



POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy 2018 powered by Sungas

From 18 to 22 July 2018 the Cercle luxembourgeois de l'Aérostation asbl in cooperation with its sponsors and the municipality of Mersch, will present the **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas**.

After 2016, the municipality of Mersch will be the venue of the **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas** for the second time. This year will mark the 18th edition of this event, which was previously held in Useldange, Michelau, Echternach and Mersch.

The **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas** is an international hot air balloon competition that has received the highest category sanction by the international air sports federation FAI, and is at the same time a free and colorful public event for all ages in the municipal park of Mersch on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of July 2018.

Ballooning has a long tradition in the municipality of Mersch, which has been the venue for the Luxembourg national championships many times, and which has hosted the successful Luxembourg Balloon Jamboree in 1988. The great success of the **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas** in 2016 left no doubt that Mersch would again be the venue of this major event. More than 40 hot air balloons will fill the skies over and around Mersch with color while the pilots will battle for points and success in their silent giants.

Amongst this year's competitors are many top pilots, among which last year's winner and European Vice-Champion 2015 Sven Göhler from Germany, the current national champions from France, Germany, England, and Spain and last but not least the current and two-time women's world champion Nicola Scaife from Australia. 8 pilots from Luxembourg, Christophe Betzen, Nico Betzen, Goy Feltes, Jean Klein, Georges Klomp, Clement Mignot, Sauber Claude, and the reigning national champion Colin Weber, will also take the opportunity to compete with the best on their home soil.

The competition flights, which take place in the early morning as well as in the evening, mostly aim at determining the pilot who controls his aircraft with the greatest accuracy. The competitors must try to reach a fixed or previously self-selected target by taking advantage of different air currents at different altitudes and on which they drop their "marker" - a sandbag made of colored fabric. Of course, the



competition director Claude Weber sets the tasks in a manner that generally allows pilots to reach the pre-set targets, i.e. in a direction in line with the main wind direction. Up to 6 tasks can make up one competition flight. These tasks are called "Hesitation Waltz", "Fly In", "Fly On" etc. and are described in detail in an international set of rules. To master these tasks the pilot can only rely on the prevailing winds, their feelings, their experience, and their meteorological knowledge, since the balloons have no directional control and the pilots can only determine the altitude with the burners.

In addition to the competition, the **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas** also offers a rich entertainment program in the Park of Mersch on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of July. The absolute highlight will be the traditional nightglow on Saturday evening, when the balloons are lit up in the dark at the lake, and together with a laser show, fireworks and music will offer a unique show for the whole family.

Further information on the **POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy powered by Sungas** can be found at www.lbt.lu and on Facebook / Luxembourg Balloon Trophy and on Instagram at [luxembourgballoontrophy](https://www.instagram.com/luxembourgballoontrophy). All information on air sports and balloon sports in Luxembourg can be found at www.aeroclub.lu and www.cla.lu.

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Event program

- **Wednesday 18 July 2018**

11:00 – 16:00	Pilot's registration
16:30 – 17:30	General briefing
18:00 – 19:30	Opening Ceremony Place St. Michel

- **Thursday 19 July 2018**

05:30	Competition briefing
06:30 – 09:00	1. Competition flight
06:30 – 07:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
17:30	Competition briefing
19:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
19:00 – 21:00	2. Competition flight

- **Friday 20 July 2018**

05:30	Competition briefing
06:30 – 09:00	3. Competition flight
06:30 – 07:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
17:30	Competition briefing
19:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
19:00 – 21:00	4. Competition flight



- **Saturday 21 July 2018**

05:30	Competition briefing
06:30 – 09:00	5. Competition flight
06:30 – 07:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
From 11:00	Entertainment for kids and adults in the municipal park
From 13:00	Luxembourg drone flying championship
17:30	Competition briefing
18:00 – 19:00	Parachute jumps / Mini balloons
19 :00	Inauguration of the new <i>Vist Luxembourg / Let's make it happen</i> balloon
20:00 – 21:00	6. Competition flight Fly In to the park in Mersch Fiesta balloons take-off
21:30	Marco Quintino – fire pucker
22:30	Night Glow at the lake in the park Lasershow, fire works, musik

- **Sunday 22 July 2018**

05:30	Competition briefing
06:30 – 09:00	7. Competition flight
06:30 – 07:00	Fiesta balloons take-off
From 11:00	Entertainment for kids and adults in the municipal park
11:00	Prize-giving ceremony of the POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy
From 13:00	Luxembourg drone flying championship
19:00	Fly In to the park in Mersch



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How to get to there?

By foot

Enter the park in Mersch from any side, you will find us near the lake

By train

Mersch train station has excellent schedules. Check here: <http://www.cfl.lu>

An additional train to each direction is scheduled.

N° Train	3823	3623	3701	N° Train	17971
Mersch	00:03	00:29	01:33	Mersch dép.	00:30
Crucchten		00:34	01:37	Lintgen	00:33
Colmar-Berg		00:37	01:41	Lorentzweiler	00:37
Schieren		00:40	01:43	Heisdorf	00:40
Ettelbruck	00:13		01:47	Walferdange	00:43
Michelau	00:20		01:53	Dommeldange	00:48
Goebelsmühle	00:24		01:57	Luxembourg	00:57
Kautenbach	00:29		02:02		
Wilwerwiltz	00:34		02:07		
Drauffelt	00:38		02:11		
Clervaux	00:44		02:17		
Troisvierges	00:54		01:25		



By car

The following parking and Park&Ride possibilities are available:

- **Parking le long de la rue de Gosseldange**
- **Parking Gare de Mersch**
- **Parking CEPAL**
- **Parking Valfond**
- **Park&Ride Goodyear**
sa 21.07. 16:45-02:00 only
- **Parking pont**





Park & Ride : TOPAZE





Goodyear Moldplant:





Goodyear Tire Plant Colmar





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HORAIRES NAVETTE

MERSCH/GARE - MIERSCHERBIERG - GOODYEAR/ROOST - GOODYEAR/COLMAR - MIERSCH/GARE

MERSCH, Gare	16.45	17.00	17.15	17.30	17.45	18.00	18.15	18.30	18.45	19.00	19.15
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	16.47	17.02	17.17	17.32	17.47	18.02	18.17	18.32	18.47	19.02	19.17
GOODYEAR, Roost	16.53	17.08	17.23	17.38	17.53	18.08	18.23	18.38	18.53	19.08	19.23
GOODYEAR, Colmar-Berg	16.56	17.11	17.26	17.41	17.56	18.11	18.26	18.41	18.56	19.11	19.26
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	16.04	17.19	17.34	17.49	18.04	18.19	18.34	18.49	19.04	19.19	19.34
MERSCH, Gare	17.07	17.22	17.37	17.52	18.07	18.22	18.37	18.52	19.07	19.22	19.37

MERSCH, Gare	19.30	19.45	20.00	20.15	20.30	20.45	21.00	21.15	21.30	21.45	22.00
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	19.32	19.47	20.02	20.17	20.32	20.47	21.02	21.17	21.32	21.47	22.02
GOODYEAR, Roost	19.38	19.53	20.08	20.23	20.38	20.53	21.08	21.23	21.38	21.53	22.08
GOODYEAR, Colmar-Berg	19.41	19.56	20.11	20.26	20.41	20.56	21.11	21.26	21.41	21.56	22.11
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	19.49	20.04	20.19	20.34	20.49	20.04	21.19	21.34	21.49	22.04	22.19
MERSCH, Gare	19.52	20.07	20.22	20.37	20.52	20.07	21.22	21.37	21.52	22.07	22.22

MERSCH, Gare	22.15	22.30	22.45	23.00	23.15	23.30	23.45	0.00	0.15	0.30	00.45
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	22.17	22.32	22.47	23.02	23.17	23.32	23.47	0.02	0.17	0.32	00.47
GOODYEAR, Roost	22.23	22.38	22.53	23.08	23.23	23.38	23.53	0.08	0.23	0.38	00.53
GOODYEAR, Colmar-Berg	22.26	22.41	22.56	23.11	23.26	23.41	23.56	0.11	0.26	00.41	00.56
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	22.34	22.49	23.04	23.19	23.34	23.49	0.04	0.19	0.34	00.49	1.04
MERSCH, Gare	22.37	22.52	23.07	23.22	23.37	23.52	0.07	0.22	0.37	00.52	1.07

MERSCH, Gare	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	1.02	1.17	1.32	1.47	2.02
GOODYEAR, Roost	1.08	1.23	1.38	1.53	2.08
GOODYEAR, Colmar-Berg	1.11	1.26	1.41	1.56	2.11
MERSCH, MierscherbiERG	1.19	1.34	1.49	2.04	2.19
MERSCH, Gare	1.22	1.37	1.52	2.07	2.22