



IPPI CARD AND BADGES INFORMATION

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Dear Pilot,

Congratulations on your new International Pilot Proficiency Identification Card. We are sure that you will find this very helpful flying from different sites in your country and during visits to fly in other countries.

The IPPI Card provides a standard reference by which all national rating programs may be compared. When you travel abroad this card, together with your national rating card, will identify your pilot skills. It gives flying site managers, instructors and others responsible for hang gliding and/or paragliding flight operations an easy way of verifying your pilot experience level prior to approval of flight activities.

The SafePro Delta and/or SafePro Para stage on your card reflects your pilot proficiency.

The card is valid only together with a current national licence or rating card.

Please note that the IPPI card does not give you any insurance cover. Please also remember that your flight safety is ultimately your own responsibility. We recommend that you always fly conservatively both regarding the conditions you choose to fly in and the safety margins you allow in your flying.

Even when you have reached the highest stage in SafePro Delta or SafePro Para systems, there is still a lot to be learned and experienced. The FAI/CIVL international badge system offers you an opportunity to rate your skills from the basic stage to advanced cross-country flying.

The IPPI card was introduced in 1992.

Since then, associations and pilots throughout the world have benefited from its internationally recognised standards.

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The SafePro Delta (for hang gliding) and SafePro Para (for paragliding) stage on the card reflects the pilot proficiency. For the pilot who flies outside of his known or local area, it is a quick and easy method of providing proof of flying experience and proficiency.

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Since October 2015, the IPPI Card is available in two ways

1 – Per IPPI level.

The IPPI Card is physically bought and sold by the approved association to pilots who ask for it.

It is not necessary to renew the IPPI Card except when a change in the pilot national licence invalidates the IPPI Card. For example, if the pilot receive a higher national ranking which corresponds to a higher stage in the SafePro Delta or ParaPro system, a new IPPI Card should be issued.

2 – Per year.

The IPPI Card is a logo on the pilot national licence. The approved association has agreed to issue the IPPI Card to all its licensed pilots for a small yearly fee. Licences are renewed every year, so your IPPI level can be adjusted accordingly.

Associations in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Denmark, Estonia, France, Italy, Hong Kong, Italy, Mexico, Romania, Serbia and Singapore have adopted the new scheme (by May 2018).

Please note that:

- The IPPI Card does not give any insurance cover.
- Flight safety is ultimately the pilot own responsibility.
- CIVL encourages all pilots to use the IPPI card.
- CIVL would also like all national hang gliding and paragliding associations to promote the IPPI Card. To this end, it recommends that an IPPI Card information pack should be sent out with all licence and membership applications, as well as registered hang gliding and paragliding schools and clubs.

Issuing IPPI Card

The approved association that is the issuing authority for the IPPI Card can be the FAI member organisation (usually a NAC) or its designated representative (usually a federation) or any association approved by CIVL (like the APPI in Mexico and Bosnia & Herzegovina).

- All FAI member organisation are allowed to issue IPPI Card.
- CIVL may choose other associations responsible for issuing the IPPI Card.
- CIVL may request explanation on the price the IPPI Card is sold for.
- CIVL may withdraw the right to issue the IPPI Card for any reason, including price abuse.

If the issuing authority is of a nation other than the applicant's nationality, the nation of issuance must also be noted here.

The sample application form found on CIVL website is for the use of the issuing authorities only. No individual application can be made directly to the FAI using this form.

Pilots are invited to contact the issuing authority to obtain an IPPI card.

Issuing authority that wants to join the IPPI Card Programme, order or renew their stock of cards can get more information, the price list and payment information from the FAI Office.

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IPPI Card price structure in 2018

Per IPPI level

1 to 99 pieces: 3 euros per piece.

100 to 499 pieces: 2.75 euros per piece.

500 to 999 pieces: 2.50 euros per piece.

1000 to 4999 pieces: 2.25 euros per piece.

5000 and more pieces: 2 euros per piece.

Per year

0.20 euro per pilot with a minimum charge of 50 euros.

An additional fee might be added by the issuing NAC or federation for administrative costs.

CIVL Proficiency Badges

CIVL proficiency badges are standards of achievement, which do not require to be renewed. They are intended to provide a graduated scale of difficulty to measure and encourage the development of a pilot's flying skill, particularly in cross-country flying.

The Bronze badge should be achievable by most pilots within the first year of active flying and landing accuracy, with the silver following in the next year or two. The gold badge should be achievable for most pilots within the first five years of cross-country flying. The diamond badge should be achievable by perhaps half of all pilots within ten years of flying.

In any one year, we would expect that for advanced-rated (IPPI 4 or 5) pilots, the bronze badge distance would be flown by 100% of them, the silver badge distance would be flown by more than 75%, the gold badge distance would be flown by 50%, and the diamond badge distance would be flown by perhaps 15–25%. Results may vary from one nation to another, however the qualifications are the same in every country. Delta badges are for pilots flying hang gliders in class 1, 2 4 and 5. Paragliding badges are for class 3. Accuracy badges are for Paragliders.

Issue of Badges

Badges shall be issued by the appropriate NAC, which shall keep a register of pilots' names and dates of completion of the badge flights.

FAI Sporting Licence and Requirements for Badge Flights

FAI Sporting Licence

It is not required for badge flights.

Officials

An official observer is recommended for soaring flights, but is not required if an acceptable validation method is used (e.g. WXC, OLC, Leonardo, etc.). In Accuracy flights, the Chief or Event Judge will validate the scores, which are then included in the competition results.

Any type of open or closed course may be used for the distance requirement of the Delta and Paragliding Bronze, Silver and Gold badge. For the Delta and Paragliding Diamond badge, the open course may be either straight distance or distance via 3 turn points. The closed course may be out and return, or triangles of any shape.

Special Conditions

The pilot shall be alone on the hang glider.

For soaring badges, flights may be completed in any order and any flight may count for any badge for which it fulfils the requirements.

For Accuracy badges, flights shall be completed in FAI sanctioned competitions, and the scores shall be validated in the final results of the competitions.

Diamond badges must be approved by CIVL B&R officer.

Delta Bronze Badge

Distance	30 km
Or Duration	1.5 hours
Or Gain of Height	500 m

Delta Silver Badge

Distance	100 km
and Duration	3 hours
and Gain of Height	1000 m

Delta Gold Badge

Distance	150 km
and Duration	5 hours
and Gain of Height	2000 m

Delta Diamonds

There are three separate Delta Diamonds, which may be obtained independently from each other

Diamond Open Course:	300 km
Diamond Gain of Height:	3000 m
Diamond Closed Course:	300 km

Paragliding Bronze Badge

Distance	30 km
Or Duration	1.5 hours
Or Gain of Height	500 m

Paragliding Silver Badge

Distance	75 km
And Duration	3 hours
And Gain of Height	1000 m

Paragliding Gold Badge

Distance	125 km
And Duration	5 hours
And Gain of Height	2000 m

Paragliding Diamonds

There are three separate Paragliding Diamonds, which may be obtained independently from each other

Diamond Open Course:	200 km
Diamond Gain of Height:	3000 m
Diamond Closed Course:	200 km

Bronze Landing Accuracy

Four consecutive landings within 1 m of the centre of the target

Silver Landing Accuracy

Four consecutive landings with a total score of 1 m or less

Gold Landing Accuracy

Four consecutive landings on the pad within 10 cm of the centre of the target

Diamond Landing Accuracy

Four consecutive landings with a combined total of 10 cm or less