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# 2009 1<sup>st</sup> STAGE NATIONAL AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SPORT AEROBATIC CLUB OF SA**



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**Potchefstroom**  
North West Province



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## 1. General Information

### 1.1. Venue

The venue for the 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Stage National Aerobatic Championships organised by the Sport Aerobatic Club of SA (SAC) and sponsored by Suzuki is:

Potchefstroom Airfield:

FAPS

Co-ordinates : S 26 40' 15.58  
E 027 04' 54.84  
Frequency : 123.00  
Variation : W18  
Runway : 03/21 – 4885 x 98 feet  
Runway : 15/33 - 3281 x 98 feet  
Elevation : 4520'  
Navaid : PSV  
Navaid Frequency : 115.8

### 1.2. SAC Contact details:

Chairman: Nigel Hopkins  
Cellular: 083 2265854  
Email: [hopkins2@mweb.co.za](mailto:hopkins2@mweb.co.za)

Registrar & Scorer: Yvonne van Zandwijk  
Cellular: 0833072285  
Email: [froggy@gmail.com](mailto:froggy@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Quintin Hawthorne  
Cellular: 083 700 2952  
Email: [pak02496@pixie.co.za](mailto:pak02496@pixie.co.za)

Chief Judge: John Gaillard  
Cellular: 082 553 2769  
Email: [aeroair@iafrica.com](mailto:aeroair@iafrica.com)

### 1.3. Appendices



Appendix A - Aerobatic Box

Appendix B - Entry Form

## 2. Preliminary Programme

Date	Time	Event
28 Mar – 2 April	07h30 to sunset	Training at Airfield
2 April (Thurs)	17h00-18H00	Initial Registration at Airfield
3 April (Friday)	07h30 - 09h00	Final Registration
	09h00-09h30	Briefing
	10h00 – 16h00	<i>Known programme</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classic</li> <li>- RV</li> <li>- Sportsman</li> <li>- Intermediate</li> </ul> <i>Commencement of Sequence 2 for Classic and RV and Free Programme for Sportsman and Intermediate if time permits!</i>
	16h00 – 17h00	Selection of Unknown sequences for all classes followed by Braai at Airfield
4 April (Sat)	08h00 - 08h15	Weather Briefing
	08h30 - 16h00	Known Programme Round 2 - Classic & RV Free Sequence – Sportsman & Intermediate  <i>Commencement of Sequence 3 (unknown) for Classic and RV if time permits</i>
	16h00 onwards	B raai at Airfield
5 April (Sun)	07h30 -07h45	Briefing
	08h00 – 13h00	Completion programme 3 - Classic & RV Unknown programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sportsman</li> <li>- Intermediate</li> </ul>
	Afternoon	Medal Ceramony & Departures



- 2.1 The programme and time table is subject to change, depending on weather conditions, technical and/or organisational and/or logistical reasons.
- 2.2 Protest forms will be available from the Registrar and Scorer, should it be required. All protests to be submitted in writing.

### 3. Regulations

The National Championships will be organised and conducted in accordance with the following rules:

FAI Sporting Code  
SAC rules and regulations  
SACAA regulations  
Local Regulations:

- a. Pilots are urged to avoid flying overhead the town during training, and to restrict flights to the West and South of the runway in absence of a marked box. The aerobatic box will be placed to the South-West of the runway.
- b. The time restriction for the unknown programme may be waived should circumstances warrant it.

### 4. Participation

#### 4.1 Competitors:

- The 2009 Nationals is open to all competitors holding a current aerobatic rating.
- Required documentation to be mailed to Yvonne prior to the closing date for entries
  - Valid Pilots licence and Medical
  - Valid Aerobatic rating
  - Valid Aero Club membership card
  - Recent parachute packing slip (no older than 6 months)
  - Valid Authority to fly (for LS1) , or a valid Release to Service
- 8 Copies of the freestyle programme, forms A, B and C to be handed in at final registration for Sportsman and Intermediate Pilots. Free sequences must be mailed to and Validated by Quintin Hawthorne no later than Monday 30<sup>st</sup> March 2009

#### 4.2 Entries

Entries for participation at the 2009 Nationals, will **close** on Monday 30<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Please notify the Registrar of your entry prior to this date.



### 4.3 Practice days

Practising will take place from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March onwards. A list will be provided each practice day and placed on the flying school club house wall. Please add your name to the list to ensure that the order of flights take place fairly.

### 5. Entry Fee

Please complete the entry form (Appendix F) and fax or email to Yvonne on 0866206734 or [froggy@gmail.com](mailto:froggy@gmail.com) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

- Entries close on Monday 30 March 2009 at 7pm
- The cost per pilot is R0 and is sponsored by Suzuki

If you are competing for the first time, or if you need assistance with the necessary paperwork needed to enter the competition, please feel free to contact us. (See 1.2 above)

### 6. Contest Officials

**Judges**

- John Gaillard (Chief Judge)
- Quintin Hawthorne
- Trish Ludwig
- Helm Ludwig
- Laszlo Liskay

**Registrar & Scorer** - Yvonne van Zandwijk

**Contest director** - Nigel Hopkins

**Runner** - TBA

**Starter** - TBA

### 7. Medal Ceremony & Awards Dinner

There will be a medal ceremony on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Airfield. The awards dinner will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August following the completion of the second stage Nationals where the trophies will be handed out.

### 8. Aerobatic Box

8.1. Pilots are urged to avoid flying overhead the town.

8.2. An aerial photo of the airfield showing the aerobatic box is attached as Appendix A. The box will be marked out no later than Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March



## **9. Facilities**

- 9.1. Shell has kindly sponsored 2000 litres of avgas for the contest flying. The contest director will control the dispensing of fuel for contest flights. Avgas for practice, and any other flying besides competition flights, will be available for the competitor's own account.
- 9.2. We are in the process of arranging hangarage, but still urge you to make your own arrangements directly with the owners of the hangars on the airfield. It is suggested that you bring tie-downs.
- 9.3. Emergency services etc will be available for competition days only.

## **10. Meals**

A light lunch will be provided for competitors and officials on the competition days. Note that this free lunch only applies to competing pilots and officials. Breakfast will also be available at a set price and all day tea and coffee will be available for competing pilots and officials in the Suzuki tent. Any non-competitor including family and friends will have to purchase his/her meal at the club house. Pilots will be issued with a lunch ticket, which needs to be presented to collect lunch. Braai packs will be available for your own account in the evenings on competition days

## **11. 2009 Nationals - Shirts**

On the entry form a space is provided where you need to select the size of shirt required. We urge you to send your entry forms in ASAP to ensure you receive the correct Shirt size. Additional shirts can be purchased from the Contest Director after final registration.

## **12. Accommodation**

Each person is responsible for the booking and payment of their own accommodation. There seems to be limited accommodation due to the rugby tours and a few other events. Some families have already indicated that they would like to camp at the campsite on the dam next to the airfield.

Attached is a list of possible accommodation venues.



Name	Description	Contact Details
Willows Garden Hotel	41 Rooms with aircon, TV, coffee machines	Tel : 018 297 6285 Email : willowsres@mweb.co.za
Shady Acres	10 Rooms	Tel : 018 290 5773 Email :
Kommaweer	16 Rooms	Tel : 082 967 7253
Elgro Hotel	Sister Hotel to Willows Garden Hotel	Tel : 018 297 5411 Email : elgrores@iafrica.com
Elgro River Lodge	Self Catering	Tel : 018 297 5411 Email : elgrores@iafrica.com
Huys Ten Bosch ***	Peaceful garden. En-suite rooms with TV, fridge, coffee facilities	Tel : 018 294 4310 Email : bhuyser@mweb.co.za
On Golden Pond	5 en-suite rooms overlooking the Mooi River, TV, aircon, kitchenette	Tel : 018 294 4208 Email :
Akkerlaan Guest House ****	11 En-suite rooms, TV, Coffee facilities, aircon	Tel : 018 293 1213 Email :

More information on accommodation can be obtained from

<http://www.potchefstroom.co.za>



# APPENDIX A

## Aerobatic Box



# APPENDIX B

## Entry Form

SPORT AEROBATIC CLUB OF SA

# SUZUKI 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Stage National's

3 – 5 June 2009

<b>Name:</b>					
<b>Tel No:</b>			<b>Fax No:</b>		
<b>Mobile No:</b>			<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Pilots Licence No:</b>			<b>Expiry Date:</b>		
<b>Aerobatic Rating (Class):</b>			<b>Expiry Date:</b>		
<b>Aircraft Type:</b>			<b>Acft Reg No:</b>		
<b>Golf Shirt Size</b>	S	M	L	XL	XXL (Please circle size required)

- FORMAT** : Best Percentage per category  
Classic, RV, Sportsman, Intermediate
- REGISTRATION** : 17h00-18h00 (2 April 2009) 07h30-0900 (3 April 2009)
- BRIEFING** : 09h00 (3 April 2009)
- ENTRY FEE** : Sponsored by Suzuki

### Declaration:

- I have prepared a set of sequences, duly signed off by an unlimited judge.
- I am familiar with the airfield, its altitude and obstacles.
- I have practiced the appropriate sequence within the past thirty days.
- I have prepared 8 sets of my free sequences, duly signed off by an advanced judge/pilot (Forms A, B and C). Not applicable to Classic and Graduate classes. (To be handed in at registration).
- I have a recently packed parachute, which I will wear during all contest flights. (To be presented at registration).
- I have a current Pilot's Licence and Aerobatic Rating for the class to be flown. (To be presented at registration).
- I have an aerobatic rating to fly the indicated category and have practiced the appropriate sequence.
- I have an LS/1 or C of A or Release to Service Document for aircraft. (To be presented at registration).
- I am a paid up member of SAC, Aero Club and have an FAI licence.

Signed : ..... Date : .....

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