

Report from CIVL Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee on events during 2011

Major competitions

The pre-European Championships (FYR Macedonia) were held without major incident. Although poorly attended (27 pilots), 7 complete rounds were achieved plus a practice round. Prior to the competition a 1 round sponsors' competition was also held on a small raft at a nearby lake.

The test event for the 2012 Asian Championships attracted 29 competitors and managed 6 rounds. This was a late bid at last year's Plenary and many thanks go to Violeta and Uga for helping out at this event at such late notice.

The 6th World Championships held in the Czech Republic had a good turnout of 84 competitors but due to bad weather only 4 rounds were validated. There were several complaints and protests, all of which were resolved by the Jury. The new harness and helmet rule also caused some confusion as this was the first Category 1 Accuracy competition after the 2011 S7C came into force.

In addition, planning for the World Games in Cali continues. Louise Joselyn is one of the FAI liaison officers, and she ensures the subcommittee is kept informed.

Judging Seminars

These were held as follows:

Malaysia at the PGAWC- run by Uga Jondzic

Chinese Taipei pre-Asian Championships – run by Uga Jondzic and Violeta Masteikeine

Pre European Championships FYRO Macedonia – run by Nikki Bodill and funded by the competition organizers

Prior to the 6th World Championships in Czech Republic - run by Nikki Bodill assisted by Taz Spence (also funded by competition organizers)

Pilot's meeting

There was a pilot meeting held during the Championships in Czech Republic during which several issues were discussed including the harness rule, footwear rule and suitability of sites for Cat 1 events.

Other Accuracy events

The PGAWC, a series of Cat 2 events coordinated by Matjaz Feraric and Uga Jondiz continues to be well attended.

I feel it is important to ensure that the judging standards and interpretation rules remain consistent across all FAI sanctioned competitions.

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