

Team Racing Triathlon

We talked about an endurance race but could not find a happy ground that would include acceptable risk. Multiple planes in the air and people on the runway is an issue I could not creatively solve. Frank van Beurden was talking about his triathlon officiating experience, that and the fact we had gone to three pilot teams sent me down a different road. So this is a race against the clock with four teams of three pilots. The disciplines are progressively more difficult and points are awarded for each completed discipline. Total points will go to a team's overall championship total.

Pilot 1, Team 1: First Discipline

Takes off and starts the clock, runs 15 laps of the pylon course.

Time clock starts and continues to run during all three disciplines.

At the end of 15 laps immediately lands and he or a runner gets the model and brings it back to the team 'pit table'. We will line up 4 tables near the start. As soon as he touches the 'pit table' pilot 2 runs to start pilot station.

Pilot 2, Team 1: Second Discipline

Takes off and flies 5 laps of the pylon course and then has to cut two ribbons set up between the pylons. Once both Ribbons have been cut he can land, pick up his model or use a runner and return it to the 'pit table'. As soon as he touches the 'pit table' pilot 3 runs to start pilot station.

Pilot 3, Team 1: Third Discipline.

Pilot 3 has a needle fixed to his right wing tip. There will be 6 helium filled balloons on a string about 20 - 30 feet high. The object is to cut as many balloons as possible before the battery runs out. Once he lands and touches the 'pit table' the clock stops.

Each team performs the same tasks and each team can pick which pilot will do which discipline.

Point's structure

Fastest over all time, the team is awarded 20 points.

Every 15 seconds off that time loses a point for the other teams

Bonus points, first discipline, 1 point for each lap completed, 5 points for fastest time in the discipline.

Bonus points, second discipline, 10 points for each ribbon cut

Bonus points, third discipline, 5 points for each balloon burst.

Points count for the championship.

