

THE 2012 WORLDS WILL USE OBSERVERS*

The 2012 World Championships will be held in Battle Creek, Michigan, USA on August 18-25, 2012. Both the Worlds and the Pre-Worlds, Aug 22-27, 2011 (also in Battle Creek), will be using Observers. We are putting out the call to all experienced Observers to put these dates on their calendars and request an application. Jim Dieball jdieball@wi.rr.com is collecting the requests.

We have had minimal use of Observers in the US for the last ten years, so we hope to have a large number of International Observers participate in both years. We expect a field of around 75 pilots in 2011 which will also be the US National Championships. It will NOT be a category I Event. So while you may apply directly, we would also like you to copy your Country's Chief Observer on your request. We are hoping to use 40, or more, International Observers.

The Worlds will have the standard 101 Pilots and we hope to use 60 International Observers. The selection process will be through your country's Chief Observer. We will give preference to those people who can Observe both years. A free hotel room (shared with one other person) will be provided, as will parties and other meals and a \$250 travel stipend for 2012. We have not yet raised money to provide for a travel stipend in 2011, but the free rooms and other amenities will be provided in 2011 as well.

These Events are Logger Events. The Observers will only measure results within 100 meter of an intersection goal. The new Observer Handbook is on the CIA site at <http://www.fai.org/ballooning/ciadocs.asp>

Those wishing to apply as Debriefers and other Senior Staff members, should make that application to David Levin, the Event Director. davidnlevin@gmail.com

* An Observer is a Competition official, responsible to the Chief Observer. His/her duties are primarily the recording impartially of the particulars of positions, times, distance, etc. achieved by a Pilot during a Competitive Task. He/she also has the duty of reporting the facts of any apparent infringement of Competition Rules or of the air law, and any case of inconsiderate behavior towards landowners or the public by any Competitor or crew member.

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Please send a note indicating your interest or any questions to:

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