



Safety Notice – Airspace Restrictions and Flying Schedule

2026 FAI F5J European Championship for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders – ABBEVILLE

1. Airspace Restrictions

The 2026 FAI F5J European Championship will be held at the Abbeville Aeroclub under a Temporary Segregated Area (TSA) established by the French Civil Aviation Authorities (DGAC) and coordinated by Lille Air Traffic Control.

The following restrictions apply throughout the competition, including the World Cup and training periods:

Daily Activation periods:

- Thursday 13th August from 14:00 to 18:30
- Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August from 08:30 to 18:30
- Sunday 16th August from 08:30 to 11:00
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st August from 08:30 to 18:30
- Saturday 22nd August from 8:30 to 13:00

When the TSA will be activated, the organizer will announce it, with audio and visual signal, to all competitors. No flights will be permitted before this announcement. Before deactivation organizer will ask all pilots to land and deactivation will be announced too, again with visual and audio signal.

Airspace:

A cylindrical area with a diameter of 3 km, centered on the flying site and extending from the surface up to 2,500 ft.

Restriction:

Manned aircraft are prohibited from entering this airspace while the TSA is active.

These restrictions have been implemented to ensure the safe coexistence of model aircraft operations and manned aviation.

The restrictions do not apply to the designated training fields.

2. Flying Schedule

All model aircraft operations must take place only during the authorized flying periods defined above.

No model aircraft may be flown before or after the daily activation periods under any circumstances, including practice flights, trimming, testing, or demonstration flights. Please note that the restrictions apply from the surface; therefore, even hand-launched test flights are prohibited.

Strict compliance with these operating hours is mandatory for all competitors, helpers, team members, officials, and World Cup participants.

Failure to comply may result in serious consequences, including:

- Investigation and legal action by the French Air Police.
- Immediate withdrawal of the airspace authorization by the French Civil Aviation Authorities, potentially leading to the suspension or cancellation of the championship.
- Creation of a significant safety hazard through potential conflict with manned aircraft operating outside the protected airspace.

3. Safety Responsibility

Safety is the responsibility of every participant.

Respecting the published flying schedule is essential to:

- protect manned aviation;
- protect all participants and spectators;
- maintain the authorization granted by the French Civil Aviation Authorities; and
- ensure the successful completion of the European Championship.

Given the critical importance of complying with the airspace restrictions, Team Managers and competitors will receive a comprehensive safety briefing before the start of the championship.

In accordance with the provisions of the FAI Sporting Code, the Contest Director and/or the Jury may impose penalties, up to and including the disqualification of an individual competitor or even an entire National Team from the event.

This Safety Notice is intended as a preventive and educational measure rather than a punitive one. Its purpose is to ensure that every participant fully understands the importance of complying with the airspace restrictions, thereby protecting the safety of all airspace users while safeguarding the successful completion of the championship.

The Organizer thanks all competitors, Team Managers, helpers, officials, Jury members, and volunteers for their cooperation and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety.