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Sixty-six athletes from three air sports to take part in The World Games 2017, 20-23 July

- The World Games 2017 will be held from 20-30 July 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland
- Parachuting Canopy Piloting, Glider Aerobatics and Paramotoring events will take place from 20-23 July
- 66 athletes will take part in the air sports events
- Website for air sports events: <http://twg2017.airsports.aero>

Wroclaw, Poland, 17 July 2017 – **Sixty-six international air sports athletes will compete in three different air sports at the World Games in Poland. Parachuting Canopy Piloting, Glider Aerobatics and Paramotoring will all feature over four days from 20-23 July 2017.**

In total, thirty-seven sports with 60 disciplines are represented at the World Games, which will see 3,500 athletes from 100 nations competing from 20 to 30 July 2017.

Taking place under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Games are an international multi-sport event for sports and disciplines that are not contested in the Olympic Games.

Parachuting Canopy Piloting (Swooping), Glider Aerobatics and Paramotoring will all feature in the World Games under the umbrella title of 'Air Sports'.

The air sports events will take place over four days at Szymanow Airfield in Wroclaw, Poland, from 20-23 July 2017.

FAI President Frits Brink said: "It is crucial for the Federation to be at The World Games, as it means fantastic exposure for our air sports and a great opportunity for our athletes to demonstrate their skills and the beauty of their sports.

"Furthermore, as an International Federation recognised by the IOC and an integral part of the Olympic Movement, taking part in such a high-profile competition brings us even closer together. I couldn't be prouder to have no less than three air sports in the programme of The World Games 2017."

About Air Sports at The World Games 2017

Glider Aerobatics is a test of a glider pilot's ability to perform spectacular aerobatic manoeuvres within the boundaries of competition. Silent and graceful, the pilots aim to impress the judges with their precision and skill as they execute a pre-planned routine in a 1,000m aerial 'box' in the sky. Pilots must manage the glider's speed, energy and position all while knowing exactly which way is up. Routines typically last three minutes and will see pilots pull up to 6G during the toughest manoeuvres.

Parachuting Canopy Piloting is one of the most spectacular disciplines in air sports. Relatively new, the idea is to test a parachutist's ability to control their canopy accurately at high speed. After jumping out of the aircraft competitors spiral down towards the performance zone, a long stretch of water known as a 'swooping pond'. There, as they pass through the course across the swooping pond, they are scored on speed, accuracy and distance. In the Freestyle round scores are given for technical difficulty, presentation and landing.

Paramotoring (also known as powered paragliding) is one of the most accessible forms of flight there is. Flying a paraglider and using a back-mounted engine, pilots launch with a quick run from the ground to get into the air. In Poland pilots will compete over a series of five tasks that measure precision flying

skills – from Accuracy Landing to Paramotor Football. Spectators looking for action should watch for pilots foot-dragging in the water and flying slalom.

Where to find out more

The FAI Media Team will be at the World Games in Wroclaw and will be posting news and rights-free photography to these channels

The FAI Online

www.fai.org

Rights-free photography on Flickr

www.flickr.com/photos/airsports_fai

Social media

www.facebook.com/airsports.fai

www.twitter.com/airsports_fai

www.instagram.com/airsports.fai

The World Games air sports events

<http://twg2017.airsports.aero/>

List of athletes participating in the air sports events

<http://twg2017.airsports.aero/event/athletes>

More about The World Games 2017

The World Games

www.theworldgames.org

Logo

<https://cloud.fai.org/index.php/s/9Ktz4OaDnz3sCjz>

Facts and figures about the World Games (pdf)

www.goo.gl/sZCNUf

The World Games on Facebook (IWGA, the International World Games Association)

www.facebook.com/iwga.theworldgames

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation (www.fai.org), is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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