



FAI Sailplane Grand Prix[®] World Series - X

FAI Sailplane Grand Prix report for IGC Plenary Meeting 2020.

Summary of 2019

The 9th series FAI/SGP final was held at La Cerdanya in Spain during June 2019. There were 19 entrants, 17 taken from the national FAI/SGP events and two wild card entrants.

The event was very successful with 6 competition days of a possible 7 with no accidents or incidents during the contest.

The competition gliders were equipped with the OGN/IGC trackers with an external antenna and they performed extremely well, better than the Flarms competitors flarm installations, mostly due to the external antenna. These trackers provide RELAYS of position of other trackers or Flarms (about 70K+ relays each day) providing a very good coverage every day.

The audience for the event was.

- More than 600 people following the race on in 3d real time and more than 3000+ at the end of each day.
- 2D race live between 8,000 and 10,000 unique visitor each day (and 56 million hits),
- Facebook around 30,000 during the week,
- Youtube 42,000+ visits during the week,

10th series

The first 10th series event took place in 2019 in Bosnia being the first FAI gliding contest to be held in that country. The venues for the 10th series events in 2020 have been published. There is potential for one more 10th series national event during the 2020/21 period.

Series X - 2019-20		
 Bosnia	Livno	27 Jul-3 Aug, 2019
 South Africa	Potchefstroom	4 Jan-11 Jan, 2020
 Chile	Viticura	18 Jan-25 Jan, 2020
 France	Rion de Landes	2 May-9 May, 2020
 Sweden	Boras	10 May-16 May, 2020
 USA	Bermuda High SC	10 May-16 May, 2020
 Spain	Cerdanya	31 May-6 Jun, 2020
 Italy	Varese	20 Jun-27 Jun, 2020
 Russia	Usman	25 Aug-1 Sep, 2020
 World Final	St Auban	1 Sep-30 Sep, 2021

10th Series World final.

Due to the postponement of the WAG planned for 2020 in Turkey the final for the 10th series has been moved to St Auban in France. The contest will take place in September 2021 allowing sufficient opportunity for overseas competitors to prepare their participation

Changes in the rules.

The rules valid for the 10th Series have been further refined with a minimum time delay requirement between task setting and launching.

SGP future.

In 2019 we reported that the future of the FAI/SGP project beyond the 10th series should be reviewed. It was proposed that the current management team seek an organisation outside FAI/IGC to manage and further develop the concept.

A project is currently being considered by the FAI and the SGP management team and will be discussed at the 2020 IGC Plenum.

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