

REPORT ON 2024 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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The winner of F1A was Jaroslaw Jeziorny from Poland with three winds and a second place. Before this victory he had been competing in the World Cup for only the last three years. Bostjan Bagari (Slovenia) and Dusan Fric of Czechia came third, the same as his placing last year.

The F1A Junior event was won by Tomasz Jeziorny who is the son of Jaroslaw who won F1A. It is remarkable to have close relatives winning World Cups, particularly in the same year. Tomasz was also fourth in the overall F1A event and had been third in F1A Junior in 2023. Second place went to Luka Najdoski of North Macedonia and third to Franek Halicki of Poland.

Oleg Kulakovsky (Ukraine) won F1B, making a total of 6 World Cup wins in this event. Having won 5 events, Oleg was ahead of Stanislaw Skibicki and Adam Krawiec, both of them from Poland.

There are two Ukrainians on the F1B Junior, with Oleskii Kosylo winning and Oleksandr Kozhukaru in third place behind Florian Jackel of Germany.

Yuan Gao won F1C, the first time that a Chinese flyer has won a Free Flight World Cup. His scores included a clean sweep of victories at the three USA events in February and two in Australia. Second and third places were taken by the Hungarian family Bauer with Balazs second and Soma third.

F1Q was won by Mihaly Varadi of Hungary, just ahead of Fabrizio Ceccarini (Italy) by bonus points. Rafal Wagner of Poland was third. F1Q junior was won by Franciszek Jedrysiak (Poland) followed by Lorant Buzas (Hungary) and Wojciech Bartel (Poland)

The winner in F1E was Tiberiu Furjes of Romania, second was last year's winner Jean Luc Drapeau and third was Eugeny Gorban (Ukraine). F1E Junior was won by Piotr Bryja (Poland) with Theo Laura (France) second and Leon Rink (Germany) third.

The number of events in F1D doubled from the two in the inaugural event last year, but still not enough events to be able to give medals to the winners. Brett Sanborn (USA) won and was the only person to score points at three competitions. Second was Tiberiu Furjes, the Romanian F1E winner, and third Emily Guyett (USA).

In F1D Junior the top three places went to junior winners of a single event each. The Romanians Alexandru Matei and Oliver Turjes both won a single event in Romania and since there were six juniors flying in both of these event there was no way to differentiate between them and so they a joint winners of the title. Third place went to Daniel Guo (USA) who had been the only Junior flying in an event in USA and so had fewer bonus points than the winners.

ORGANISATION

The top three places in each event have been displayed on the FAI web site and updated frequently throughout the year at the address:

<https://www.fai.org/world-cups/f1-free-flight>

The detailed results have been uploaded to the coordinator's web site and there are links to this from the FAI web page for both the results of each class or the overall summary.

During the year the only competitions cancelled were in F1E, one due forecast of thunderstorms and one with a date that proved inconvenient for competitors.

Protests were received against the Salonta Cup at which no timekeepers were available for the second flyoff. When considering these it became apparent that some times from altimeters had been accepted and others rejected without a strict control of these times. After discussion in the CIAM F1 Subcommittee and Bureau that without reliable times for all competitors the second flyoffs should be disregarded and World Cup points awarded on the basis of ties for first place. This resulted in a counter-protest by the originally identified winner who provided documentation on his flight. Consideration of this by the Subcommittee and Bureau resulted in confirmation their previous decision to disregard the scored flyoffs, since while the documentation provided could validate this one flight there was no way of obtaining equivalent information from all competitors.

F1N

During 2024 an unofficial World Cup was run for the class F1N. This was a test partly to feed data to the April Plenary meeting for consideration in conjunction with a proposal for a league for F1N flying. At the Plenary meeting Serbia amended their proposal to proposing World Cup status for F1N which was accepted and the class joins World Cup in 2025.

F1N is not included in the 2024 statistics section below, but the equivalent details for the class follow here

Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points

	F1N	F1N-Junior
Number of competitions	8	7
Total number of entries	310	135
Number of competitors scoring points:		
in 1 event	75	42
in 2 events	6	1
in 3 events	5	4
in 4 events	7	1
in 5 events	3	1

Number of entries

Number of competitors entering:	F1N	F1N-Junior
1 event	147	65
2 events	9	2
3 events	13	7
4 events	8	3
5 events	10	3
6 events	4	3

Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

F1N		F1N-Junior	
SVK	32	SVK	21
GRE	21	CRO	7
SRB	14	SRB	7
CRO	13	GRE	6
POL	6	POL	4
SLO	5	SLO	3
HUN	3	HUN	1
MKD	2	UKR	1
UKR	1		
USA	1		

STATISTICS

There have been 59 competitions in F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q, 20 in F1E and 4 in F1D, with a total 3773 entries in these competitions (note that this number counts entries in the open events only and excludes the junior events since all juniors participate in the open events)

Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

The “All” column is the number of individual people over all classes and this includes reductions for people who have flown in more than one class.

A	A Junior	B	B Junior	C	Q	Q Junior	E	E Junior	D	D Junior	All classes
GER 24	GER 7	ISR 17	ISR 7	HUN 5	GER 11	POL 3	ROU 21	ROU 13	ROU 10	ROU 5	GER 66
ISR 22	BIH 6	USA 16	CHN 5	ISR 5	USA 9	HUN 2	POL 19	POL 9	USA 6	USA 1	FRA 60
FRA 21	FRA 6	FRA 15	FRA 5	USA 5	HUN 6	MGL 2	GER 17	FRA 4	CAN 1		USA 53
HUN 19	POL 6	GER 14	UKR 4	CHN 4	BUL 5	GER 1	FRA 16	GER 4	FRA 1		ISR 51
FIN 15	SVK 6	UKR 12	GER 3	FRA 4	ITA 5		CZE 11	BUL 1	HUN 1		POL 50
USA 15	ISR 5	CHN 7	SVK 3	MGL 4	POL 5		ITA 8	CHN 1	SVK 1		ROU 34
CZE 14	SLO 5	MGL 7	MGL 2	UKR 4	FRA 4		USA 6	CZE 1			HUN 32
POL 13	MGL 4	POL 7	USA 2	AUS 3	GBR 4		BUL 4	ITA 1			CZE 30
BIH 10	CZE 3	GBR 6	CZE 1	BUL 3	ISR 4		UKR 2	SVK 1			MGL 27
SVK 10	BUL 2	AUS 5	MKD 1	GER 3	MGL 4		AUT 1	UKR 1			UKR 22

NED	9	EST	2	CZE	5	POL	1	GBR	3	DEN	3		CHN	1				FIN	20
SLO	8	HUN	2	TUR	5			ITA	3	FIN	3		GBR	1				ITA	20
TUR	8	MKD	2	CAN	4			KAZ	2	NED	1		SVK	1				BUL	17
DEN	7	USA	2	FIN	3			LTU	2	SUI	1		SWE	1				CHN	17
MGL	7	NED	1	MKD	3			SRB	2				SUI	1				SVK	16
MKD	7	ROU	1	NOR	3			CAN	1									GBR	15
BUL	6	SWE	1	SVK	3			CRO	1									SLO	14
CRO	6	TUR	1	SRB	3			EST	1									TUR	14
SWE	6	UKR	1	BIH	2			FIN	1									BIH	13
CHN	5			CRO	2			MKD	1									AUS	12
UKR	5			DEN	2			POL	1									NED	12
SRB	5			EST	2			SLO	1									MKD	11
AUS	4			ITA	2			UZB	1									DEN	10
GBR	4			KAZ	2													SRB	10
ITA	4			LTU	2													CRO	9
LTU	4			NED	2													LTU	8
AUT	3			ROU	2													SWE	8
EST	3			SWE	2													CAN	7
ROU	3			SUI	2													EST	7
SUI	3			AUT	1													KAZ	6
KAZ	2			BUL	1													AUT	5
KOR	2			KOR	1													SUI	4
LAT	2			NZL	1													UZB	4
ESP	2			SLO	1													KOR	3
UZB	2			ESP	1													NOR	3
BEL	1			UZB	1													ESP	3
CAN	1																	LAT	2
																		BEL	1
																		NZL	1

Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points

	F1A	F1AJ	F1B	F1BJ	F1C	F1Q	F1QJ	F1E	F1EJ	F1D	F1DJ
Number of competitions	59	45	58	30	49	44	14	20	17	4	3
Total entries	1670	331	918	137	276	307	24	509	124	53	13
Number of competitors scoring points:											
in 1 event	109	26	58	14	25	27	4	49	15	13	4
in 2 events	62	13	42	9	16	12	1	22	13	6	2
in 3 events	28	10	22	5	6	14	2	17	7	1	0
in 4 events	21	4	18	3	6	4	1	9	0	0	0
in 5 events	18	1	4	2	1	2	0	5	1	0	0
in 6 events	13	2	3	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	0
in 7 events	11	2	5	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0
in 8 events	3	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
in 9 events	7	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
in 10 events	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
in 11 events	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 12 events	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 13 events	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 14 events	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	282	63	164	34	60	65	8	110	36	20	6

Top 3 in each class

The events marked ** are not eligible for World Cup medals, but CIAM Bureau has supported the award of diploma

F1A

1	Jaroslav Jeziorny	POL	2482
2	Bostjan Bagari	SLO	2399
3	Dusan Fric	CZE	2358

F1A-Junior

1	Tomasz Jeziorny	POL	2391
2	Luka Najdoski	MKD	2266
3	Franek Halicki	POL	2112

F1B

1	Oleg Kulakovsky	UKR	2418
2	Stanislaw Skibicki	POL	2255
3	Adam Krawiec	POL	2202

F1B-Junior

1	Oleksii Kosylo	UKR	2011
2	Florian Jackel	GER	1944
3	Oleksandr Kozhukaru	UKR	1747

F1C

1	Yuan Gao	CHN	2190
2	Balazs Bauer	HUN	2016
3	Soma Bauer	HUN	1920

F1Q

1	Mihaly Varadi	HUN	2111
2	Fabrizio Ceccarini	ITA	2096
3	Rafal Wagner	POL	1926

F1Q-Junior

1	Franciszek Jedrysiak	POL	2005
2	Lorant Buzas	HUN	1501
3	Wojciech Bartel	POL	1339

F1E

1	Tiberiu Furjes	ROU	2343
2	Jean-Luc Drapeau	FRA	2253
3	Eugeniy Gorban	UKR	2075

F1E-Junior

1	Piotr Bryja	POL	1984
2	Theo Laura	FRA	1512
3	Leon Rink	GER	1300

F1D **

1	Brett Sanborn	USA	1483
2	Tiberiu Furjes	ROU	955
3	Emily Guyett	USA	905

F1D-Junior **

1	Oliver Furjes	ROU	505
1	Alexandru Matei	ROU	505
3	Daniel Guo	USA	500

Test F1N **

1	Darko Ozimec	CRO	2477
2	Ivan Deorgievski	SRB	2118
3	Mirjana Ozimec	CRO	1829

Test F1N-Junior **

1	Mariano Tadic	CRO	2040
2	Josip Resetar	CRO	1777
3	Nikola Deorgievski,	SRB	1529