

F3B World Championship 2007 Emmen

The 16th F3B World Championship was organised under the leadership of the Swiss Aeromodelling Federation (SMV), as a member of the Aero Club of Switzerland (AeCS).

Venue

Military Airport Emmen was in the past a site of many international F3B competitions. The site was very good suited for the competition. At the time of the championship some installations on the airfield were in repair so the military business on the airfield was fully stopped.

Organisation

This was efficiently and smoothly executed under the leadership of contest director Rudolf Schaub. For information of participants about contest proceedings an excellent large scoreboard, which was already used at the F3B WCh 2003 at Kirchheim and also at the F3B WCh 2005 at Lappenranta, was brought to this Championship by a team of the MC-Munich, Germany. The military management of the airfield granted three boots in the hangar which provided weather protection and ample space for pits for all teams. Officials were experienced and sufficient in numbers. Weather conditions during first days of the Championship were so demanding that the Flight Line Director, Mr. Peter Oberli, didn't withstand and stepped down. His stand-in, Mr. Reto Galiker brought the Championship to a successful end.

Entry

The Championship was entered by 64 competitors from 22 countries. A large number of helpers and supporters also participated.

Accommodation and catering

Some teams stayed at the nearest high-class hotel, some stayed at the camping site in Lucerne.

In one boot of the hangar there was a kind of restaurant, where it was possible to get food and drinks throughout the whole day. All food was good and ample. In this hangar there was also on Wednesday a Swiss Evening for all pilots, helpers and supporters.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony took place at 16:00 hours on Sunday at the flying field. Each participating nation carried its banner. The Mayor of Emmen welcomed everyone to Switzerland and to the World Championship. The competition was officially opened by the FAI Secretary General, Mr. Max Bishop.

Processing

All models were processed before the contest. The winches were randomly checked during the contest. All checked winches were found conforming the rules.

Weather

The weather prepared a very difficult situations for participants and their helpers. During three days at the beginning of the Championship often rain showers converted the starting line in a marsh. The clay containing ground of the airfield prevented the water to drain. Unfortunately the military equipment on the airfield didn't allow to move the winches to another place. The organiser arranged covering the starting line with straw, but it helped only a little. During last three days the weather was nicer and facilitated finishing the Championship.

Award Ceremony and Banquet

The award ceremony took place in the afternoon of Saturday 13. August on the memorial place next to the airfield. FAI diplomas, FAI medals and the perpetual F3B Team and World Champion trophies were presented. The banquet took place in the evening at Gersag Zentrum in Emmen where the organizers presented additional prizes and diplomas to competitors.

Protests

There were no protests submitted.

Conclusion

It is the opinion of the FAI Jury that this was a difficult but again a very successful World Championship carried out in a most friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

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Jury president