not to fly. I further certify that I have in force a balloon insurance policy with third party liability limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage, including passengers, with \$100,000 each passenger.

I agree that the organizers and sponsors of the 2011 International Challenge (Pre-Worlds) (including the Balloon Federation of America and its Hot Air Competition Division, Holiday Balloon Fest, Inc., Kellogg Community College, and event race officials, your sponsors or any employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot-in-command as stated in the FAR's, or otherwise. Thus, I release the aforementioned from liability for their actions in relation to the 2011 International Challenge (Pre-Worlds) which may arise out of or result from or in any manner be connected with the balloon flight or activity in which I participate as pilot-in-command.

It is my understanding that the pilot of each balloon is in full and complete charge and control of said balloon and is responsible for all decisions made concerning all things or persons in or connected with said balloon on the ground or in the air. Officials of said competitions may supply information, guidance, or data, but I understand that I act or rely on all such information at my own peril, and said officials assume no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information.

I hereby give permission to, without any restriction, The Balloon Federation of America and the Holiday Balloon Fest, Inc. or its assigns, to use still and motion pictures and sound recordings of me, my balloon, equipment, chase crew members, employees and agents for news, advertising, promotional media and commercial uses.

It is my understanding that the organizers (BFA and HBF) may inspect all balloons entered in the event; but that such inspection is only for the purpose of determining whether the aircraft complies with all rules of eligibility of said competition. The approval of the balloon by said officials does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the mechanical condition of the aircraft, or whether or not it is airworthy.

I acknowledge that as a condition of participation in this event, I am an invited guest of the organizers and its sponsors and will abide by all of the rules, regulations, and conditions of the event. As it concerns competitive flying events, I agree to accept the decision of the officials and event organizers as detailed in the event rules as final. I also understand that I am not able to sell rides during the event, nor carry passengers for hire on any of the flights during the event.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE REGISTRATION IS ACCURATE AND I ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT ABOVE.

Pilot Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

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Additional Pilot Name	Signature	Date
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PILOT BIOGRAPHY & PHOTOS

Every participating pilot **must submit a new personal biography and COLOR photo of their balloon as well as a personal photo (head shot)**. We ask that all photos be submitted in digital format. You may email your digital photo and biography to the Holiday Balloon Fest Inc, johnmgibbons@comcast.net

Digital personal color photo sent by e-mail

Digital color photo of balloon sent by e-mail

Must be submitted with Pilot Application by **May 1, 2011**. **Registrations will not be considered complete without photos and bio. Thank you!**

NAME: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Commercial Occupation: _____

Private Years / Hours PIC: ____/____ Highest Altitude / Longest Distance ____/____

World Ranking List: 2010 ____ 2009 ____ 2008 ____ 2007 ____ 2006 ____ 2005 ____

List any top five finishes in any National or International Championship competition: _____

Any "unique" competition experiences: _____

Countries flown in: _____

List any ballooning (hot air or gas) records currently or previously held: _____

List any other aircraft ratings that you hold: _____

Most memorable flight: _____

Other hobbies: _____

Any other "claims to fame"? _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2011 TO:

**Holiday Balloon Fest Inc., PO Box 8180
Battle Creek, MI 49016**

Or E-mail to: johnmgibbons@comcast.net

Vehicle Rental, Equipment Rental Request Form

Please Type or block letter

The organizer will try to find the equipment and advise you the availability with the cost as soon as possible.

Vehicle Type Requested			
Date for Pick-up		Date of Return	

Helium	<input type="checkbox"/> A small size Helium Bottle <input type="checkbox"/> A large size Helium Bottle		
Date for Pick-up		Date of Return	

Any other Requests			
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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Competitor's Signature		Date	
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