



2026 FAI F5J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ELECTRIC POWERED THERMAL DURATION GLIDERS

16 – 22 August 2026



Abbeville, FRANCE

Bulletin 2 – April 2026

Sunday August 16, 2026 (Opening Ceremony)

Saturday August 22, 2026 (Closing Ceremony)

European Championships website : <https://www.echf5jfrance2026.fr>

ORGANIZER AND LOCATION

The **FAI F5J** European Championships will be organized by the AMVB-NP (Aero Modelling Valley of Bresle Normandy Picardy) club in partnership with the French Aeromodelling Federation (FFAM).

The event will take place in Abbeville (Northwest of France, 200 km from Paris).



Figure 1 : Maps

Exact GPS Position of the site:

50.140772

1.826114

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Average wind in August is around 20 km/h.

Average temperature in August is 20°C.

CLASSES

Seniors : F5J

Juniors : F5J

RULES

FAI Sporting Rules

The following documents will be applicable by consulting the edition effective at the date of the event:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 4, Aeromodelling Volume F5 Radio Control Electric Powered Model Aircraft, 2026 Edition.
- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Aeromodelling CIAM General Rules Volume, 2026 Edition (May 1st)
- FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume.
- FAI Code of Ethics.
- FAI Disciplinary Code.
- FAI EDIC-approved list: The list of approved devices will be published in mid-to-late May. To be eligible for the European Championship, AMRTs must be configured with **CAT 1 firmware**. Please ensure that your device is running the correct firmware version. Please check the following link for the latest updates. All the registered Team Managers will receive an update as soon as it is published (not later than the end of May)

<https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/document/file/F5J%20AMRT%20Approval%20List.pdf>

Note : For the Hans Krause Trophy motor restart is allowed, therefore AMRTs could be configured with CAT 2 firmware.

Junior.

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.1, a competitor is considered to be a junior up to and including the calendar year in which they attain the age of 18. So, a competitor will be considered as a Junior for this championship as long as they are born after 1st January 2008.

FAI Sporting Licence

Every competitor and each Team Manager of any national team must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence (Aeromodelling discipline) registered in the FAI database. A FAI Sporting Licence is not required for the helpers.

The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence may be required to produce, as proof of identity, an official document including his/her names, photograph and signature.

Complaint and protest

The purpose of a complaint is to try to obtain a correction without the need to make a formal protest. It is recommended that a complaint is made before submitting a protest.

All protests must be presented by the team manager(s) in writing in English to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of 50 CHF (or equivalent amount for a different currency).

Anti-doping statement

A competitor who needs for medical reasons to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) signed by FAI.

To access the current WADA prohibited list of substances and additional information regarding the TUE, see the FAI website with the following link: <https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>.

Radio Control frequencies

2.4 GHz

Identification of the models

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.11.1, each model aircraft shall carry :

- The national identification mark followed by the FAI Unique ID number with letters and numbers at least 25 mm high.

Model Aircraft Specification Certificate and sticker

According to the CIAM General Rules Volume C.12, each NAC shall process every model and shall issue for each model aircraft the Model Aircraft Specification Certificate provided by the FAI.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official language will be English. For the French audience, announcements in French may occur.

PARTICIPANTS

Every NAC may enter a team consisting of:

Senior Championship

- Team Manager.
- Assistant Team Manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three competitors
- One additional Female competitor (optional)
- Official helpers.
- Supporters.

The reigning Champion has the right (subject to the approval of their NAC) to participate in the class concerned. If he is not member of his national team, he will not be considered for the national team classification.

Junior Championship

- Team Manager. (the TM for the Junior Championship may be the same person as for the Senior)
- Assistant Team Manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three junior competitors
- One additional Female junior competitor (optional)
- One additional individual Junior competitor (optional)
- Official helpers.
- Supporters.

The reigning Junior Champion has the right (subject to the approval of his NAC) to participate in the class concerned if still eligible as junior. If they are not a member of their national team, they will not be considered for the national team classification. When a reigning Junior Champion is no longer junior, he/she may participate to the Seniors Championship.

Additional individual competitors

In accordance with CIAM General Rules, Volume C.5.3 f, a request was submitted to the CIAM Bureau to grant one additional participant to the Junior championship per nation for the 2026 F5J European Championship. This request has been officially approved. Consequently, subject to approval by their respective NAC, each nation is now authorized to register one additional Junior pilot. Registration shall be handled via the Final Entry Form with the same deadline.

FAI JURY

Sotir LAZARKOV (BUL) – President

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (GRE) – Member

Laurent HENRY (FRA) – Member

Pal Liden ANTHONISEN (NOR) – Reserve

ORGANISER OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS

Adrien GALLET (FRA) – Contest Director

Gilles BECHEPAY (FRA) – Assistant Contest Director

François CREVECOEUR (FRA) – Regulator for Air Space

CLASSIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- FAI medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to the senior competitors placed first, second and third.
- FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed Juniors only if four (4) or more juniors are competing. If the number of Juniors participants is less than this number (four), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded.
- All senior Females will compete for the overall Senior individual classification. Additionally, there is a Senior Female classification.
- All Junior Females will compete for the overall junior individual classification. Additionally, there is a Junior Female classification. FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed Females Junior or Senior, only if four (4) or more females are competing. If the number of Females Junior or Senior participants is less than this number (six), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded.

In order to award the title of Junior European Champion, a minimum of four Juniors from at least four nations must participate.

In order to award the title of Senior European Female Champion, a minimum of four Senior Female competitors from at least four nations must participate.

In order to award the title of Junior European Female Champion, a minimum of four Senior Female competitors from at least four nations must participate.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE FAI F5J “Hans Krause Trophy” World Cup 2026:

Friday 14 August 2026

- ◆ 07:30 am – 08:00 am: Registration for F5J World Cup
- ◆ 08:15 am – 8:45 am: Opening Ceremony of the F5J World Cup
- ◆ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm: Qualification rounds

Saturday 15 August 2026

- ◆ 09:00 am – 3:00 pm: Qualification rounds
- ◆ 04:00 pm – 05:00 pm: Fly-off rounds
- ◆ 06:00 pm: F5J Hans Krause Trophy World Cup Closing Ceremony

SCHEDULE 2026 FAI F5J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:

Sunday 16 August 2026

- ◆ 08:00 am – 03:00 pm: Registration and model processing
- ◆ 04:30 pm - Opening Ceremony of F5J ECH

06:00 pm – Team Managers Meeting

Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2026

- ◆ 09:15 am – 05:45 pm: Qualification rounds.

Saturday 22 August 2026

- ◆ 09:30am – 01:00pm: Fly-off rounds juniors and seniors
- ◆ 5:30pm: Departure by Bus to closing ceremony (Airfield to the Closing Ceremony place)
- ◆ 4:30pm-06:00pm: Closing ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will not be on the field. It will take place at a coastal town, 21km (25min by car) from the field. All information about this part of the event will be provided in the next Bulletin in more details

- ◆ 07:00 pm: Event Banquet

Dinner will take place near the place of the closing ceremony.

Sunday 23 August 2026

- ◆ Departure

Note : The times indicated are for guidance only and may be modified by the organizer

FLYING RESTRICTION

Training flights are permitted on the Airfield Thursday August 13th between 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm.

The competition will take place on Abbeville's airfield. So we must share the place with airplanes, accordingly to the following table (may change).

FLIGHT FORBIDHEN FOR AEROMODELER	
Day	Time
Thursday, August 13	Sunrise to 9:00 & 06:00 pm to sunset
Friday, August 14	Sunrise to 9:00 & 06:00 pm to sunset
Saturday, August 15	Sunrise to 9:00 & 06:00 pm to sunset
Sunday, August 16	Sunrise to 9:00 & 11:30 am to sunset
Monday 17 to Friday August 21	Sunrise to 9:00 & 06:00 pm to sunset
Saturday, August 22	Sunrise to 9:00 & 01:30 pm to sunset

By participating to the European championship, competitors agree to strictly adhere to the flight ban periods specified by the organizers.

We understand the wishes of the pilots. We will offer each team a training session at our local airfield, located 25 km from the airfield of the European Championship. Weather conditions at both airfields are similar. Registration for the training sessions will be done by the Team Manager. More information will follow.

ENTRY FEES

- ◆ Hans Krause Trophy: 70€
- ◆ Senior competitor / team manager: 400€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Team manager assistant: 200€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Junior competitor: 150€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Female competitor: 150€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Helper/supporter: 70€

Note: 10CHF (11€) is dedicated for registration of pilots to FAI

REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

How to register for the event ?

- **Hans Krause Trophy (Pre-contest- 14 and 15 August 2026)**
Registration for the pre-contest must be completed online via our website. This includes the entry fee, lunches, and camping for the duration of the pre-contest. You have to pay your registration fees for the 1st August 2026. Link to get registered : <https://echf5jfrance2026.fr/hans-krause-trophy/>
- **European Championships (16 to 22 August 2026)**
Registration for national teams will be managed directly by each Team Manager.
- **Visitors (14 to 22 August 2026)**
Online registration for visitors will open at a later date. This will allow visitors to book lunches, camping, and tickets for the European Championship closing ceremony dinner.

Notice : To ensure a smooth process, please double-check that you are not registered through multiple channels (e.g., Team Manager, online Hans KRAUSE Trophy Registration , or visitor registration).

Final Entry Form (FEF) :

- Receipt of all entry fees : 15 June 2026
- Entry fees submitted after 15 June +10% penalty

Registration for meals :

- Lunch : 1st August , 2026
- Nation Party : 1st August, 2026
- Gala Dinner : 1st August, 2026
- Transport by Bus to Closing Ceremony : 1st July 2026

LODGING AND FOOD

LODGING :

The city of Abbeville offers a wide range of accommodation options. There are hotels, guesthouses where you can make reservations through booking sites. Accommodation should be booked at the beginning of the year, due to summer periods. We have prepared a special page on the website with lodging recommendations (<https://echf5jfrance2026.fr/lodging/>).

Camping is available on-site with the following facilities :

- Water
- Toilets

For organizational purposes, all campers must be registered to have access to the campsite. Camping fees is 5€ per pitch. Camping on the airfield is permitted between the Thursday August 13 to the Sunday August 23, 2026.

FOOD :

- **Lunch** : A restauration service will be available from the Friday 14 August to the Friday 21 August for a price of 12€ per meal. Lunch will be a main course and a dessert with free available water. The food provided will allow diners to sample typical French food.
- **Diner** : We ask food-truck, to come on the airfield to purpose a diner service few days (Will be detailed later).
- **Nation Party** : On the Wednesday, 19 August 2026, we organize an evening to share a nice moment together with all competitors, helpers, timekeepers, voluntary and organizers. Price is 14€ per person. Please find the flyer in attachment.
- **Banquet** : Saturday, 22 August, a gala dinner will take place at SAINT-VALERY-SUR-SOMME at the Entrepot des Sels Place. Price is 50€ per adult and 15€ per child (<12years old).

AIRFIELD

Paddock

- Provided Equipment: One 4.5m x 4.5m Coleman Shelter per team (supplied by the organizers).
- Personal Equipment: Teams may set up 2 or 3 of their own shelters directly behind the official one.
- Access & Logistics: The paddock is a pedestrian-only zone. To facilitate logistics, a dedicated shuttle service will run each morning and evening for equipment transport.
- Dining Area: A communal marquee will be available for lunch.
- On-site toilets and water access are available

Note :

- We might be able to provid electricity on the paddock for each nation.

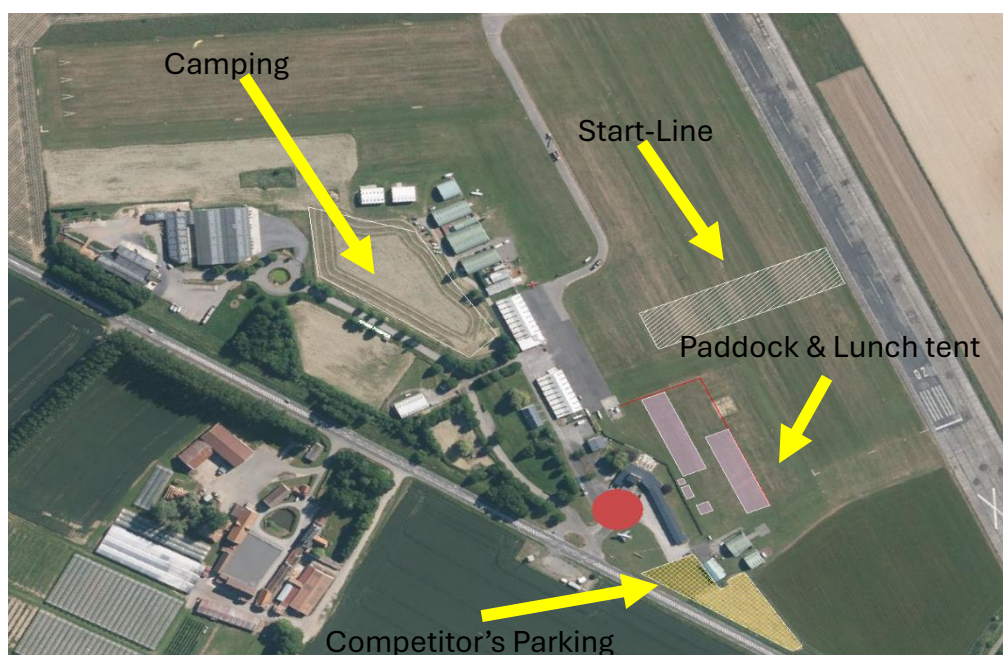


Figure 2 : Airfield Map

Training Airfield

During the forbidden flight period, we are pleased to offer European Championship pilots the opportunity to train at our local airfield. Located in Saint-Quentin-La-Motte-La-Croix-Au-Bailly, the site is 31km from Abbeville. (50.0728586, 1.4724439)

Via the Final Entry Form, each nation may select four preferred time slots prior to the event. We aim to provide every nation with at least one training session. Please note that for safety and logistics, the airfield capacity is limited to 15 pilots flying simultaneously.



Figure 3 : Airfield for training

CLOSING CEREMONY AND BANQUET

The closing ceremony and banquet will be held in Saint-Valery-sur-Somme, located at the mouth of the Somme River. Offering a stunning view of the Bay of Somme, the venue is a historic 18th-century salt warehouse

- Address : Entrepôt des Sels, [2 Quai Lejoille, 80230 Saint-Valery-sur-Somme](#)
- Transportation : A shuttle service is provided by the organization for €10 per person.
 - Departure: 5:30 PM, Saturday, August 22nd (from the airfield).
 - Return: 11:30 PM (back to the airfield).
- Parking : We recommend using "**Parking du Canal**". It is the most convenient parking option for car only and is a pleasant 17-minute walk from the Entrepôt des Sels.

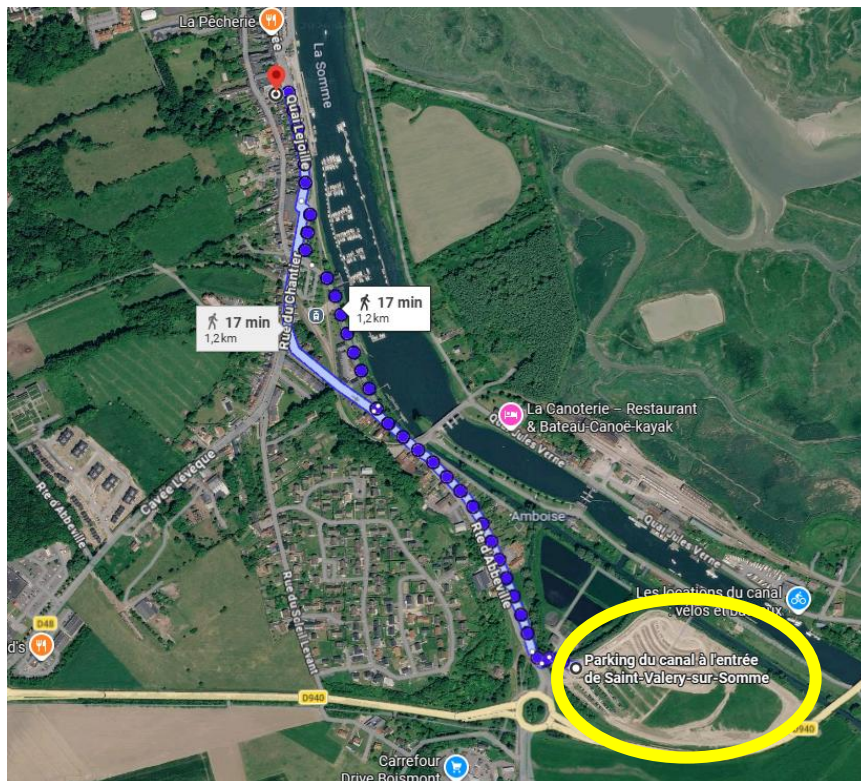


Figure 4 : Parking for Closing ceremony and Gala Diner

- Banquet Menu : Please find the detailed menu in attachment
 - Price : 50€ for adults / 15€ for children under 12 years old.

UAV REGULATION

- ◆ UAS Operator Number
 - Must be provided to the organizing for the final entry form
 - Must be visibly applied on all UAV Models
- ◆ UAS Registration Number (for UAV > 800gr)
 - All UAV models weighing more than 800 grams must be declared on the AlphaTango web site (<http://alphetango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/login.jsp>)
 - The registration number must be applied visibly on the models
- ◆ Alcohol Restriction
 - Maximum blood alcohol concentration : 0.2mg/L
 - OR maximum alcohol concentration in exhaled air : 0.1mg/L
- ◆ For further information regarding UAV regulation, please refer to the enclosed attachment.

INSURANCE

The organizer will provide third party insurance for all participants during the competition for accidents involving injury to others and damage to property according to the host country legislation.

Participants are recommended to organize their own individual health and travel insurance before travelling.

IMAGE RIGHTS & MEDIA CONSENT

By registering for the European Championships and/or the Hans Krause Trophy, all competitors explicitly acknowledge and grant permission for their image, likeness, and voice to be captured and used by the organizers across platforms such as social media, newspapers, and television. **For minor participants:** In the absence of any written objection notification at the time of registration, it is strictly understood that both legal guardians have given their full consent for the use of the child's image as described above. Participation constitutes a formal agreement by the legal representatives to these terms

VISA

Visitor visas are generally not required in France, but please inquire with the embassy or consular office in your country for application. The organizer will be able to help with recommendation letters should be required.

ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS

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Fédération Française d'AéroModélisme

INFORMATIONS FOR GUEST PILOTS participating to a competition in France

Edition 1 : may 2023



Welcome
in
France



FFAM

108 rue Saint-Maur - 75011 PARIS

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French regulations apply to all aeromodellers and is therefore also applicable to competition organized on the French national territory.

As a foreign pilot, if you come and fly for leisure, please refer to guides available on FFAM website (<https://contenu-informatif.ffam.asso.fr/reglementation/>) for guest pilots.

The following information only applies for competition where FFAM will deliver to every pilot a competition passport that allow them to fly under the rules described below only during the time of the competition.



When you come to compete in France, you have obligations

- Be registered as UAS Operator
- Register each model over 800g on French National Aviation Authority website
- Follow briefing of the organizer that replace UAS training certificate
- Have an FFAM competition passport

1 - Being registered as UAS Operator

Whatever the weight of the model you are using and whatever the discipline you practiced is (radio, control line flying, free flight), according to UE regulation 947 article 16 authorization that FFAM had, you MUST be register as UAS Operator when you participate to a competition in France.

Some solution exists depending from which country you are coming from.

- If you belong to an European Union country, you can / must register directly on your country national system in order to obtain your UAS Operator number
- If you belong to a non-European Union country, you can register on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>) to perform your registration for free and obtain your UAS Operator number
- If you only plan to fly during the competition, you will be entitled by the organizer to use FFAM UAS operator number.

Once you have an UAS Operation registration number, you must stick it on every of your model and being able to present in case of control the extract of UAS Operator register.



<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>

N° D'ENREGISTREMENT D'EXPLOITANT D'UAS : FRAeqvmyiqrz3kl
UAS OPERATOR REGISTRATION NO

2 - Register each model over 800g on French National Aviation Authority website

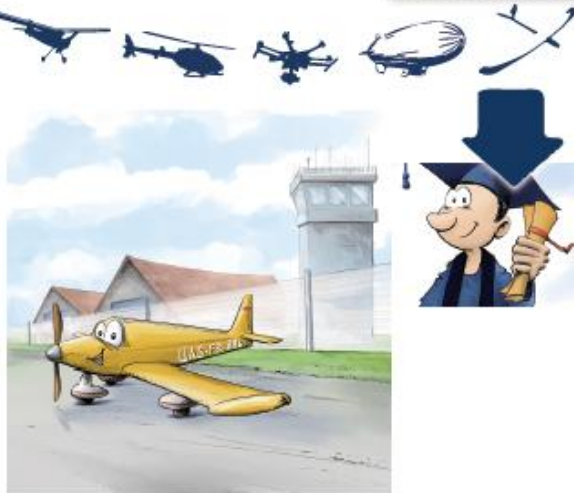
French regulation requires that any model over 800g has to be registered on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphanango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>)



- Once registered, you will receive a registration number and an registration extract in pdf format.
 - You must tag your model with the registration number that should be readable at 30cm.
 - You have to be able to present the registration extract in case of control.

Registration is free of charge.

N° D'ENREGISTREMENT : UAS-FR-494086
REGISTRATION NO



3 - Follow briefing of organizer that replace UAS training certificate

As per the French regulation, all pilots over the age of 14 must have completed the training and be able to present a training certificate.

This does not apply during competition, where a briefing will be conducted which replaces the training.

During the briefing it will be specified exactly what you are allowed to do on the airfield.

If you want to fly in France before or after the competition or for leisure, you must have followed a official training either in your country for EU pilots or on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphanango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>).



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4 - Have an FFAM competition passport



All foreign pilots attending a competition organized by an affiliated club will get a FFAM competition passport which is valid only during the time of the competition event.

For pilots which do not have such a passport, it is mandatory to onboard a remote ID device on their model.

FFAM delivers the competition passport for free.

Pilots have to provide following information:

- gender
- last name
- first name
- address (street, city, country)
- date of birth
- email address

Pilots are invited to provide information as soon as possible in order that passport order being done by competition's organizer to FFAM before the competition.

Register your model on the DGAC web site Alphasango (free of charge) and apply registration number on to the model

- Create an account on Alphasango
- Register all your models over 800g you expect to use in France
- You receive a registration number for each one
- Put the registration number on each model clearly readable at 30cm
- Download a registration certificate



<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>

May 2023

INFORMATIONS FOR GUEST PILOTS

FFAM - 108 rue Saint-Maur - 75011 PARIS - Tél : 01 43 55 82 03 - ffam@ffam.asso.fr

ECH LUNCH

French and local food



FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

Chicken Fillet with Boursin cream
Filet de Poulet crème de Boursin

Spaghetti

Chocolate mousse
Mousse au chocolat

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

Beef Lasagna
Lasagne de Bœuf

Salad
Salade

Lemon Meringue Pie
Tarte au citron meringuée

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

Sea Bass Fillet
Dos de Loup de Mer

Pilaf Rice
Riz pilaf

Fruit salad
Salade de fruits

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

Shepherd's Pie
Hachis Parmentier

Salad
Salade
Tiramisu

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST

Roasted Chicken with Forestiere Sauce
Poulet rôti Sauce Forestière

Green beans
Haricots verts

Yogurt
Yaourt

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST

Grilled Meats
Grillades de viandes

Salad
Salade

Tart
Tarte

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

Slow-cooked Beef Chuck
Paleron confit

Parsley Carrots
Carottes persillées
Fruits

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

Chicken
Sauté de Poulet

Zucchini and tomatoes
Sauté de courgette et tomate

Normandy Apple Tart
Tarte Normande



Please note that our weekly menu is subject to change according to daily deliveries.



Nation Party

19th August from 7 pm

On European Champ's Airfield

Chill Vibes : Music,
Fun and Games

Diner : 14€ *

- Mussels and French fries
- Dessert



**without beverage*

Gala dinner

European Championship F5J 2026

Blackberry Kir

A classic French sparkling cocktail with blackberry liqueur

Amuse-bouche

A duo of appetizers per guest

Land & Sea Starter

Duck Foie Gras Terrine & Fine Smoked Salmon

Palate Cleanser "Trou Antillais"

A refreshing Exotic Punch Sorbet & Saint-Valery Rum

Main Course

Duck Breast with Neufchâtel Cheese Sauce

Roasted Tomato, Potato Galette and a light cream sauce

Dessert

Honey Iced Nougat

Coffee

