

CIAM FAI
Report of the RC Soaring Subcommittee
Activities from April to November 2013

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has eighteen members. All matters were discussed by e-mail.

As a follow-up to the open discussion on Internet a survey within the RC Soaring Subcommittee was organised whether the present wording of the FAI Sporting Code allow or ban the use of electronic stabilising devices (“gyros”) in RC gliders. The opinions are split; still a majority (9:5) considers the electronic stabilising devices forbidden.

During the F3B World Championship in Germany the Team Managers were asked how to interpret and modify the rules stating the number of winches per team in the case of the fourth junior and how the reigning champion should be handled if not being the member of the national team. The answers to the questionnaire were split. A small majority of Team Managers require that the reigning champion should be handled as a separate team having his own winches and a team with a junior has to have 7 winches.

During the F3K World Championships in Denmark a Technical Meeting was held concerning the F3K tasks. A mathematical analysis was presented showing that some tasks at competition attended by top pilots don't help to separate the best from the worse. The tasks which mostly contributes to the separation are tasks G (best 5 flights), I (best 3 flights) and J (last 3 flights), whereas tasks C (all up), D (increasing times by 15s) and A (last flight) aren't decisive for finding the Champion.

F3J

The F3J European Championships at Cerkezoy (TUR) was a successful event. The windy weather at some days made the flying more difficult, so the results were well separated.

F3B

The F3B World Championship at Nardt (GER) was again well organised and successful.

F3K

The F3K World Championships were held at Hernning (DEN). The thermal weather didn't help to significantly separate the results and it after fly-off it was a tie at the first two places. A Super-fly-off had to be flown. The International Jury selected the task G (best 5 flights) for decision of the (senior) World Champion.

F3F

The F3F European Championship at Donovaly (SVK) was also successful. At this championship again the conditional group scoring was used as local rule. It worked well and therefore it's time to adopt this rule as a regular part of the FAI Sporting Code.

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