

VERCOFLY 2021

What?

A real challenge linking 8 huts in the Valais Alps, located between the Val d'Anniviers and the Val d'Hérens.

The Vercofly is a demanding competition for experienced pilots, combining paragliding and mountain hiking.

Where? When?

Departure : Crêt-du-Midi, restaurant terrace

Arrival : Vercorin, village

Duration: 4 days

Dates: August 25 to 28, 2021

Why?

To bring together pilots with different motivations and backgrounds on a new event.

Discover a region populated by peaks of over 4,000 metres.

To multiply the pleasure of flying in the mountains by the effort of walking.

To encourage the sharing of experiences in a friendly atmosphere.

To allow pilots to fly without worrying about logistics.

1. ORGANIZATION

1.1 Organizer and Event Director (ED)

The paragliding school Twist'air Sàrl.

1.2 Jury

Formed in the event of a dispute during the competition, it is composed as follows:

- 1 representative of the organizer
- 2 pilots chosen at random from among the participants

The role of the jury is to rule in case of dispute between competitors and to validate the calculation of the points allowing the establishment of the classification.

1.3 Flight and operating conditions

Pilots are the only ones to make decisions about the choice of pedestrian routes and the choice to fly.

Analysis and anticipation of changing terrain and weather conditions must be a constant concern.

Glaciers are strictly forbidden outside the marked access paths (no crossing on foot, no take-off or landing) and the areas communicated by the organization during the pilots' briefing. Failure to comply with this point will result in automatic disqualification.

2. PILOTS

2.1. General conditions of participation

2 categories are proposed: COMPETITION and ADVENTURE.

The " COMPETITION " category is intended for pilots considered as experts in their field. The criteria, which are not exhaustive, are to have participated in a Red Bull X-Alps, to have finished in the top 10 of a recognized Hike&Fly competition or to have a paragliding instructor's certificate. Pilots who do not meet one of these criteria can still be accepted in this category, if they can show us that they can indeed be considered experts.



The "ADVENTURE" category is intended for experienced pilots wishing to participate in the Vercofly and meeting one of the following selection criteria:

- Have at least 2 years of certification
- Have participated in paragliding competitions
- Have participated in the Vercofly
- Flying in the mountains

The pilots of the 2 categories must :

- to hold a free flight pilot licence, paragliding category (FSVL), IPPI Card level 4 or other licence valid in the country where the pilot usually flies.
- be able to prove that **you** have a civil liability insurance and an accident insurance.

3. MODALITIES

3.1 How to register

The registration will be done by Internet by following the link available on the Vercofly website. The payment is made by bank transfer. The confirmation of registration will be validated by email to the pilots. The list of registered pilots will be posted on the Vercofly website and updated regularly. The organization reserves the right to refuse a pilot if he does not meet the selection criteria.

3.2 Registration fees

The registration fee is CHF 425 (CHF 680 for tandem). Services offered by the organisation :

- Half-board accommodation in the cabins.
- Tracking system for race tracking.
- Accommodation in a PC shelter on Tuesday evening.
- Prize-giving meal on Saturday evening.
- Souvenir gift for all participants.

Non-refund clause: in case of withdrawal before June 30th, only 300 CHF will be refunded, after this date no refund will be made.

3.3. List of registrants

The organisation considers that all pilots registered for the "Vercofly" participate in the entire event. Thus:

- If a pilot wishes to leave the Vercofly, he must inform the organisation who will remove him from the list of registered pilots.

3.4. Security check-in

All registered pilots must check in individually at the latest at 8 pm every day. He must check in by phone or sms to the number given by the organization. The security check-in allows the organization to avoid unnecessary search and rescue. The absence of security check-in is a very serious fault which will lead to sanctions.

3.5. Cut-off time

The race window is open from 6am to 8pm.

3.6. Emergencies

As soon as the pilot lands, he must fold the glider IMMEDIATELY. A paraglider on the ground that is not gathered or folded means: I NEED HELP.

The pilot who flies near a pilot in difficulty must assist him or warn the ED by all means. The jury will assess the method of compensating the score of the pilot who has rendered assistance.

International Distress Signals

If helicopter assistance is required, represent the letter "Y" for YES by clasping the legs together and placing the arms in a "V" position.

If the helicopter is not required, the diagonal of the letter "N" (\) should be represented with the

arms. When the helicopter is approaching, the competitors must hold or remove any object that could fly away.



When the rotor is turning, always approach the helicopter from the front and wait for the crew's signal.

4. FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

4.1. Compulsory equipment for the Vercofly

Equipment still required

- Mobile phone (with charger if not enough autonomy for the 4 days)
- Backup battery of minimum 20000mAh
- A jacket
- A survival blanket
- A whistle

Required equipment for the flight

- Paragliding (EN 926-2 and 926-1)
- Rescue parachute (EN 12491)
- Harness (EN 1651 with certified back protection)
- Helmet (EN 966)

Safety instructions

- Adhere to the organization's guidelines
- To have the right equipment for flying and walking in the mountains
- Have clothes and equipment to take shelter
- Respect the "pre-flight" (am I tied up, is my equipment in order, etc.)
- Regularly inquire about the weather situation
- Respect the flight rules of the area overflown

5. Categories

COMPETITIVE CATEGORY

2 rounds with 2 different formats are organized.

Round 1 (RACE TO GOAL):

- From Wednesday to Friday (duration 38h).
- Departure from Crêt-du-midi (10am).
- Arrival at the Becs de Bosson hut (maximum 8pm).
- The course is imposed and will be determined according to the weather forecast.
- The ranking is established on the basis of the time taken to complete the course and if it is not completed in its entirety, on the basis of the number of validated markers and the distance covered.
- Represents 75% of the final ranking.
- All beacons are validated on the ground with a selfie.

Round 2 (OUT AND RETURN):

- Saturday (duration 11am).

- Departure from the Becs de Bosson hut (6am or according to the time of arrival at the Becs de Bosson hut for pilots who were not able to reach the hut on Friday evening).
- Arrival in Vercorin (maximum 5pm).
- The ranking is established according to the greatest distance achieved with a tack.
- Represents 25% of the final ranking.
- Non-compliance with flight rules or the use of any other means of locomotion than paragliding or shoes will result in disqualification.

The final ranking is established as follows:

$$0.75 * \text{rank of run 1} + 0.25 * \text{rank of run 2}$$

Example:

Pilote	Manche 1	75%	Manche 2	25%	Classement final
Pilote 7	1	0,75	7	1,75	2,5
Pilote 10	3	2,25	3	0,75	3
Pilote 9	2	1,5	9	2,25	3,75
Pilote 4	4	3	5	1,25	4,25
Pilote 3	6	4,5	2	0,5	5
Pilote 6	7	5,25	1	0,25	5,5
Pilote 8	5	3,75	10	2,5	6,25
Pilote 1	8	6	6	1,5	7,5
Pilote 2	9	6,75	4	1	7,75
Pilote 5	10	7,5	8	2	9,5

Bonus

- Bonus Supair : 8 validated huts (Becs de Bosson, Grand Mountet, Arpitettaz, Tracuit, Moiry, Tza, Aiguilles Rouges and Bertol).

Malus

- 1 beacon deducted if not stopped (+ safety message to the organization) at 8pm.

ADVENTURE CATEGORY

One round (Score Race):

- Wednesday to Saturday (duration 49h)
- Departure from Crêt-du-Midi (10am).
- Arrival in Vercorin (maximum 5pm).
- The course is free, the aim is to validate a maximum number of markers.
- The huts can be validated in overflight with a radius of 400m (depending on snow conditions, the radius can be extended).
- Bonuses and lakes are validated on the ground with a selfie.
- The use of public transport and ski lifts is permitted.

Bonus

- Bonus Supair : 8 validated huts (Becs de Bosson, Grand Mountet, Arpitettaz, Tracuit, Moiry, Tza, Aiguilles Rouges and Bertol).

Malus

- 1 beacon deducted if not stopped (+ safety message to the organization) at 8pm.
- 1 hut deducted if not in hut by 9:30 pm (Alex Malus), so exclusion from Supair bonus.

Joker Palace

- Possibility to activate a joker once to sleep elsewhere than in one of the 9 cabins. The authorized accommodations are: another guarded hut, a hotel, a bed and breakfast, a home stay (Joker Palace).

6. GAME TERRAIN

Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Name	Description	Category	Validation mode
N 46 15 13.97	E 007 32 08.02	1310	LVERCO	Landing Vercorin	Landing	
N 46 12 29.92	E 007 37 03.47	2336	BWEISS	Bonus blueberry pie at the Weisshorn Hotel	Bonus	Selfie with blueberry pie
N 46 09 36.18	E 007 41 58.13	2511	HTURTM	Black Forest Bonus at the Turtmannhütte	Bonus	Selfie with black forest
N 46 07 43.50	E 007 37 47.03	1679	BZINAL	Bonus Valley floor (Zinal)	Bonus	Selfie in front of Zinal sign
N 46 06 22.43	E 007 30 05.15	1385	BEVOLE	Valley bottom bonus (Evolène)	Bonus	Selfie in front of Evolène sign
N 46 10 04.30	E 007 31 05.09	3113	BBECSB	Bonus Bosson Spouts	Bonus	Selfie at the top of BeCs de Bosson
N 46 12 58.00	E 007 31 55.20	2608	BBRENT	Brentaz Bonus	Bonus	Selfie at the top of Brentaz
N 46 15 11.36	E 007 33 23.0	1137	BVOUAL	Voualans Omelette Bonus	Bonus	Selfie with an omelette at the Voualans refreshment bar
N 46 6 57.46	E 007 25 36.84	2939	BARZIN	Bonus Pic d'Arzinol	Bonus	Selfie at the top of Pic Arzinol
N 46 04 29.50	E 007 22 43.97	2648	HPRAFL	Prafleuri Hut	Cabin	
N 46 07 48.61	E 007 40 46.99	3251	HTRACU	Cabane de Tracuit	Historic cabin	
N 46 06 03.10	E 007 40 45.70	2780	HARPIT	Arpitettaz Hut	Historic cabin	
N 46 03 36.22	E 007 39 12.74	2883	HMOUNT	Grand Mountet Hut	Historic cabin	
N 46 05 26.63	E 007 35 43.76	2816	HMOIRY	Cabane de Moiry	Historic cabin	
N 46 00 21.35	E 007 31 39.29	3276	HBERTO	Bertol Hut	Historic cabin	
N 46 01 48.97	E 007 30 13.75	2589	HTZA	Hut of Tza	Historic cabin	
N 46 03 22.75	E 007 27 27.07	2802	HROUGE	Cabane des Aiguilles Rouges	Historic cabin	
N 46 09 50.80	E 007 30 58.86	2983	HBECBSB	Cabane des BeCs de Bosson	Historic cabin	
N 46 13 45.95	E 007 31 45.05	2324	TCRET	Crêt-du-Midi	Take-off	
N 46 06 17.39	E 007 38 39.80	2228	LARPIT	Lake Arpitettaz	Lake	Selfie (water up to your knees)
N 46 03 01.84	E 007 28 48.29	2097	LBLEU	Blue Lake	Lake	Selfie (water up to your knees)
N 46 06 50.40	E 007 28 33.96	1777	LARBHEY	Lake Arbey	Lake	Selfie (water up to your knees)
N 46 10 32.74	E 007 30 2.99	2571	LLOUCH	Lake Louché	Lake	Selfie (water up to your knees)
N 46 12 33.88	E 007 31 15.20	2275	LTSART	Gorge of Tsartey	Lake	Selfie (water up to your knees)



7. IMAGE RIGHTS

By registering, the competitors authorize the organizer, Twist'air Sàrl as well as any third party he may authorize, to capture and use all audio and video recordings and photographs made during the event and to use their name, image, voice, appearance, facts and gestures, any biographical element, for any purpose (commercial, promotional or other) and above all support without any restriction, in time, for any type and quantity and for any means of distribution, without this granting them any other right, remuneration or indemnity

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8. RESPONSIBILITY

Participation in the VERCOFLY 2021 is under the sole and entire responsibility of the participants. Each participant must personally insure himself against all risks related to his participation in the event, both to himself and to third parties (liability insurance, accident insurance, damage insurance, etc.)

The organization Twist'air Sàrl declines all responsibility towards the participants and towards third parties for any damage that may arise from the participation in the event. By signing the present regulations or by accepting them by registering, the participant releases the organization from any responsibility towards himself and commits himself to assume any responsibility towards third parties that may result from his participation and his own actions.

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