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FAI F2 European Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft

Wloclawek – Poland

7th to 12th August 2023

FAI JURY REPORT

Contest Information

Two bulletins were published and emailed to the appropriate NACs. The web site of the Championships was available (<https://cl-f2-echs2023.pl/>) and constantly updated for information purposes.

OneTeam Managers' meeting with officials and the organiser were held, one on the first day, the 6th August where:

- The FAI Jury clarified to the Team Managers, the Judges and the CDs the sporting rules for managing any competitor complaints and protests.
- No problem there was for the F2D mechanics.
- It was mentioned that the second F2B circle had some bumpers, and the organiser should mitigate them.
- There was a discussion about the random draw of the F2A training flights sequence. Some Team Manager wanted to have a training sequence based on nation. The organiser followed the FAI rules and the defined sequence was kept.

The information, emergency notices and results about the championships were displayed in a timely fashion on the main board of the main control building. The protest reports (for F2D) were displayed on the main board and in the board the F2D circles.

The implemented web site of the Championships (<https://cl-f2-echs2023.pl/>) constantly showed the round schedules and the progressive results during the Championships.

The FAI Licenses of the competitors, Team Managers and the F2D Mechanics were properly checked.

Entry

The entries were:

136 competitors in total (to add 33 dedicated F2D mechanics). From 21 countries.

F2A – 27 in total: 21 senior men & 1 senior woman & 5 junior men from 11 countries

F2B - 40 in total: 31 senior men & 2 senior women & 6 junior men & 1 junior women from 13 countries,

F2C – 24 teams in total: 20 seniors men teams & 1 senior women team & 3 junior men team from 7 countries,

F2D – 45 in total: 33 senior men & 1 senior women & 7 junior men & 4 junior women from 14 countries,

Accommodation & Food

The accommodation was a mix of hotels and camping.

The FAI Jury, Judges and organisers supporter accommodation was in a big Hotel in the city of Wieniec-Zdrój. It was of excellent level with excellent rooms and with swimming pool, jacuzzi and SPAs freely accessible. The hotel provided the breakfast and dinner of good level of quality.

The organisers provided the FAI Jury and judges with tickets to be used at the flying site for the lunch. There was no menu choice and the quality was sufficient. The transport of the officials to the flying site was provided by the organisation or using rented cars.

The camping area was located close to the F2B circles in the park with shadow provided by the numerous trees.

On side of the headquarter building there was a restaurant proving food and drinks to the competitors and to the spectators.

Flying Site

The flying circles were located in the KRUSZYN AIRFIELD of the aeroclub of Wloclawek. It is a wide flat area ideal for organizing such Championships with good and useful infrastructures. The center of Wloclawek is at 10 Km.

F2A was a permanent circle located in front of the main control building. The circle was well prepared with the main control shelters.

Additional circles for training were available in the airport area at about 600 meter far away from the official circles.

F2B had two official grass circles close each other. The surface for both of them was acceptable and the organization mowed the grass frequently. One of the circle had some bumpers which didn't cause troubles to the competitors. The circles were located 10 minutes' walk from the main control building.

F2C had the permanent circle close to the F2A concrete circle. The circle was well prepared with the main control tower. The display for showing the warnings, the names of the teams competing with relevant live timing was clear and well visible.

F2D had a large area for official and practice circles at about 600 meters far from the main control building.

Main Control of the championships was in the main control building which provided all the necessary for meeting the organizer, the officials and for making Team Manager meetings. It was at the entrance of the KRUSZYN AIRFIELD.

Very useful internet free connection was available in the main control building.

Model Processing

Processing was performed in the hangar of the KRUSZYN AIRFIELD.

The processing required involvement of the Judges of the various classes. The official nominated by the organization for performing F2C processing was Mr Sosnovskyi.

For all classes, F2A, F2B, F2C and F2D: No problems were reported.

The activity was performed fluently, with no remarkable queues.

Processing during the competition was conducted with the specified equipment. All checked aircraft were within the rules specification.

Weather

During the first day of the Championships the wind was very strong with frequent strong gusts. The Contest directors of the four categories, solicited by the competitors, decided firstly to delay the start of the championships and after to interrupt it for all the first day.

Wind speed measurements were done in the four categories contest sites and the wind was dangerous because not stable with strong gusts up to 10 m/s. This weather prevailing condition was such to lead to unacceptable sporting results. The FAI Jury supported the decision since meeting the FAI Sporting code rule for F2 control line: rule C.17.2 iv) of Section 4, Vol 2.

The organisers and the officials were very clever and efficient for re-programming the schedule of the four categories competitions with one day less.

The rest of the days were mainly cloudy with fresh temperature, and it rained shortly only during one day without affecting the Championships. Bottles of water, provided by the organisers, were always available for all the officials and the organisation helpers.

Competition

F2A Speed

The Contest Director was Remigiusz PYKA POL with Mr Kántor Lajos head judge.

The flying order draw was made by the CD, supervised by on the organiser

The flying circle was protected with hard fences and there were no safety issues.

There was announcement of the competitor's speed at the end of his flight.

It was pleasing to see 5 junior entries but only three nation and the World Junior title cannot be awarded.

There was one woman entry.

No protests were raised.

F2B Aerobatics

The Contest Director was Mr Roman Mucha POL;

Two official grass circles were used, one close each other, one of the circle had some bumpers which didn't affect the competition.

A training grass circle was available close to the F2D area at about 600 meters far from the official flying circles.

The flying order draws were made by the head of judges with the organiser.

All the four qualification flights were held using the judge panels for each circle.

The Two panels of Judges were led by Mr Stefan Kraszewski as Head of Judges.

For the final flights, all six judges were used.

The scoring was managed in an excellent way using an automatic system for recording the marks for each maneuver. The judges used dedicated keyboards and the data were transmitted wireless to the main computer.

The score of each maneuver was showed live on two dedicated displays (one for each circle) installed on side of the flying field. The total score of each flight of each pilot was showed at the end of each flight, on the displays and in the championships' website.

In addition, the competition ranking was updated constantly and showed on the displays and on the website after each flight of F2B competition.

These management made reliable the use of the judges scoring and provided a full monitoring of the trend of the competition to all the competitors, to the spectators and to the navigators of the championships' website.

There were 6 junior team entries but only three nation and the World Junior title cannot be awarded.

There were only 3 women team entries, 1 of which juniors, and the World Woman Title couldn't be awarded.

No protests were raised.

F2C Team Race

The Contest Director was Mr Dariusz Kuras.

The flying order draws were made by the Contest Director and the organization.

The contest infrastructure was good and well prepared with well visible displays showing lap counters and warnings.

The panel of judges was composed of Mr Marek Leszczak, as head of judges, Mr Attila Kasoly and Max Dillinger. They worked together with good cooperation.

There were 3 junior team entries, and the World Junior title cannot be awarded.

There were only 1 woman team entries, and the World Woman Title couldn't be awarded.

No protests were raised.

Records

One record was claimed at the F2C Championship for 200 laps achieved during the final by the Ukrainian Team, Makarenko/Osadchyi, with the time of 6 min 25.05 sec.

F2D Combat

The Contest Director was Mr Piero Incani and Circle Marshall was Mr Vernon Hunt.

The flying order draws were made by the Panel of Judges overseen by the one of the FAI Jury members.

After some heats, it was discovered that both official flying circles had the pilot circle marking radius of 2.5 m. instead of 2.0 m radius, as required by the FAI Sporting code for F2 control line: rule 4.4.3 of Section 4, Vol 2. The pilot circles were corrected and the already performed heats were repeated.

The panel of judges with the support of the Circle Marshall was a very experienced team which worked very well and well integrated. The open and clear approach of judges and of their head, Ingemar Larsson, versus the competitors contributed to solve many issues before they could result in official protests.

4 protests were raised: 1 upheld, 3 denied and 1 not accepted since received too late.

There were 109 flights in total including re-flights and fly-offs. No fly-offs in the overall competition but occurred for 2nd and 3rd place for both juniors and females.

There were 5 fly-aways but the device worked in all cases and models landed close to or in the circle and none was disqualified when it occurred.

Engines were sent for check throughout the competition in the number requested by the rules but no faults were found.

There were 11 junior entries and the World Junior Title could be awarded.

There were only 5 women entries, 4 of which juniors from four nations and the World Woman Title could be awarded.

FAI Jury

The FAI Jury was composed of Mr Rob Olijve (NED), Mr Narve Jensen (NOR) and Mr Massimo Semoli (SUI) as Jury President. There was common information flow and shared tasks with a good integration and harmony, thanks also to the very good co-operation provided by the CDs and the Judge Panels with the relevant Heads of each class. That allows to achieve a good management survey of the championships.

Protests

The complaints approach was used effectively and only 4 protests in F2D were raised: 1 upheld, 3 denied and 1 not accepted since received too late.

For each protest, the facts were thoroughly established before performing the analysis. All the FAI Jury decisions were unanimous. The necessary freedom was given to the CDs and the Judges for managing the complaints.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony was held on the evening of Monday 7th August in the main circle of Kruszyn Airfield.

Many important Polish authorities were present from Aero Club of Poland, Aero Club of Wloclawek, Chairman of Wloclawek City Council, regional Members and members of Parliament with the Honorary Patronage of the President of Poland Mr Andrej Duda.

The responsible of the represented organisations made a speech. The FAI Jury President made a speech pointing out the effort made by the organizer, the sponsors and the supporting organizations for organizing these championships.

The teams paraded to the area. The FAI anthem was played, the FAI flag was raised and the FAI Jury President opened the Championships.

During the ceremony a glider made its display above the Kruszyn Airfield.

The prize-giving and closing ceremony took at the same place of the opening ceremony.

The closing ceremony was good and pleasant with the presence of most of the authorities present at the opening ceremony.

During the ceremony, an Aerobatic RC model showed its aerobatic maneuvers.

The FAI Jury presented the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed winners of the various classes with the FAI medals, FAI diplomas and Championship trophies. The prize-giving podium was prepared in front of the flag-poles. The FAI Jury President closed the Championships before the FAI anthem was played and the FAI flag was lowered.

The banquet took place at the restaurant close to the Kruszyn Airfield with good food.

The atmosphere was warm and pleasant.

The officials received a gift from the organizer.

Results

Full results were available on the Championships website. Intermediate results were continuously showed live during the championships. This allowed a full monitoring of the trend of the Championships competitions to all the competitors, to the spectators and, all over the world, to the navigators of the championship's website.

The FAI licenses and national flags were available for collection.

Trophies

F2B Individual

FAI Championnat d'Europe F2B Don du Cercle Modéliste Rullicois was awarded to Mykola TURCHENKO (Ukraine).

F2B Team

Luciano Compostella trophy was awarded to Ukraine. This trophy was awarded to Russia in 2021 and it was not returned for this championship.

F2D Individual

Challenge Trophy was awarded to Raul Manuel MATEO SALA (Spain). This trophy was awarded to Maksim SHUMAEV (RUS) in 2021 and it was not returned for this championship.

Comments

The flying site is excellent for holding F2 championships, very wide with very good infrastructures supporting efficiently both the competitions in all classes and the involvement of the spectators.

The organizer manager, Mr Marek Dominiak was well supported by his staff and by many volunteers. All worked very hard and contributed to the success of the Championships.

The organisation personnel were very numerous both for the office activity and for the support in the competition fields. Many young volunteers were used for F2C and F2D. Despite the young age they have been very constant and efficient.

The availability of the Main Building was good for the management of the championships. Many rooms were available for the Team Manager meetings, for the FAI Jury and for the F2D Judges.

The organization constantly provided water and coffee to the officials and helpers.

Conclusions

The Championships were good and carried out in a good global atmosphere.

Very few official protests were raised. They prove a good cooperation and fairness of Judges, officials, helpers, organiser and competitors.

Many thanks to the Jury, judges, officials and helpers who worked in a very hard for successful championships.

It is the opinion of the FAI Jury that the 2023 FAI F2 European Championships were well organized, and professionally executed. The Polish Aeromodelling Federation and all its personnel who were involved are to be congratulated for the excellent event.

24 September 2023

The FAI Jury

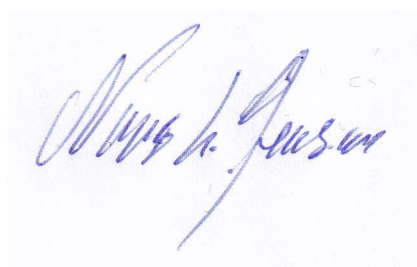
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