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Jury Report

of the FAI Jury at the
F3F World Championship

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Contest information

The bulletin was distributed to NACs in due time and was displayed on the championship website together with additional information concerning accommodation and other useful details.

Entry

The final entry was a total of 51 competitors from 17 countries. 12 countries sent senior teams, three countries were represented by four member teams including juniors, from Venezuela came only two competitors and one competitor from Korea.

Flying site

The slopes for the competition flying were near the top of the hill Zvolen (1402 m a.s.l.), This hill together with the hill Nova Hola (1361 m a.s.l.) form a ridge. The best slope is on the south side of the ridge where the hollow slope allows flying also with wind deviating slightly from the main direction. The second competition site was on the north side of the prolonged ridge. Third race course was possible on the southwest slope of Zvolen and the fourth on the east slope of the Nova Hola.

The transport from Donovaly to Nova Hola was possible by cable car (combined with chair lift).

Model Processing

Model processing took place in the Congress Hall of the hotel Zornicka, together with the registration of the teams. Each nation got their specific time slot for both activities. Model processing consisted of checking the certificates and the markings. The organiser put stickers on each part of processed model glider for identification. The models were also checked for the installed electronics for stabilising devices.

The FAI license database was used for checking of license validity, however not all the NACs had uploaded yet their license data.

The model gliders of the six medal winners (three seniors and three juniors) were checked, particularly for stabilising devices) more thoroughly after the competition.

Competition

The weather conditions were changeable during the week.

1st day, Monday: Competitors went to the south slope at 9 o'clock. The wind was slow, coming from south. The organisers waited for stronger wind. Finally it was not possible to realise competition flights.

2nd day, Tuesday: Competitors went to the south slope at 9 o'clock. The south wind was weak in the morning, getting stronger during the day. It was then possible to fly three complete rounds and two groups from the fourth round.

3rd day, Wednesday: In the morning it was slow north wind. The organiser tried to continue flying from the previous day, but only half of the group was able to complete their flights before the wind fell continuously below the 3 m/s limit. In the afternoon the sun generated slow wind on the south slope and it allowed from 3 pm to complete the fourth round by flying the third group of the fourth round. Also the 5th round was started, but the weather conditions didn't allow to fly even one group.

4th day, Thursday: It was raining from the morning. The Contest Director called every hour the team managers to hotel Zornicka to inform them about the weather conditions. At 12 o'clock he decided to cancel flying for this day.

5th day, Friday: It was strong wind (about 15 m/s, gusts over 20 m/s) in the morning. Therefore pilots went to the hill. The wind came from the left side of the south slope, but still within the limits. Unfortunately at quarter past ten the rain started. All competitors were waiting at the top of the hill in the rather heavy rain. At 1 pm the CD decided to stop waiting and to leave the hill.

6th day, Saturday: It was raining in the morning till 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. all competitors went to the hill and the race course was installed on the east slope of Nova Hola. The low clouds (fog) didn't allow flying till 1.30 pm. Then the 5th round was started. Unfortunately the wind fell slowly down to the limit, causing many reflies. At 4 pm after a TM briefing the CD decided to stop flying and cancel the few flights of the fifth round (just in time, because heavy rain followed after 40 minutes).

Accommodation and food

The organiser prepared accommodation for all competitors in hotel Zornicka, close to the cable car station. Not all teams utilised this possibility and stayed in other hotels and apartment houses in Donovaly.

Protests

There were no formal protests filed during the championships, The lack of protests was the result of the good work of the contest director and the good cooperation with the FAI jury and the team managers.

Jury

Two members of the FAI Jury which was approved at the CIAM Bureau Meeting could not take their duties. Also the reserve jury members were not available. On August 2014 two new experts were gained. Sydney Lenssen (GBR) and Miroslav Majerčík (SVK) met all the requirements required by the FAI Sporting Code and proved to be very suitable completion.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony was organized in the grounds of hotel Zornicka. Slovak and FAI anthems started the ceremony. Chief organizer had a short speech and the Jury president opened the championship. Then all teams were presented. After the ceremony all participants were invited to a buffet in the open air. Team managers held a meeting with basic starting information.

The prize giving ceremony had to be arranged inside the hotel Zornicka because the afternoon rain didn't stop. Although the conditions were cramped, the award ceremony was held with dignity, starting with FAI and Slovak anthems followed by the awarding the FAI medals, diplomas and other prizes. The new World Champion was awarded with the perpetual trophy (Kap Arkona Trophy). After the ceremony the banquet was organised in the same room.

Others

In spite of bad weather, the championship was running well. Any queries were handled by the organizers as soon as it was possible.

Trophies

In this class there is only one perpetual trophy. It is new and doesn't show any signs of wear.

Technical Meeting

On Thursday at 7 pm was held a Technical Meeting, dealing with the present problems of the F3F class. The main point was, how to avoid the influence of variable weather conditions on the performance of the pilots.

Conclusions

The 2014 F3F World Championship was a successful event. Praise and thanks are deserved for the hard working organizers, contest director, timekeepers, helpers. Thanks to them for the work and efforts made for the F3F modelling community.

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