



FAI JURY REPORT

ORGANIZATION: The 12th FAI F3C R/C Helicopter World Championship was organized by "Aeroklub Włocławski", a member of "Aeroklub Polski". Competition information was provided in Bulletins 0, 1, and 2 with final information provided on the competition web site. The competition took place from 27. July to 5. August, 2007 with 74 competitors from, a new record, 29 countries registered.

ACCOMMODATION: The competition officials, FAI Judges, FAI Jury and some of the competitors stayed at Hotel Młyn in Włocławek. Other competitors stayed at several hotels located within the city of Włocławek. Breakfast and dinner were served at the hotels each day. Lunch was served at the flying site.

FLYING SITE: The competition took place on the large grass airfield belonging to "Aeroklub Włocławski". The field was very well suited to accommodate two flight lines. Both flight lines were oriented facing north and separated by 600 meters. Each flight line had its own shelters housing transmitter impounds, frequency monitoring equipment and competitors. A mobile building was installed on flight line "A" to house the computer scoring system. Canopies were used to shelter the ready boxes and FAI Jury. Individual umbrella canopies were supplied to the judges.

MODEL PROCESSING: Competitor registration and model processing took place in a hangar on the airfield on 27. and 28. July. A team manager's meeting was held in the morning of 28. July. Each model was checked for FAI sticker, proper markings and compliance with F3C rules. Due to unofficial practice being allowed on the airfield during these days transmitter processing was delayed until official practice on 29. July. Each transmitter was checked for frequency and bandwidth using spectrum analyzers.

OPENING CEREMONY: The opening ceremony took place at 17:00 hours on 28. July at the airfield. Each participating nation carried its flag while their national anthem was being played. The Director of the Włocławek Aeroclub and the Mayor of Włocławek welcomed everyone to Poland and to the 12th F3C World Championship. The competition was officially opened by the President of the FAI Jury.

COMPETITION: Official practice took place on Sunday 29. July. Three "Schedule A" calibrating flights for the judges were flown prior to the first preliminary round on Monday 30.

July. The first preliminary rounds started at 08:00 and ended at 16:30 hours each day from 30. July to 2. August. After the second preliminary round several competitors and team managers complained about anomalies in the standings. This was traced to the use of 20% figure in calculating the average score, part of the recently approved local rule. In a team managers meeting the Jury recommended abolishing the local rule. Unanimous approval could not be reached because 4 team managers were absent. None of the 25 team managers present objected to the Jury recommendation and the local rule was abolished. Due to rain on Friday 3. August the first fly-off had to be postponed to Saturday morning. Three "Schedule B" warm-up flights were flown for the judges before the first fly-off round. All three fly-off rounds were flown on Saturday 4. August.

AWARD CEREMONY AND BANQUET: The award ceremony took place at the airfield. FAI certificates, FAI medals and the perpetual F3C Team and World Champion trophies were presented. The organizers arranged for an additional (unofficial) award ceremony for the Junior competitors. Trophies sponsored by the host were presented. The banquet took place at Hotel "Mlyn" in Wloclawek. The FAI Judges, Jury members and main competition officials received souvenir trophies from the Competition Director.

COMMENTS: The competition web site was finished well ahead of the event and permitted downloads of the information bulletins and update information in a timely manner. The infrastructure of the flying site was first rate and the envy of many participants. The organizer did an excellent job of providing food and shelter to the competition officials at the flying site. However, the organizers should not have used two days for model processing but instead should have scheduled a rain date. The organizer decided to split each day into three segments rather than the customary four and this eliminated one break for the judges. The number of separate training fields (one) was not adequate. The organizers were overly cautious by not letting the competitors turn on their transmitters after release from the impound.

SUMMARY: We thank Aeroklub Polski, members of "Aeroklub Wloclawski" and the entire competition staff coming from different parts of Poland for running the 12th F3C World Championship in a fair and friendly atmosphere. We also thank the FAI Judges for their hard work.

The FAI Jury: Horace Hagen (President)
Georg Breiner
Ryszard Witkowski