

REPORT ON 2018 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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The 2018 Free Flight World Cup was completed by the Otzma Open and Hanukkah Open F1A F1B F1C F1Q competitions in Israel during December. Following these competitions two complaints were received which are described at the end of this report. The results were published after consideration of these complaints.

F1A was extremely closely fought. The top three flyers each had at least four wins and the results were determined on bonus points. After the changes resulting from the complaints were applied, the winner was Anton Gorsky of Russia just one point ahead of Per Findahl of Sweden. Robert Lesko (Croatia) was third.

The top two in F1A-Junior are also separated by a single point. The winner is Filip Klobusicky (Slovakia) and Vitek Rossler (Czech Republic) is in second place. Tomer Barkai from Israel is third.

The top two flyers in F1B have at least 4 victories in their results and Oleg Kulakovsky (Ukraine) is the winner over Dag Edvard Larsen (Norway) by the large bonus point margin of 152 points. Alexander Andriukov (USA) is just 6 points behind in third place with three wins and a second place.

The F1B Junior winner is Vladislav Dreiers (Latvia) followed by Kacper Lukaszewick (Poland), both having with four wins. Third place is taken by Vidak Veselinovic (Serbia) with three wins.

Nikolay Rekhin of Russia has won F1C with 2064 points Volodymyr Sychov of Slovenia second with 2024 points, both having more than four victories. Third place has gone to Ukrainian Artem Babenko with three wins and a second place but his total score is only a little lower at 1999.

This was the last year that F1P could be flown in F1C events to the F1P rules. Despite this flexibility there were only 8 competitors scoring points in the F1P Junior World Cup. The winner was Polina Pliakova (Russia) with three wins, Hayden Ashworth (USA) second with two wins, and Valery Zibirov (Russia) third. A Chinese flyer had been placed third, but was eliminated by the check for valid licences.

F1Q was won by Robert Sifleet (USA) with more than four wins. He was followed by Olexander Maximov (Ukraine) and Matti Lihtamo (Finland) both with three wins and a second place.

The F1E winner is Alexander Winker of Germany ahead of Jean-Luc Drapeau (France) both with four wins. Drapeau had been leading for most of the year, but Winker gained many bonus points by winning the well-attended World Cup events adjacent to the European Championships and then took the lead by winning one of the competitions in France. Third place was taken by Marian Popescu (Romania) with two wins, a second and sixth place.

The winner of F1E Junior was Clarisse Trachez (France) followed by Dan-Adrian Vasilescu (Romania) and Bobby Florian Buliga (Romania).

Organisation

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

<https://www.fai.org/world-cups/f1-free-flight>

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.

Three competitions were cancelled during the year, all for venue problems: South Bohemian Cup, Bohemia Saxony World Cup of Czech Republic, and Criterium Rhone-Alpes 15th Philippe Lepage.

Statistics

There have been 61 competitions in F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q and 24 in F1E with a total of 4927 entries in these competitions.

Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

The “All” column in the second table is the number of people over all classes, including allowance for some people having flown in more than one class.

F1A	F1A Junior	F1B	F1B Junior	F1C	F1P Junior	F1Q	F1E	F1E Junior	All
RUS 49	RUS 13	RUS 42	RUS 8	RUS 30	RUS 8	GER 9	ROU 18	ROU 11	RUS 133
GER 23	FRA 6	UKR 20	BUL 3	UKR 8	CHN 2	UKR 6	GER 17	FRA 5	FRA 63
FRA 22	HUN 6	FRA 19	FRA 3	USA 6	USA 1	USA 6	FRA 16	ITA 5	GER 62
FIN 17	SLO 6	GER 12	LAT 3	FRA 5		FIN 4	POL 14	CZE 2	UKR 51
ISR 14	ISR 5	USA 11	POL 3	ITA 4		HUN 4	ITA 13	GER 2	POL 42
POL 13	FIN 4	ISR 9	CZE 1	MGL 4		DEN 3	CZE 10	POL 2	USA 38
SLO 13	MGL 4	GBR 8	GER 1	POL 4		GBR 3	SUI 6	BUL 1	FIN 29
HUN 12	POL 4	CZE 7	ISR 1	CHN 3		POL 3	USA 5	UKR 1	ISR 28
UKR 12	SVK 4	POL 7	ITA 1	FIN 3		ISR 2	AUT 4		ROU 28
USA 11	GER 3	MGL 5	MKD 1	GBR 3		ITA 2	BUL 3		CZE 27
MGL 10	MKD 3	SRB 5	NED 1	HUN 3		BIH 1	SVK 3		HUN 26
SVK 10	BIH 2	AUS 4	SRB 1	ISR 3		CRO 1	UKR 3		ITA 26
BIH 9	BUL 2	CHN 4	USA 1	AUS 2		NED 1	GBR 1		GBR 20
CZE 9	CZE 2	CRO 4		BUL 2					SLO 20
DEN 7	UKR 2	FIN 4		GER 2					MGL 19
ROU 7	USA 2	NED 4		SLO 2					BUL 17
SRB 7	DEN 1	SLO 4		BLR 1					SVK 16
AUT 6	ITA 1	TUR 4		BIH 1					BIH 14
BUL 6	ROU 1	BUL 3		CAN 1					AUT 12
GBR 6		HUN 3		CRO 1					CRO 11
NED 6		ITA 3		EST 1					DEN 11
TUR 6		JPN 3		LTU 1					NED 11
CRO 5		LAT 3		SUI 1					SRB 11
SWE 5		NZL 3							SUI 10
SUI 5		AUT 2							TUR 10
AUS 3		BIH 2							MKD 9
ITA 3		CAN 2							CHN 8
MKD 3		DEN 2							AUS 7
ARG 2		KAZ 2							LAT 7
CHN 2		LTU 2							SWE 7
EST 2		MKD 2							LTU 5
LAT 2		NOR 2							NZL 5
LTU 2		ROU 2							CAN 4
NZL 2		SVK 2							EST 4
CAN 1		SWE 2							JPN 3
KAZ 1		EST 1							KAZ 3
NOR 1		ESP 1							NOR 3
ESP 1									ARG 2
									ESP 2
									BLR 1

	F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1P-J	F1Q	F1E	F1E-J
Number of competitions	61	45	61	30	52	8	39	24	17
Total number of entries	1845	317	1190	101	451	31	207	700	134
Number of competitors scoring points:									
in 1 event	131	32	95	15	40	5	22	38	14
in 2 events	79	20	46	7	21	5	9	24	4
in 3 events	34	6	32	4	13	1	3	18	3
in 4 events	27	4	12	1	6	0	4	14	4
in 5 events	12	0	12	0	3	0	2	5	1
in 6 events	10	4	5	0	1	0	2	5	2
in 7 events	7	2	1	1	3	0	0	2	1
in 8 events	4	2	3	0	1	0	1	2	0
in 9 events	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0
in 10 events	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0
in 11 events	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 12 events	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
in 13 events	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 14 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
in 15 events	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
in 16 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 17 events	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points	315	71	215	28	91	11	45	113	29

World Cup licence checking and F1A complaints

Complaint against F1A events in Israel

Very soon after the preliminary results were issued for the Otzma and Hanukkah events in Israel in December 2018 the FAI received a complaint from Croatia that a large number of the competitors did not appear on the FAI sporting licence database. There was indeed a large proportion without licences on the database in these F1A events: 22 out of 46 in the Hanukkah and 12 out of 30 in the Otzma.

Israel explained that all members of the Aero Club automatically receive FAI Sporting Licences, but this does not excuse them from entering the details on the FAI database. CIAM could not contradict the Sporting Code and it was accepted that the complaint was valid. However, since the top places in the F1A World Cup were extremely close it was considered appropriate to apply the same stringent application of the Sporting Code to all the events which contributed points for the top three competitors. Since all three had won at least four events this involved re-assessing the 12 events which contributed to their scores.

This assessment has now been carried out and the following table show the reduction in the number of competitors made by removing those competitors who did not have a valid licence on the database at the time of the competition.

F1A		Details from organiser		Details after checking licences		
Comp abbreviation		No. flying	winner	No. without licences in database	No. flying	winner
Israel events						
HN	Hanakkah	46	Gorskiy	22	24	Gorskiy
OZ	Otzma	30	Gorskiy	12	18	Gorskiy
Other competitions						
EL	Elbrus	71	Gorskiy	0	71	Gorskiy
DZ	Djordje Zigic	49	Gorskiy	3	46	Gorskiy
PR	Prilep	36	Gorskiy	0	36	Gorskiy
MD	Macedonia	33	Gorskiy	0	33	Gorskiy
NA	North America	61	Lesko	9	52	Lesko
SF	Borislav Bardarov	58	Lesko	3	55	Lesko
CR	Cro Cup	47	Lesko	0	47	Lesko
ZA	Zabokrekya	38	Lesko	1	37	Lesko
SL	Salonta	88	Findahl	6	82	Findahl
BC	Bear Cup	35	Findahl	0	35	Findahl
HL	Holiday on Ice	19	Findahl	0	19	Findahl
DK	Danish Cup	19	Findahl	0	19	Findahl
BU	Bulgaria	53	Galor	3	50	Findahl

In view of the significant difference made by removal of the licences which were not on the database from the F1A results, the same approach was taken for the other classes in the two Israel competitions. The difference in these was not so great, with 2 people removed from the F1B and the F1C classes in Otzma and one from F1B at the Hanukkah.

Licence Checking

Since October 2014 the FAI Sporting Code General Section has defined that the proof of holding an FAI Licence is given by that information stored on the FAI Sporting Licence database. This applied to all airports. From 2017 the requirement was also repeated in the CIAM General Rules.

In the earlier days the database was particularly unreliable and variable source of information and its use has always been hampered by tedious interfaces that do not support the evaluation of the licence status for a long list of people.

For processing World Cup results I have generally relied on the competition organisers to confirm the validity of the Sporting Licences held by the competitors in their events. In general this has worked well. Spot checks of samples had shown a discrepancy of less than 5% between the names submitted by organisers and the ones that appear on the FAI database.

Re-assessment of World Cup results 2018

No other classes have such a close finish as that in F1A. It is thus considered unlikely any other classes would have the top results changed by re-assessing the results in other classes.

However, in keeping with the principle of accepting only competitors with sporting licences on the database, the final results list will be revised to eliminate people not on the database. This is only a post-processing of the results rather than recalculation of all events. It has been done in the most lenient way possible, by eliminating only those people who did not have a valid licence on the database at any time during 2018. This was first done in late December and has been re-assessed in maximum detail after the end of 2018. This has eliminated 9 flyers in F1A, 22 in F1B, 5 in F1B Junior, 7 in F1C, 2 in F1PJ, 4 in F1E, and 1 in F1E Junior, representing 5% of the total of the World Cup results lists.

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The Coordinator proposes to check all competitors on each set of results for a valid sporting licence on the database. This will be done immediately results are received but it is anticipated that a repeat check will be made after a fixed period (possibly one month) to accommodate the fact that some NAC are slow to record licences, particularly at the start of the year and sometimes make errors in the entries. A flexible attitude will have to be taken with regard to the licence start date, since it is apparent that some NACs backdated the licence start to January 1 while others date them from the date they enter them on the database.

Complaint re DT flyoffs

A complaint was received Anton Gorskiy about the inclusion of placings obtained from DT flyoff procedures not defined in the Sporting Code. The complaint was referred to a World Cup Board of 3 members from the CIAM F1 Subcommittee. The Board concluded unanimously that results from flyoffs not in line with the rules should not be used to order the final results and in these cases the results should show tied positions for first place. DT flyoffs were specifically acknowledged in the Jury Report of the Equinox Cup, Swedish Cup, Danish Cup, Norwegian Cup, Izet Kurtalic, Zabropreky Cup. It is understood that a DT flyoff was also used at the Kartel Cup although not mentioned in the Jury Report.

A truncated flyoff was used at the Mura Cup although not mentioned in the Jury Report. The organiser has confirmed that at the Mura Cup in F1A and F1B competitors agreed between themselves to DT at a certain time, while the timekeepers just timed the complete flight as normal. There was no illegal instruction by the organisers. This was thus accepted by the board as conforming to the Sporting Code for regular timing of a flyoff.

The World Cup points for these events have been re-evaluated with ties for first places.

	Original results		Revised results	
	winner	winner's points	Number tied	Points per person
Kartel Cup F1A	Huber	533	8	300
Kartel Cup F1B	Krawiec	514	8	281
Equinox Cup F1A	Weimer	515	6	317
Equinox Cup F1B	Benns	512	6	314
Swedish Cup F1A	Huber	521	5	347
Danish Cup F1A	Findahl	518	4	378
Danish Cup F1B	Ghio	507	5	333
Norwegian Cup F1A	Polyaev	510	4	370
Norwegian Cup F1B	Ghio	509	4	369
Izet Kurtalic F1A	Lesko	516	2	465
Izet Kurtalic F1B	Cararavdic	507	3	405
Zabropreky Cup F1A	Lesko	537	23	168
Zabropreky Cup F1B	Drobisz	519	7	302