

Acro World Cup 2024 - Pilots Info

Program

The program is subject to changes due to weather. Training flight on Thursday, Friday - Sunday 3 competition runs:

- Thursday, July 25th: Training flight 10am, Registration for comp 6pm to 8pm, general briefing 8pm.
- Friday, July 26th: Competition day 1
- Saturday, July 27th: Competition day 2
- Sunday, July 28th: Competition day 3, prize giving ceremony

Map

[Karten der Schweiz - Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft - map.geo.admin.ch](https://www.geo.admin.ch)

Parking

The number of parking spots close to Cholplatz is very limited. There are a few parking spots next to the cinema, about half of them can at most be used for three hours. The parking of the Rothorn-Bahn and parts of the Coop parking can be used for longer. Further, you can park across the street of Steininger Bäckerei-Konditorei and next to the Feuerwehr.

Also at landing site Aaregg there are currently almost no parking spots available, as the construction for the Brienzersee Rockfestival is on the way.

Food

We will deliver a lunch packet on Fr, Sa and So and coffee in the morning.

During the competition the Quaifest of the Musikgesellschaft Brienz takes place with concerts after 8pm. There is a bar with food and drinks Friday and Saturday after 5pm. Dinner is not included in the pilots fee. Please do not eat other food and drink inside their tent, when they are open!

There are additional fast food options in Brienz and the Coop supermarket next to Cholplatz is open all day on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, only small gas station shops are open.

Tap water and water from fountains is safe to drink, if not marked otherwise.

Toilets

There are public toilets at the Cholplatz, as well as at the train station, and at the landing site Aaregg. No toilets available at the takeoff place.

Sleeping

Wild camping is forbidden in the whole canton of Bern. In the municipality of Brienz this will be strictly controlled and also overnight stays in a bus will be fined. The campsites in Brienz are mostly fully booked at this time of year. However, there are campsites in the surrounding area where you can still find space spontaneously.

If you wish, you can stay for Fr. 15 per night in the civil defense facility in Brienz. At the facility are free parking spots available (but you cannot sleep in the car there, as it is in the municipality of Brienz).

Takeoff sites

The street leading to the takeoffs is private. If you want to drive up there on your own, you must purchase a sticker for Fr. 15 and stick it visibly to the front window of your car. The stickers are available at the tourist information and at Restaurant Bramisegg on the way up.

The takeoffs themselves are at alpine altitudes, exposed to wind, uneven, and rocky. They are behind trees, which generate strong turbulence, if wind is coming from the side. Thus, the takeoffs can be dangerous, if the conditions are not right. Assessing the conditions is your responsibility, do not take off, if the conditions are not for you!

There is a chairlift up to the takeoff. Costs for the chairlift are included except on Thursday.

Landing sites

In Brienz, the raft is very close to the shore: The depth of the lake increases rapidly and we cannot attach it further outside, and if it was further from the shore it would lie in the approach of the steam boat Lötschberg. The proximity of the raft to spectators and concrete structures demands that you position yourself with greatest care! There is an emergency landing site on the soccer pitch next to the school.

Wet gliders can be dried on the small grass field at Cholplatz, and on the bigger soccer field in the village. Additionally, from Friday to Sunday we can use the sports hall (beneath that field to dry wet stuff over night).

Depending on the conditions and for training runs we might use the landing site at Aaregg. There are two small bays, one before and one after the entry of the river Aare. In the first bay, there is a crane with wire ropes and there tend to be more pilots from SIVs around, therefore we fly in the second bay.

Beware, at Aaregg the wind direction can change rapidly. If you cannot make it to the landing due to strong wind or leaving the box too late, try to pick a field with cut grass for your emergency landing. Immediately leave the field, cross the street, and park your glider next to the lake.