

Jury Report

2018 FAI European Championships for Electric Model Aircraft

Classes F5J Juniors and F5J Seniors

Dupnitsa, Bulgaria, August, 19 – 25

Organiser

Bulgarian Aeromodelling Federation

Competitors

26 Juniors

65 Seniors

Contest Director

Sotir Lazarkov

FAI Jury

Emil Giezendanner, SUI, chairman

Antonis Papadopoulos, GRE, member

Dobri Dimitrov Marinov, BUL, member

Summary

The first FAI European Championships in class F5J - RC Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders can be considered a resounding success. After numerous World Cup events in the three previous years, the rules could be trialled in practice in a Category I competition for the first time. The working group and the CIAM F5 Subcommittee have done a virtually perfect job. The airfield in Dupnitsa, with its large and level grass area, essential for this class, is perfectly suited to this kind of F5J Glider Championship. From preparation to conclusion, everything was professionally organised and there were no major glitches. Contest Director Sotir Lazarkov's many years of experience in dealing with large events have proven their worth.

Technical matters

Competitors' equipment was mostly of a very high standard. Only plastic machines with wings in shell construction were used and their average weight would have been around 1400 grams. The models had no problems with high wind speeds, with the electric motors only taking a secondary role as they are only permitted to run for 30 seconds at most. Nor did the altitude loggers used cause any problems. In short: A class with no technical issues.

Team of helpers

The team of helpers, including those involved in timekeeping, scoring and model checks, worked reliably and competently throughout the competition. Times were adhered to.

Opening and closing ceremonies

Both ceremonies were simple and conducted with a minimum of formality. The opening ceremony with the entrance of the teams in Dupnitsa's main square was very atmospheric. The closing ceremony combined with prizegiving was well organized at Rila park in a open air restaurant with Olympic size swimming pool and will doubtlessly have resulted in many new friendships throughout Europe. Many thanks.

For the FAI Jury

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