

PILOT INFORMATION SHEET
9TH AMERICA'S CHALLENGE™ GAS BALLOON RACE
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. **Entry:** Both pilots must hold a valid pilot certificate/license. The Pilot in Command (PIC) must hold a valid certificate/license for gas balloons. The PIC must have been authorized to be PIC of a gas balloon for at least twelve (12) months prior to the start of the event and must have fifty (50) hours experience as a PIC of a gas balloon prior to the closing entry date. Only the registered PIC and co-pilot will be allowed to fly in the race. Entries will be restricted depending on availability of gases. Mixed nationality teams are acceptable.
2. **Entry fees:** \$1400.00 (USD) helium, \$500.00 (USD) hydrogen per team if registered by July 1, 2004. For all applications **received** after July 1st, a \$500.00 (USD) non-refundable late fee will be charged. You may pay your entry fee by wire transfer, credit card or check. NO entries will be accepted after July 31, 2004.
3. **Insurance:** Balloons must be insured for at least \$1,000,000.00 (USD) for third party liability. Insurance **cannot** be purchased from the organizer.

4. **AIBF will Provide:**

Per Team:

Media & Welcome Party Tickets (5)
 Lifting Gas
 Formal Awards Dinner Tickets (5)
 Professional meteorologist
 Trophies – 1st through 3rd (for both pilots)
 Command Center professionally manned 24 hours,
 including search and rescue contact
 Intense Media Coverage

Per Pilot:

Social Events Admission
 Balloon Fiesta VIP Hospitality Admission (1)
 Pilot Pack including Jacket & Fiesta Bucks
 Up to 7 hotel nights for the pilot, if that pilot
 resides more than 50 miles from Albuquerque**
 Preferred Parking Pass (1)

** For pilots participating in both gas and hot air events, the gas event is considered your primary event, therefore your only hotel accommodations are as stated above

5. **Tentative Time-Table:**

Registration (in the "Landing" at Balloon Fiesta Park)	Thursday, September 30	0900-1600
General Briefing (Location to be announced)	Friday, October 1	0900-1400
Welcome Party (Location to be announced)	Friday, October 1	1500-1600
Pilot Briefing – AIBF Office	Friday, October 1	1700-1900
Start of Launch (Weather permitting)	Saturday, October 2	1200
Awards Dinner	Saturday, October 2	1830
	Saturday, October 9	1800

6. **Trackers:**

Trackers are required to be flown and utilized. When the tracker is returned in good condition after flight and use in competition (with no indication of tampering) you will receive \$500.00 USD.

7. **Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations received prior to September 1st will receive refund of half of entry fee. NO refunds will be issued on cancellations received after September 1st.

8. **Commercial Entries:**

Any advertising associated displayed on your balloon may be subject to a sponsorship fee.

Pilot Information:

____ Photographs of **both** pilots
 ____ Brief biography of **both** pilots
 (Images must be submitted by June 15th to appear in the 2004 Balloon Fiesta program.)

Balloon Information:

____ Photograph of the balloon

ENTRY AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned pilot in command or co-pilot hereby declare, that I will fly in accordance with the rules and regulations, Conditions of Entry, obey the FARs, 9th America's Challenge rules and fly entirely at my own risk and waive any right of action against Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc., the owner of the launch site and their respective members, employees and personnel for any loss or damage sustained by me in consequence of any act or omission on their part, my part or the part of other competitors.

 Pilot Signature Date

 Co-Pilot Signature Date