



Balloon Federation Of America



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2020 US National Championship Update

The US Nationals has 48 registered pilots with seven rookies. Unfortunately, the Canadians were forced to withdraw from the competition due to COVID-19 border issues as well as its impact on their health care coverage when in the US.

Official Rules

The US National rules approved by the HACD Board are now posted to the BFA website: <https://bfa.net/us-nationals/us-nationals-rules>

Official Map

The competition map will be complete on or before July 1. When complete, competitors will be notified and provided a link to download the map and other related files.

Competitor List & Banner Numbers

In addition to being shown below, the official competitor list is posted on the [HACD website](#) and on [the Official Notice Board](#).



#	Name	State
1	Rhett Heartsill	Texas
2	Joe Heartsill	Texas
3	Todd Isley	Iowa
4	John Petrehn	Texas
5	Brad Craig	Iowa
6	Branden Bloom	Iowa
7	Richard Sabin	Texas
8	Jonathan Wright	Nevada
9	Shawn Raya	Michigan
10	Gary Heavin	Texas
11	Jeremy Rubin	Iowa
12	Scott Armstrong	Iowa
13	Aaron Foelske	Illinois
14	Patrick Cloyd	Kansas
15	Matt Fenster	Nebraska
16	Andrew Baird	Michigan
17	Steve Wilkinson	California
18	Cameron Wall	New Mexico
19	Gary Haynes	Iowa
20	Joe Zvada	Texas
21	Paul Petrehn	New Mexico
22	Bill Bussey	Texas
23	Jason Jones	Kansas
24	Nick Donner	Kentucky
25	Bruce Wood	Colorado

26	Allen Anderson	Nevada
27	Andrew Nels	Georgia
28	Matthew Boussetot	Iowa
29	Bret Christian	Iowa
30	Kasey Schwemmer	Kansas
31	Zerek Welz	New Mexico
32	Cheri White	Texas
33	Leroy Clair	Iowa
34	Brandon Heavin	Texas
35	Ken Draughn	North Carolina
36	Chase Donner	Georgia
37	Joseph Seymour	Iowa
38	Kelli Keller	California
39	Blake Aldridge	Texas
40	Guy Gauthier	Texas
41	Nancy McConnell	Florida
42	Petra Wilson	South Dakota
43	Wayne Standefer	Texas
44	Lucas Heartsill	Texas
45	William Lavigna	Ohio
46	Cory Bloom	Iowa
47	Bill Cunningham	Tennessee
48	Kelly Dubé	New Jersey

COVID-19 Protocols

We are working with the Panhandle Public Health District to do everything possible to ensure the safety of all participants, volunteers, and spectators. More complete information will be provided on the requirements of PPHD as we get closer to the event, but a few known safety items required are as follows:

- Socially distanced tables with space for pilot and one crew
- Temperatures taken daily before briefing
- Masks must be worn in all briefings by pilots and staff
- Ample hand sanitizer stations will be provided in all meeting rooms
- Loggers will be sanitized and placed in plastic bags before return to the pilots
- Personnel permitted in the briefing rooms will be limited to essential personnel only. We are making provisions for all briefings to be broadcast over Zoom allowing non-essential personnel to watch in the safety of their hotel room or car.

BFA and HACD dues

Don't forget to ensure that both your BFA and HACD dues are paid well in advance of the event. All memberships are verified for participation.

2020 Women's US National Championship

Plans are still moving forward for Women's Nationals in Brookfield, MO. The application deadline has been changed to July 1, 2020 with the registration fee being due on July 15, 2020. We are still looking for a few more female pilots to sign up! More on the event is outlined below:

All female pilots are invited to participate in the 2020 US Women's National Hot Air Balloon Championship in



Brookfield, Missouri. The Balloon Federation of America has licensed the Green Hills Ballooning Inc. as the organizer. The competitive event officially starts with on-site pilot registration and the mandatory General Briefing on Thursday, September 3. The last competitive flight is scheduled for Monday morning September 7. This flight will be followed by the closing ceremonies and a brunch later that same morning.

The organizer is providing a complimentary hotel room for pilots with check in starting Thursday, September 3 and check out Monday, September 7. Pilots wishing to arrive early may do so at their own expense and may reserve space once acceptance has been confirmed and hotel information is

provided. Once you have been accepted in the Championship you will be sent an acceptance confirmation along with your hotel contact information. Propane will be available on the mornings of September 1-3 for pilots arriving early and wishing to fly practice flights. Pilots will be charged a flat fee of \$40 for each fill on these dates. Arrive full; leave full.

The Championship is open to female US BFA/HACD member pilots who are in good standing.

For more information and registration materials, visit: <https://www.bfa.net/womens-nationals/women-s-nationals-invitation>

Balloon Live

Balloon Live is an event that began May 27, 2020 and will end August 30, 2020. Participating pilots are being given two weeks to complete a flight with a given task sheet in their own time and at any location. Tracks from the Balloon Live app will be used for scoring. This event will help officials and pilots improve their skills in competition flying after the long break.

More details and the event page can be found at: <https://watchme-fly.net/events/event.php?e=earlybirds>

FAI Update

A request was made by organizers of the 24th World Championship in Slovenia to postpone the event to 2022 due to the pandemic. This request was reviewed and accepted. The CIA board has also decided to stop the current invitation process immediately, and has stated that the 2021 CIA plenary will be in charge of the invitation process for the postponed 24th World Championship in 2022.

NEL Events in 2020

As the new competition season begins again, please remember there are several things you can do to help us manage the National Eligibility List efficiently:

1. Contact an [HACD Board member](#) or the [NEL Manager](#) BEFORE the event so that we are expecting scores and know who to contact for follow up.
2. Be sure you are familiar with the [HACD Policies and Procedures](#) to ensure your tasks will be counted.
3. Use the latest version of the [BFA Scoring Program](#)
4. Scores need to be [emailed to Drew Egerton](#) within 2 weeks of the end of the event. Please include PDFs of each task and the backup data folder from your scoring program.

Upcoming HACD Elections

In the upcoming HACD elections:

- Jeff Ashworth is running for reelection in the SW Region
- Jim Cusick, Aaron Foelske, and Paul Suttle are nominated for the Great Lakes Region
- Joe Zvada is running for the Pilot At Large Director

Mike Gilligan has resigned his director's position as At Large Official, but will stay on as Scoring Manager. Any interested HACD member in the Official category can [inform the Board](#) of their interest and willingness to serve. The Board will then make an appointment to fill the remainder of Gilligan's term in office which ends in 2021.

We Need Your Input

The HACD Board conducts conference calls when discussion is needed or decisions need to be made. We would like to provide you the opportunity to be a part of these calls. The Board will publish the agenda and the conference call times at least a week prior to the date of the call. Call-ins will be scheduled the first 15 minutes of each conference call. Here is how you can participate:

- Email Jason Jones (jnsy588@aol.com) to be placed on the docket of speakers.
- Each speaker will be allowed to talk for 3 minutes.
- The speaker must speak to a topic on the agenda.

At the end of the speaker's 3 minutes we will go to the next speaker. We hope that this opportunity will be one you will take advantage of and that all members feel they have a voice in the HACD. We encourage you to work with [your regional representative](#) with concerns you have as well.

Email Us!

Ideas, questions, comments, anything: hacd@bfa.net

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