



FAI Qualifying Sailplane Grand Prix SERIES 13

VARESE - ITALY 2026
18m class

Aeroporto Adele e Giorgio Orsi

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Dear Gliding Friends,

*our club "Adele Orsi" has the honour to invite you to the FAI
Sailplane Grand Prix of Italy 2026.*

Time Schedule

The FAI Sailplane Grand Prix of Italy 2026 will take place at the ACAO Varese from May 24th to May 30th;

Official training:	Friday May 22 nd + Saturday, May 23 rd
Contest days:	Sunday, May 24 th to Saturday, May 30 th

Registration / Selection of pilots

- Deadline for entries: March 15th, 2026
- On March 16th, selection of the 20 pilots according to IGC Ranking
- The selected pilot must pay their entry fee before March 24th, 2026, to confirm their entry.
- After March 16th, the available places, if any, or the places on the waiting list will be allocated following *the order of the completion date of the registration form and payment.*

Location

Aeroporto Adele e Giorgio Orsi, Calcinate del Pesce, VARESE - *ICAO Code:* LILC

Coordinates: 45°48'33" N / 008°46'06" E - *Elevation* AMSL: 243 m / 797 ft

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Schedule 2026

Final entries closed	March, 15 th
Unofficial training	May, 20 th – May, 21 st
Official training	May, 22 nd – May 23 rd
Registration	May, 21 st – May, 23 rd
First official pilots briefing	May 23 rd at 18.30 LT
Opening briefing	May 23 rd at 18.30 LT
Opening ceremony	May 23 rd at 18.30 LT
Contest flying	May 24 th – 30 th
Public Day	May 24 th
Award ceremony	May 30 th

Competition Officials

Competition director	Aldo Cernezzi
Deputy Director	Marco Cappelletti
Referee / CSO	To be defined
Task setting	Aldo Cernezzi
Scoring	François Robert
Event management	Margherita Acquaderni
Public relations	Margherita Acquaderni Daniela Miglierina
Meteo	Piero Magnaghi
Website	ACAO https://acao.it/attivita-sportiva/gare-eventi/fai-qualifying-sailplane-grand-prix-series-13/

Competing gliders and limitations

The contest will be held in the 18m Class. The *wing loading* will be limited to 51 kg/m².

Gliders must have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness or a Permit-to-Fly not excluding competition flying.

Entries

Registration: The pilot registration form is available here: <https://sgp.aero/pilot-registration>

Number of entries. The maximum number of entries for the Sailplane Grand Prix Varese 2026 is 20 pilots. If at the preliminary closing date of March 15th, 2026, there are more entries than allocated, the top 20 IGC ranked entrants will be accepted and the remainder will be placed on a waiting list in IGC Ranking order.

Pilot criteria

According the SGP rules, pilots must:

- have flown at least 250 hours as a pilot in command, of which at least 100 hours in sailplanes
- hold a pilot licence or equivalent document issued or recognized by the Italian authorities (we will offer support for the validation process)

- hold a current FAI Sporting Licence
- have prior experience of flying over alpine terrain

Pilots flying gliders not registered in the country of their pilot's licence should inform the organisers to verify licensing requirements.

Entry fee

Entry fee is 400 €. The payment must be executed via Bank transfer:

To:	Aero Club Adele Orsi ASD
Bank	Banca Popolare di Sondrio, Agenzia di Gavirate
IBAN code	IT70R0569650250000020249X74
SWIFT code	POSOIT22
Reason	<i>Pilot's name</i> , Entry Fee SGP2026

A pilot who enters, but withdraws before the event, is entitled to a refund on the following basis:

Before March 15 th , 2026:	full refund of entry fee.
From March 16 th , 2026, until April 15 th , 2026:	refund of 50% of entry fee.
After April 16 th , 2026:	no refund available.

Refund limits may be varied by the Organisers in an individual case at the request of the entrant as we recognise that there may be a need to consider particular and/or personal circumstances.

Competition Area and Airspace

The tasks during the Sailplane Grand Prix Varese will be set in the Central Alps and the lower mountains towards the flatland (Pre-Alps) and its surrounding area. The task setting shall take into consideration multiple factors including:

- Possibility for the public to follow parts of the race both from the airfield and from scenic observation points in the contest area;
- outlanding possibilities and safe terrain clearance;
- airspace restrictions.

Rules and Local Procedures

The competition will be run according to the version of the SGP rules, applicable to series 13, which can be downloaded from: <https://sgp.aero/sgp-rules>

The Local Procedures will be published on the competition website immediately after approval by the SGP committee.

Insurance requirements

- Glider: Third Party Liability insurance, not excluding competitions, conformant to the Luftfahrtverordnung LFV (Art. 125 und 135) or equivalent. (1'500'000 SDR);
- Pilot: personal medical insurance is required for all pilots, covering accidents and sickness, including any local hospital costs and the costs of transport back to the team member's home country.

Aero tows

Per launch, 80 €; release altitude depends on weather conditions and will be as decided on a daily basis by the Competition Director.

Contest numbers, visible markings, Flarm

Contest numbers: there are no additional requirements to the existing SGP rules.

Logos and banners: the organisers may require competitors to display transfer logos and/or advertising banners on their sailplane.

Traffic Awareness: Flarm, or a fully compatible traffic awareness device, is compulsory equipment, and must be in good operational order and switched on, from no less than 2 minutes before launch, till after the landing.

Internet at the Site

Free wireless internet access will be provided over the whole airport area including the buildings. The password will be published in the club house. Mobile communications and Internet access are available at very low prices in Italy, even for very short periods; SIMs can be bought at supermarkets and shopping malls in a matter of minutes; we therefore recommend all foreign competitors to acquire one local SIM card.

Briefings

All participants must attend the opening briefing and each daily competition briefing. Briefing will be held in the briefing room in the club house.

Official Homepage

More information about the FAI Sailplane Grand Prix of Italy in Varese is available at <https://sgp.aero/italy-2026>

Accommodation

There is a restaurant on the airport premises. The club house and the club's Bar, both offer a place to relax, chat or work. A few suggestions for your accommodation will be published in January in ACAO website. The airport also has a camping site available.

For more information please send an email to segreteriaeventi@acao.it

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