

REPORT BY THE FAI JURY ON THE 2017 FAI F3P WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR INDOOR AEROBATIC AIRCRAFT

Strasbourg/France February 25, 2017.

- **Overview**
This really successful and very enjoyable World Championship event was organised and executed by the Fédération Française d'Aéromodélisme (FFAM) with the support of Comité Régional d'Aéromodélisme Alsace (CRAM Alsace) from February 19 to 25, 2017. The Gymnase La Rotonde afforded excellent flying opportunity for 50 competitors from 18 nations. It was nearly the same number of competitors we had at the World Championship in Poland in 2015.
- **Pre-contest information**
General and specific information was communicated to participants via several bulletins. All aspects of the championship, lodging, travelling, costs, rules, local rules, and procedures were covered. E-mail contact made correspondence significantly convenient and fast, for organizers, officials, and participants. A web site was available before and during the event providing all necessary information and latest news.
- **Accommodation and catering**
Most competitors and supporters/helpers were accommodated in the town of Strasbourg or near of it, all within easy driving distance of the competition hall. Participants were offered a great choice of accommodation options. Judges, officials, and staff members were accommodated in a modern hotel (Kyriad Prestige Hotel) in the town of Schiltigheim, which made communication most convenient. The accommodation in the various hotels was of a high standard and at reasonable cost. For those participants who chose the option, and all the officials, lunch was offered in the hall. Dinner for Jury and Judges was at the hotel and of very good quality.
- **Practice**
There were official practice flights offered to each competitor before the preliminary rounds started and additional practice flights were offered to the finalists before the final rounds. All practice flights were performed on the competition site Gymnase La Rotonde. There were also several free training possibilities on several days, so, that competitors could sufficiently adjust their flying to the dimensions and circumstances given by that hall.
- **Competition Site**
There was one (1) flightline in the Gymnase La Rotonde hall, well prepared with all the necessary layout limitations marked in visible lines. The procedures regarding model processing, storage of model aircraft, access to the flightline, conference rooms, etc. were explained thoroughly to team managers and judges well before the beginning of the competition. The flight line was organised by the help of laptop computers and a large, well visible wireless timing display. During the scored flights the organiser cared well to keep silence and to leave access doors to the hall closed, as to avoid any possible disturbances of the competitors.
- **Registration, Model aircraft processing and official practice**
Model aircraft processing took place in the in the competition hall. All procedures were correctly conducted and equipment was of good quality, certified and calibrated. Only some pilots had some problems with the FAI Sticker and the Model Certificate. After correcting everything was OK. Official practice was conducted without problems for all teams. Two pilots were not present at the registration. One from USA and one from Japan.
- **Organisation and execution**
The Championship was run in a very friendly and professional way. The contest director, Mr. Jean Paul PERRET and his personnel were always friendly and accommodating. Competitors were called in good time to occupy the ready boxes and for their flights the published starting order ensured that all competitors were ready for their flights. All pilots used 2,4 GHz transmitting equipment. So no transmitter impound was necessary.

Line directing, and timekeeping was done extremely efficiently. Score tabulation was expertly done, with raw scores appearing on screens in the hall. Score sheets were available for team managers. The Notautomatic system was used for first time on a World Championship. It worked very well without scribes and without any problems. The TBL statistical averaging system was integrated in the scoring software. The standard of flying was exceptionally high. During the competition rounds not a single crash or similar incident occurred.

Once all seven (7) rounds of the championship had been performed the organiser conducted an additional competition with three (3) rounds in Class F3P-AFM.
- **Communication**
The sporting and contest directors were in constant communication with the flight line officials, and were available at all times to answer queries from team managers, contestants, supporters, and officials. A livestream was online. So all interested people in the world could see the competition via internet. Wireless system on site provided free internet access, which proved popular with several teams who sent daily reports to their federations. The championship website was regularly updated with scores and results.

- **Conduct of jury and judges**

No protests were lodged. The jury members were well versed in the Sporting Code requirements and complemented each other in their different fields of expertise and experience. The jury members were always in the hall and available to questions and queries at all times.

Ten judges were used in the competition, with two groups of five judges each, for a morning shift, and an afternoon shift changing on the second day. There was no reserve judge available on site. Extensive judges' briefings, with visual aids, and several training flights were conducted prior to the start of the preliminary flights of the championship, and again prior to finals. A post-competition judges' analysis will be generated, and initial indications are that most of the judges performed well with a few scores being thrown out by the TBL-system. The results of the judges' analysis will be distributed to all judges, and recommendations may be made to the CIAM Bureau.

- **Official Complaint**

An official complaint was lodged by the Event director to the Jury President regarding the unsporting behavior exercised by the F3 Aerobatics S/C Chairman Mr. Michael RAMEL before and during the event. The complaint is included and is part of this report.

- **Award ceremonies, functions, closing banquet**

The impressive opening ceremony was conducted in the hall, to accompaniment of a group of special French artists. The FAI anthem was played, and the FAI flag displayed prominently for the duration of the event.

The awards ceremony took place in the hall where the FAI medals were awarded to the winners. This was followed by a banquet in a huge facility, with excellent food. The last day FAI President Mr. Frits Brink was present.

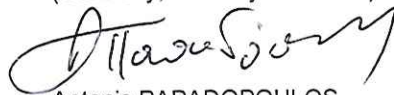
- **Conclusion**

It is the opinion of the FAI Jury that the 2017 FAI F3P World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Aircraft was splendidly organised, and professionally executed. The FFAM and all its personnel who were involved are to be congratulated for a superb event.

The FAI Jury:



Peter UHLIG
(Germany, FAI Jury President)



Antonis PAPADOPOULOS
(Greece, CIAM President)

Bruno DELOR
(France, President of the FFAM)





Complaint from the Contest Director

To FAI Jury President

Cc CIAM President

February 23, 2017

Dear Jury President, dear Peter

As Contest Director of this FAI World Championship, I would like to officially complain for the unsporting behavior as exercised by the F3 Aerobatics Subcommittee Chairman Mr. Michael RAMEL.

To be more specific. On February 2, 2017 he has sent emails to Team Managers, Competitors and Judges signing as F3 Aerobatics SC Chairman claiming wrongly that the Championship will not be valid since the Jury composition was not according with the rules.

Although the above message was acknowledged to the FAI EB, which decided that CIAM Bureau decisions need not to be challenged, and he is aware of that, on February 21, 2017, during the championship, he has sent a similar message to the same persons claiming that the starting order published was incorrect and not in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code which was not true. This ongoing violation of the existing FAI and CIAM rules by the F3 Aerobatics S/C Chairman and his inappropriate interference in the organization of the World Championship cannot be tolerated any more.

As first step, as Contest Director representing also the FFAM, I am requesting the FAI Jury to attach this complaint to the FAI Jury Report.

Jean Paul Perret
General Contest Director



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