

# AUSTRALIAN LONG JUMP RULES – 1 JUNE to 30 SEPT 2011

1. Any pilot who is a financial member of the ABF may enter with any balloon.
  
2. The competition will be judged in two categories:
  - a. AXI to AX7 (up to and including 77,000 cu ft).
  - b. AX8 and larger (greater than 77,000 cu ft).
  
3. The pilot/s who flies the greatest distance between two points in a single continuous flight within Australia, with a limited allowance of 150 litres propane, during June - September 2011, will be judged the winner/s.
  
4. Pilots are encouraged to carry additional emergency fuel for safety. Any fuel use in excess of 150 litres will be penalised as a percentage of distance flown in direct proportion to the excess fuel used, at a rate of 1% per excess litre (for example 50 litres of excess fuel is a 50% distance penalty and so on). The method of measurement of fuel used is at the discretion (and honour) of the entrant. Reasonable evidence of fuel consumed shall be provided. It is preferable that this is in the form of fuel docketts or if those are not available, a calculation based on known useful capacity of the tanks used and quantity remaining in the last tank used, by the fuel gauge.
  
5. Takeoff is to be made on the contest fuel. Heat-up to equilibrium may be made from the emergency fuel supply tank with the tank being sealed before take off. Entrants should endeavour not to use the emergency reserve except for genuine emergency use and land as soon as it is safe to do so after tapping the reserve supply.
  
6. There is no limit on number of attempts, but pilots should send in a report promptly after each flight. Previously, some pilots put off reporting, thinking they would fly again and missed out.
  
7. *IT IS IMPORTANT* that the launch/landing sites shall be verified on an appropriate chart or map (as specified below) by the signature of an appropriate witness. All available means should be employed to verify the claim.  
**Note** An aeronautical sectional chart or topographic map capable of displaying the complete flight must be used to indicate launch position, flight path, and landing position. GPS latitude and longitude or grid reference reports are acceptable but the launch/landing verification should be verified by an appropriate witness if possible and the location must be indicated on the appropriate chart.
  
8. Each entrant is entirely responsible for the organisation, realisation and all consequences of their own Long Jump attempts.
  
9. The competition starts at 6am on 1 June 2010 and ends at 6pm on 30 September 2011. Any flights completed during this period will qualify for adjudication.

10. Prospective competitors must pay an entry fee of \$50 before 6pm, 1 July, 2010. The combined entry fee will be used to purchase and present trophies to be awarded at the Judge's discretion. Cheques are to be made payable to: "The Balloon Association of Victoria". Please write "LONG JUMP ENTRY" on the back of the cheque.

11. Every entrant, regardless of success or failure, must submit a written report to the Balloon Association of Victoria by 15 October 2011. Claims for the longest flight must be supported by map number and 8 figure grid references for take-off and landing points, as well as evidence to substantiate the claim. Names and addresses of independent witnesses and landowners are the minimum requirement. The information is to be submitted on the Record of Flight form supplied on receipt of the entry fee.

12. The winners will be selected by a judge to be nominated by the Balloon Association of Victoria, whose decision will be final. The Judge may disqualify claims if there is any evidence that any Rule or Regulation of the ABF or the CASA has been contravened. Similarly, claims may be dismissed if they are unsupported, unintelligible or simply unbelievable!

13. The Judge may publish extracts from flight reports in AERONOTES if he or she so chooses.

**ENTER NOW!!**

***Send your name and address plus a \$50 cheque to:***

The Secretary

Balloon Association of Victoria

6 Francis Street Blackburn Vic 3130

***Before last post 1 July 2011.***