

## Bulletin 4

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The Opening Ceremony of the **38th FAI World Gliding Championships** for the Open, 18m, and 20m Multi-seat classes in Uvalde, Texas USA, will be held in 4 weeks. Several pilots are now in Uvalde training and containers carrying gliders and equipment are beginning to arrive at the airfield.

## Website

The official Championships website link is: [wgc2024uvalde.com](https://wgc2024uvalde.com)

## Competitors

Competitors registered as of July 20 are shown at the following link.  
[https://www.soaringspot.com/en\\_gb/38th-fai-world-gliding-championship-uvalde-garner-field-2024/pilots](https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/38th-fai-world-gliding-championship-uvalde-garner-field-2024/pilots)

## Communication Channels

WhatsApp channels will be established and used for communication during the Championships. The QR codes will be in the self-briefing document which will be distributed shortly.

# Updated airspace and waypoint data v3 issued 19-July, 2024

v3 has been issued to correct an **error found in the v1 airspace file** (some airspace incorrectly shown as forbidden). There was no v2. Both airspace and waypoints are designated as v3.

The waypoint file was updated with some additional information. **NO WAYPOINTS WERE ADDED OR DELETED, AND NO WAYPOINT NUMBERS WERE CHANGED.**

Also note that there is intentionally no waypoint #2.

In addition to the files posted on SoaringSpot, the files have also been posted to the [Worldwide Soaring Turnpoint Exchange](#). **However, please note that only the .CUP format waypoint file and Openair (.txt) airspace file on SoaringSpot are official for scoring purposes.**

## AVOID PENALTIES: Things you need to know about Uvalde airspace

1. The airspace file that comes with your flight computer is not accurate enough for the WGC. You **MUST** use the one available on SoaringSpot to accurately show and avoid forbidden (i.e. penalty) airspace.
2. **PENALTY** airspace is any airspace coded as **Class A, B, C, P, or R.**
3. Class A airspace is everything above 18,000' MSL, there is no Class A below that.
4. Regardless of what your map says, for the purposes of the contest all other **PENALTY airspace (B, C, P, and R)** areas extend upward to 18,000'MSL. **YOU MAY NEVER OVERFLY THEM.**
5. Class D airspace is not forbidden, but you must establish radio contact with the facility before you enter it. The top of the airspace is as shown on current charts.
6. **The penalty airspace that defines the border with Mexico does not exactly match the Rio Grande River.** It begins a small distance inside the USA. DO NOT depend on visual avoidance of the river. Rely on the airspace file for proper clearance. [See this graphic for an example.](#)
7. Here is a graphic of the [Forbidden \(Penalty\) Airspace](#)

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