



# 16th World POPS Meeting & Championships Villarrica | February 19 to 29, 2024 CHILE



## OFFICIAL BULLETIN N°1

16TH WORLD POPS MEET AND CHAMPIONSHIPS  
VILLARRICA, CHILE, 19TH TO 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

### EVENT ORGANIZATION:

The event is organized by: The POPS Chile Chapter, Skydive Pucón & Aero Club Villarrica, with the support of the Confederación Latino Americana de Paracaidismo (Latin-American Skydiving Confederation) – COLPAR Siglo XXI.

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### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Ivan Rios             | World Top Pop #13                             |
| Peter Vermehren       | Meet Director, Owner of Skydive Pucon         |
| Gustavo Eduardo Reyes | Operations Mgr., Chairman World POP Meet 2014 |
| Andrea Punulef        | Public Relations                              |
| Patricio Ravello      | Safety Officer                                |

### JUDGES PANEL:

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Meet Director         | Peter Vermehren                   |
| Chief Judge           | To be designated in Bulletin N#2. |
| Accuracy Events Judge | To be designated in Bulletin N#2. |
| FS Events Judge       | To be designated in Bulletin N#2. |
| Assistant Judges      | National/Colpar/FAI Judges        |

### AIMS OF THE EVENT

The World POPS Meet & Championships are first and foremost a meeting place for POPs from all over the world. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> World Pops Meeting & Championships, as previous meetings were held in Australia, USA (Florida), Spain, Jordan, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA (Arizona), Italy, the Netherlands, Argentina, United Kingdom, and now for second time in South America Chile, at the beautiful Lake's Region.

The World Pops Meeting and Championships is an un-official World Championships for POPs and SOS in six disciplines.



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## Disciplines to be contested.

- Classic Accuracy
- Sport Accuracy
- Hit'n Rock
- FS 4-way National Teams
- FS 4-way Scrambles
- FS 8-way Speed Star

## COMPETITION DATES

|                                 |                                      |         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Arrival days*                   | 14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> | All day |
| Training Jumps                  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>              | All day |
| Opening Ceremony                | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>              | 04:00pm |
| Auditorium Ceremony             | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>              | 09:00pm |
| Competition starts              | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>             | 09:00am |
| Reserve Day                     | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>              | All day |
| Competition ends                | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>            | 02:00pm |
| Closing Ceremony/ Award Banquet | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>            | 07:00pm |
| Departure day                   | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>               | All day |

\*Due our traditional Accuracy over Water Competition, during these days training jumps only will be available from 8:00 to 14:00.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

The Pre-Registration Form, could be found in this Bulletin or can be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.skydive.ar/Contact/prereg.html>

Pre-Registration can be done via email or via our website.

Due to exchange rate of our local money (CHILEAN PESOS), payments must be made by using a bank transfer to an US account, with bank charges to be paid by the sender to our bank (in US Dollars).

The bank account details for transfer will be sent via email to those who register.

Official Registration will be available in our website after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ENTRY FEES

There are three periods of registry. Note that on site payments will be only in cash in USD or EUR.

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>August 15<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Early entry</b> |
| Registry Fee Jumpers                                       | USD 170,00         |
| Registry Fee Non-Jumpers                                   | USD 85,00          |
| <b>November 18<sup>th</sup> to January 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Entry</b>       |
| Registry Fee Jumpers                                       | USD 180,00         |
| Registry Fee Non-Jumpers                                   | USD 90,00          |
| <b>January 19<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Late Entry*</b> |
| Registry Fee Jumpers                                       | USD 190,00         |
| Registry Fee Non-Jumpers                                   | USD 95,00          |



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**The entry fee for competitors includes:**

- Welcome pack.
- Official T-shirt with the World Pops Meet 2024 logo.
- Registration in all disciplines
- Daily Transfer from Villarrica City to the Drop Zone and vice versa if necessary
- Ticket for Opening Ceremony
- Closing & Farewell Dinner & Party

**The entry fee for non-competitors / partners includes:**

- Welcome pack.
- Daily Transfer from Villarrica City to the Drop Zone and vice versa if necessary
- Ticket for Opening Ceremony
- Closing & Farewell Dinner & Party

**COMPETITION JUMPS (prices of group jumps includes camera tickets)**

|                                   | <b><u>Prepaid (Until Jan 1<sup>st</sup>)</u></b> | <b><u>Paid On site</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Classic Accuracy</b> (6 jumps) | USD 240,00                                       | USD 250,00                 |
| <b>Sport Accuracy</b> (4 Jumps)   | USD 160,00                                       | USD 170,00                 |
| <b>Hit &amp; Rock</b> (1 Jump)    | USD 40,00  | USD 45,00                  |
| <b>FS 4 National</b> (4 Jumps)    | USD 220,00                                       | USD 230,00                 |
| <b>FS 4 Scramble</b> (4 Jumps)    | USD 220,00                                       | USD 230,00                 |
| <b>FS 4 SOS</b> (4 Jumps)         | USD 220,00                                       | USD 230,00                 |
| <b>FS 8 Speed Star</b> (3 Jumps)  | USD 165,00                                       | USD 175,00                 |

**COMPETITIONS**

The event when the competition will start and the order in which each event will be held is totally dependent on the weather. The Meet Director and Chief of Judges will decide the schedule.

For instance, with clear blue skies in the first day, we will start with FS-4 Nationals, if the weather will not allow high jumps, accuracy will be done instead. Each day will be decided which events will be jumped according to weather conditions. We want to make the most on every kind of weather to jump any part of the competition jumps. This will be briefed daily to you. The information will always be available on our website and will be communicated at the beginning and end of each day.

A few days before the competition, Villarrica hosts the traditional parachuting water competition, a fun and unique competition open to anyone who wants to participate. You open your parachute, fly a few minutes observing a wonderful landscape to land in a beautiful warm water lake.



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## PRE-EVENT TRAINING JUMPS

The Drop Zone will be open for training/fun jumps from February 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Fun Jumps and Training Jumps:

| Altitude (AGL)     | Prepaid (Until Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> ) | Paid On site |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 3,500 ft/ 1.100 m  | USD 40,00                            | USD 45,00    |
| 11,000 ft/ 3.300 m | USD 55,00                            | USD 60,00    |

Jumps paid and not used will be fully refunded.

## PARTICIPATION

All competitors must be members of their POPS national organization. They must prove their membership showing a valid membership card. As an option, the respective national TOP POP (or his alternate) can guarantee for them including all Nationals POPs Members into a signed form.

For safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to verify the skydiving experience of the participants. On arrival each jumper must produce his skydiving license and proof of experience such as Skydiving logbook or CoP and packing data for all his equipment including AAD.

As Chilean Safety Rules states, foreign parachutists are required to maintain and operate their equipment under regulation of their own country. The use of AAD and any kind of helmet will be mandatory.

Reserve repack cycle in Chile is 180 days, however, the Regulations of the country of origin of the athlete will be respected. In such case, to clarify competitors (or their national delegate) must send us digital copy of their own Regulations.

## SAFETY RULES

- All equipment will be controlled and ticketed by our Security Officer.
- Equipment that does not meet the safety standard rules will be grounded and cannot be used in any jump.
- A left-hand landing pattern is in use on DZ (Downwind – 90 degrees left – base 90 degrees left – final). Any operational change or exception for this rule will be explained during Kick off meeting.
- Dangerous maneuvers (hook turns, low passes overcrowded zone) which could cause damages to parachutists, visitors, or infrastructure are strictly forbidden, and in case of disqualification **No Refund** will be applied.
- Low pull as well as not following the rules of approaching to the landing zone are not allowed.
- In offences, the Drop Zone Safety Officer can exclude the transgressor from further jumps. **No refund politics** will be applied.

## DETAILS OF LOCATION EVENT

Drop Zone Skydive Pucon is in Villarrica Airfield, Cautin Province, Araucania Region, Chile.  
Villarrica is 760 kms. south from Santiago, capital city of Chile.

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Drop Zone elevation    | 945 ft./288 mts.           |
| OACI Id.               | SCVI                       |
| Purpose of the Airport | Civil Operation            |
| Coordinates            | 39° 19' 01"S, 72° 13' 42"W |



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|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Runway            | 15/33                     |
| Operational Hours | 08:00 to 19:50            |
| Customs           | None                      |
| Fuel/Oil Types    | Fuel AVGAS 100LL / JET A1 |
| Communication     | VHF 118.2                 |

### DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

The Drop Zone is part of Aeroclub Villarrica where airplanes, gliders and helicopters operate. There will be food trucks available to competitors and companions. Payment can be in cash and/or major credit cards.

### FACILITIES, GENERAL AND FOR COMPETITORS:

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Rigging Service &amp; Packers:</b> | Available                                |
| <b>Medical Assistance:</b>            | Available (At Villarrica Medical Centre) |
| <b>Food Service on Site:</b>          | Available                                |
| <b>Camping at Drop Zone:</b>          | Available for free                       |
| <b>Bathroom facilities:</b>           | Available for Free                       |
| <b>Internet Access:</b>               | Available for Free                       |

### **Airspace:**

The Drop Zone will have a designated airspace with a NOTAM.

### **Landowner Restrictions:**

There are no restrictions at this is a DZ for air sport activities.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### **Arrival by Plane:**

The closest international airport is Santiago Int'l Airport (SCL), at 680 kms. from Temuco and 760 kms. from Villarrica. Santiago Int'l. Airport Arturo Merino Benitez (SCL) receives flights from the most important cities of the world. If you want to fly via Argentina, the closest International Airport is Neuquén City Airport (NQN).

Closest national airport is Temuco Airport (ZCO) that has about 3 or 4 commercial flights per day only from Santiago International Airport (SCL). Transfer from Temuco Airport to Villarrica City will be available under request. Please contact us, we will be happy to help you.

| <b>Transfer from Temuco Airport</b> | <b>Estimated Price including Taxes</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mini Van (Up to 5 pax)              | USD 130,00                             |
| Utility Van (6 to 8 pax)            | USD 150,00                             |
| Minibus (up to 12 pax)              | USD 220,00                             |

### **Car rental:**

There are many car rental agencies at Santiago Int'l. and Temuco airports. The main car rental companies operate at the Santiago airport at international rates. More details in our web site:

<https://www.skydive.ar>



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**WEATHER CONDITIONS IN VILLARRICA-PUCON AREA:**

| Month                   | Jan         | Feb         | Mar         |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average high °C (°F)    | 30 (86.0)   | 30 (86.0)   | 26 (78.8)   |
| Daily mean °C (°F)      | 26.0 (78.8) | 28.0 (82.4) | 24.0 (75.2) |
| Average low °C (°F)     | 16 (60.8)   | 14 (57.2)   | 12 (53.6)   |
| Precipitation mm (in.)  | 1.0 (0.04)  | 1.3 (0.5)   | 1.5 (0.6)   |
| Avg. precipitation days | 1           | 1.5         | 2.5         |
| % humidity              | 60          | 65          | 60          |

You can follow online weather and forecast at our website. ([www.skydive.ar](http://www.skydive.ar))

**INSURANCE**

Competitors are responsible for Personal Injury Insurance, valid in Chile covering all medical expenses and repatriation following of skydiving activities. Please make sure your insurance is valid for our country.

A personal third-party liability insurance, valid in Chile, covering damages and liability related to skydiving activities up to EUR 1.500.000

**Hostess Service & Partner Program:**

There is an interesting Partner’s Program provided by well-known local tourism Agencies. More details and prices are available on our website: [www.skydive.ar](http://www.skydive.ar)

More services and hotels reservations can be done via our website: [www.skydive.ar](http://www.skydive.ar)

**Aircrafts**

Cessna 180/182 and/or 206 will be used for Accuracy training jumps before February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cessna 208 Caravan and/or DHC-6 Twin Otter will be used for Classic Accuracy Landing, Sports Accuracy Landing, Hit’n Rock, National Formation Skydiving, Formation Skydiving Scrambles, SOS Formation Skydiving and for 8-Way Speedstar.





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## JUDGING EQUIPMENT

### **Electronic Scoring Systems.**

A Complete Weckbecker Scoring System owned by Chilean Skydiving Federation (PARAFECH) will be used, for Accuracy Competition. **Dead center is 2 cm.**

### **Windsocks and Streamers**

Large and small windsocks and streamers as Competition Rules states, will be used. Also, a 4 meters high wind speed meter with over speed alarm, will be used.

### **Equipment and Staff**

Skydive Pucon and Latin-American Skydiving Confederation COLPAR Siglo XXI will provide the necessary equipment and staff under POP/SOS competition rules to ensure the competition proceeds safely and in timely manner.

All acting Judges are qualified under international (FAI and/or COLPAR) or National (PARAFECH) requirements. Complete panel will be shown in Bulletin N° 2.

## COMPETITION RULES

Competition rules are available on our website [www.skydive.ar](http://www.skydive.ar)

## PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

There is a Public Address System installed in the Aero Club which will be extended, and additional coverage will be provided as required.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the following countries do not require visa to enter Chile for tourism purposes.

Visit for less than 90 days: USA (with Reciprocity Fee), Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia (No Reciprocity Fee, only e-visa), Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada (with Reciprocity Fee), Colombia, South Korea, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, UAE, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hong Kong (HKSAR passport), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldavia, Monaco, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Norway, New Zealand, Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Romania, Russian Federation, St. Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Santa Lucia, St.



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Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Visa for less than 90 days: Venezuela and Cuba.

For more information, visit [www.serviciosconsulares.cl/tramites/cuadro-de-visas-y-aranceles-de-chile](http://www.serviciosconsulares.cl/tramites/cuadro-de-visas-y-aranceles-de-chile)

### Entry request fee

To enter Chile, the nationals of the following countries must pay a "reciprocity fee" in accordance with the following chart.

The Chilean Government set this entry fee on equal amounts to the fees Chilean citizens must pay when requesting a visa to travel to those countries.

| Nationality  | Fee     | Number of entries  |
|--------------|---------|--|
| Canadian     | USD 132 | Multiple entries (10 years or up to one month before passport expiration's date) |
| USA Citizens | USD 160 | Multiple entries (10 years)  |

**Note:** Fees subject to modifications based upon reciprocity. Or its equivalent in Chilean pesos.

The payment of this fee is NOT a visa since Chile does not require visa to citizens of the above-mentioned countries when traveling for tourism purposes.

Those foreign citizens who have already paid the Reciprocity Fee in the past and it is still valid, do NOT have to pay the fee again.

### HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Vaccination requirements are changing frequently so updated information should be consulted prior to travel. Chile has a strict control system to ensure that no non-native diseases are brought in, but after the World Health Organization declared the end to the Public Health Emergency of International Concern, Chile's Health Ministry has put an end to the measures of the Protected Borders Plan.

For more information please visit: <https://www.gob.cl/en/news/end-covid-19-protected-borders-plan-health-ministry-ends-health-requirements-enter-chile/>

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