

REPORT ON 2014 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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This year the Free Flight World Cup finished later than usual because the Hanukkah Open competition in Israel on December 19-20.

The total number of participants was 4891, slightly higher than the previous record number which was achieved in 2012. This was for one more competition than in 2012 so the average entry in each event remains about constant. This is notable in view of a number of competitions which have been cancelled this year. Three Scandinavian winter events were lost: Holiday on Ice, Swedish Moose Cup and Bear Cup. These were all to be flown during March on frozen lakes, but the warm winter resulted in the ice not being as thick as usual and the events were cancelled. The two F1E events scheduled to be held in Germany during April were also lost because of the weather, these because the crops on the farm fields were too advanced to allow flying on the fields. Another two events were lost in different circumstances. These were events sponsored by Moldova to be held at Feodosia in the Crimea. It had been established with the FAI that these events would be treated as events in Ukraine and results were received just after the scheduled date of the events. The results were not dated and showed at least one competitor who had been flying in France at that time. Clarification was requested and it was then acknowledged by the local organiser that the events had taken place two weeks earlier. This change had not been notified to the FAI and so the competitions were classed as ineligible for the World Cup.

F1A was closely fought until the last competition. Before the final event Roland Koglot of Slovenia was leading with seven victories this year, the best 4 of these giving him 17 bonus points. He was followed by Jama Danier (Canada) with the same number of victories but 3 fewer bonus points, and then Anton Gorsky (Russia). Koglot did not attend the competition in Israel but Danier did, knowing that with a win with 5 bonus points he would win the World Cup. He did exactly that but in circumstances that aroused much debate on social media. The results were being posted online during the competition and in the first rounds there were seen to be 48 flyers in F1A, which would give the winner 4 bonus points (one point for every 10 flyers beaten). In the final round flights were made by 3 flyers (not regular F1A flyers) to give a total of 51 flyers, enough to give 5 bonus points and Danier won the flyoff. It was ascertained that the extra flyers had registered the day before the competition and the models (from Danier) had been marked with the flyer's numbers.

The F1A-Junior winner is Mikhail Lomov (Russia), followed by Slovenians Luka Biteznik and Jernej Jurhar. These flyers have 4, 3, and 2 wins respectively followed by a number of second places each.

F1B World Cup leader before the last event was Bernd Silz (Germany) who had won the cup on 5 previous occasions. However, he was overtaken by Alexander Andriukov (USA, 6 times World Cup winner) who won the Hannukah Open and thus had the same scoring record of three wins and a second place as Silz, but Alexander had 4 more bonus points than Bernd and thus won the World Cup. Third place was taken by Anatoliy Rybchenkov (Russia), also with three wins and a second place but fewer bonus points than the other two flyers.

F1B Junior winner is Dawid Lipski (Poland) followed by Bojan Gostojic (Serbia) and Clement David (the Junior World Champion from France).

The winner of F1C is Vladimir Sychov (Slovenia), followed by Nikolay Rekhin (Russia) and Artem Babenko (Ukraine). The first two have the same number of points, with the lead determined by counting an extra event.

F1P Junior winner is Taron Malkhasyan (USA) who won the event last year. Daniel Bogomaz (Poland) takes second place and in third place is Russian flyer Alexander Kuznecov who finished in that position last year.

The winner of F1Q is Zeljko Grepl of Croatia, followed by Ron Assmuss (Germany) who was in the same place last year, and third is Gabor Milak (Hungary).

Frantisek Kanczok from Poland is the very clear winner of F1E with two victories and two second places which were achieved at large competitions. Runner up is Christian Winker (Junior from Germany) and third place is taken by Jaromir Orel of the Czech Republic. In view of those results, it is not surprising that Christian Winker won the F1E Junior World Cup for the second year. He was followed by Polish flyer Konrad Zurowski, the current Junior World Champion and now in his last year as a junior. Third place goes to Sofija Chorna from Ukraine secured by her second place in the Friendship Cup of Ukraine flown in Poland.

ORGANISATION

The organisation of the 2014 Free Flight World Cup ran relatively smoothly, with just a few cases of slow return of results and some delaying processing of results by supplying initial results in pdf format which hinders processing the World Cup standings.

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

<http://www.fai.org/ciam-events/world-cups/101-ciam/35330-f1-free-flight-world-cup-rankings>

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.

STATISTICS

The individual events F1A, F1A-Junior, etc show the numbers relevant to that event. The column headed ALL is the total of number of competitors in the full events (F1A B C E Q) which takes account of the fact that juniors have also been included in the results of the full event.

Total number of participants in all competitions: **4891**

	F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1Q	F1P-J	F1E	F1E-J
Number of competitions	57	48	57	45	53	22	11	17	15
Total number of entries	1964	353	1239	122	483	110	34	525	113
Number of competitors scoring points:									
in 1 event	167	32	78	10	43	12	3	42	9
in 2 events	87	17	56	6	28	4	5	25	11
in 3 events	42	10	39	4	14	2	2	14	5
in 4 events	25	5	19	4	9	4	1	5	4
in 5 events	13	5	15	2	5	1	0	4	0
in 6 events	9	3	7	1	1	1	0	2	0
in 7 events	7	1	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
in 8 events	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
in 9 events	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
in 10 events	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
in 11 events	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
in 12 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 13 events	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
in 14 events	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 15 events	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 16 events	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 17 events	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points	365	76	227	28	105	25	11	98	29

Number of competitors per country, only those scoring points in 2 or more events:

F1A		F1A Junior		F1B		F1B Junior		F1C		F1Q		F1P Junior		F1E		F1E Junior		All	
RUS	30	RUS	7	RUS	26	POL	4	RUS	15	GER	4	RUS	6	FRA	11	POL	5	RUS	82
ISR	16	CZE	5	FRA	14	RUS	4	UKR	8	HUN	3	POL	1	POL	10	FRA	4	FRA	45
FRA	13	ISR	4	UKR	14	BUL	2	ISR	5	GBR	2	USA	1	ITA	7	ROU	4	POL	38
CZE	12	SLO	4	USA	13	USA	2	POL	5	USA	2			ROU	7	GER	2	USA	34
GER	11	FRA	3	ISR	10	CRO	1	USA	5	CRO	1			CZE	5	ITA	2	ISR	33
SLO	11	HUN	3	POL	9	FRA	1	GBR	4	FIN	1			GER	3	UKR	2	UKR	33
SVK	9	MKD	3	GER	7	ISR	1	AUS	3					SVK	3	SVK	1	CZE	27
UKR	9	ROU	3	AUS	6	LAT	1	CRO	2					SUI	3			GER	27
USA	9	SVK	3	CZE	5	UKR	1	GER	2					USA	3			GBR	20
GBR	8	USA	2	GBR	5	SRB	1	ITA	2					AUT	2			ROU	16
BUL	7	AUT	1	SLO	4			AUT	1					GBR	1			SLO	16
POL	7	BUL	1	SWE	4			BLR	1					UKR	1			SVK	14
BIH	5	CRO	1	CAN	3			BUL	1									AUS	11
DEN	5	POL	1	NED	3			EST	1									CRO	11
FIN	5	SWE	1	NOR	3			FRA	1									HUN	11
MKD	5	UKR	1	TUR	3			HUN	1									BUL	10
SWE	5	SRB	1	SRB	3			JPN	1									ITA	10
CRO	4			BIH	2			MGL	1									SWE	9
HUN	4			CRO	2			NED	1									SUI	8
SRB	4			NZL	2			SLO	1									SRB	8
ROU	3			SUI	2			SRB	1									BIH	7
SUI	3			BUL	1													FIN	7
AUS	2			FIN	1													MKD	6
AUT	2			HUN	1													NED	6
NED	2			ITA	1													AUT	5
TUR	2			KAZ	1													DEN	5
BEL	1			LAT	1													TUR	5
CAN	1			LTU	1													CAN	4
KAZ	1			MGL	1													NZL	3
LAT	1			MNE	1													NOR	3
NZL	1																	KAZ	2
																		LAT	2
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