



FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) Annual Plenary Meeting 2022 Ibis Crissier, Lausanne

3rd World Intermediate Championships

June 03-10 2022 Torun, Poland

Tamas Abranyi - President of the International Jury



Board of Jury:

Tamas Abranyi - Jury president
Madlene Delcroix - Jury member
Hanna R ih a - Jury member

Situation:

The contest was initially planned to held combined with the 6th World YAK-52 Championships. Unfortunately only 10 YAK-52 pilots from 6 countries registered and the event did therefore not met the minimum criteria given in Part-1 at 1.2.5.2.a) for at least 15 competitors from at least 5 countries to secure World Championship status.

For that reason the Organizer decided to cancel the event and finally 3 pilots from the USA and one from Latvia were transferred into the WIAC participants.

The final entry list counted 23 contestants from 8 counties, witch was a fair amount.

Venue and local Organizer:

Torun-Bielany airfield is a well-known center of Polish aviation, hosted several FAI events inclusive successful CIVA Cat. 1. Championships. The airport offers appropriate placement of the performance zone as well as judging positions. Two large hangars were available for all the competing aircrafts, and other one for the briefings and social events. The main building was suitable for all the required offices and rooms.

Contest Director Jerzy Makula and his team performed a good job during the whole contest and the ONE-MAN scoring office with Pawel SZCZEPANOWSKI was able to prepare the results as well as the judging paperwork and all the required documents of figure/sequence selections, drawing of lots, etc. always on time.

Flight Director Tomasz DUNAJSKI could perfectly manage both the gound and aerial movements without any incidents.

Accommodation, catering service:

Both the teams and officials were accommodated in the Hotel Filmar close to the center of the city. The hotel facilities as well as the rooms were clean, fitted with bathrooms, showers, and air-conditioning. Daily transportation between hotel and airport was solved by shuttle service provided by the organizer.

Breakfast was served in the hotel, second breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the airport. Food quality was adequate from the assortment of delicious Polish meals.

Preparation, training/familiarization flights:

As soon as I arrived at the airfield on 03/06/2022 at the afternoon, one unofficial coach/helper of a small group of contestants complained against the Southern judging position, marker visibility of the performance zone and unorganized training flights during the previous days.

I went to check it from the air as well as from the ground, requested a box flight showing the minimum safety altitudes. The performance zone was placed perfectly, all markers were well visible. All three possible judge positions were available, and usable without difficulty.

Due to prevailing wind the Southern position was in use during the whole contest and no complaints from the judging line were received.

The judges and assistants were transported by coach to the judge position, and this coach was used for video conferences, having sandwiches, fruits and refreshments at the judging line.

The service at the judge position was excellent.

Medals, diplomas:

Unfortunately, there was an issue again regarding medals, but fortunately this time ended with a positive outcome. The FAI medals were prepared for Europeans instead of World Championships, but the correct items arrived on time before the end of the contest.

Opening briefing, opening ceremony

The opening briefing was held on 3rd of June at the airfield in appropriate form, drawing of lots for starting list Program nr1, as well as figure proposals for Program nr. 2 were performed.

The opening ceremony was organized one day later, started with speeches of regional officials, as well as representative of Torun city and ended with buffet dinner in the hangar.

Meteorology

Weather information was available by the flight director based on local forecast. Weather briefings were performed during the daily briefings.

Wind was measured by GPS onboard device of one ultralight aircraft provided by the organizer.

I must mention again that this method is not permitted in the Section 6. Part 1. only in Part2. at the moment.

" The wind speed and direction must be measured either:

a) by a qualified weather station crew using the appropriate tools: radar or balloon ascent.

b) or with a drone, using equipment, operations and software as specified in a separate document approved by the CIVA Bureau.

Nowadays all the approved wind measurement methods causing difficulties and/or additional costs for the organizer:

a.) expensive and/or hardly assured

b.) drone flights (especially altitude limit) are increasingly restricted in the most countries of Europe

PROPOSAL:

Allow the wind measurement method by airborne GPS similar like Section 6 Part 2. para 3.7.1.11

The weather was generally flyable during the contest period, but the forecast for the second part of the week looked more worse.

For that reason, the whole contest staff including officials and helper tried to do their best to finish the programmes as soon as it was possible. My special thanks go to the judges and assistants because they were ready to work sometimes without lunch with short breaks only for finishing the current programme.

Warmup Flying

The Romanian team manager George Florian Rotaru was ready to serve as warm up pilot. He performed excellent flights based on criteria's/requested mistakes of the Chief Judge, showing high flight skills.

Communications

Contest information were distributed through WhatsApp.

The only remark for the future: it's necessary to appoint a dedicated person who is responsible for the general communication (i.e., WhatsApp). Her/his task is to collect all the information (weather, breaks, deadlines, etc.) and forward them to the selected group of participants on time.

Handheld professional FM radios were used for ground communications without any problems.

Contest flights

The competition flights were started on 04th of June with the Free Known programme. There was no incidents or unsafe situations during contest period.

With just 23 competitors from 8 countries it was possible to complete a full programme each day.

By the afternoon of 7th September the Programme 4 was completed and the Organizer -with 2/3 majority of competing teams- decided to finish the championships on Wednesday, the 8th of June.

Judging

Board of judges:

CJ: Nick Buckenham **Assistant CJ:** Jen Buckenham, Leif Culpin

Judges:

Steff HAU (GER)
Béla GURÁLY (HUN)
Rodolphe HERVÉ (GBR)
Eladi LOZANO (ITA)
Ricard PONIZIL (CZECH)
René MEIJER (NED)
Luca ANDRAGHETTI (ITA)

Assistants:

Michi GOTZ (GER)
Patrícia NYÁRI (HUN)
Edward WAASDORP (NED)
Guy AUGER (FRA)
Lucas PONIZIL (CZECH)
Alexander van VLIET (NED)
Franco FABIO (ITA)

Nick Buckenham served perfectly as Chief Judge – as usual. For more details of judging, you can check the Chief Judge's report or all the results at civa-results.com homepage.

Results

All results of the 3rd World Intermediate Championships could be declared as final by 8:00 PM 07/06/2022.

Prize-giving and closing ceremony took place at the airfield on 08/06/2022 at 12:00 LT.

World Intermediate Champion Powered Aeobatics in 2022 is

Maciej KULASZEWSKI from Poland,
followed by

Petre-Florin GLONTARU from Romania as silver medallist
and

Balázs KISS from Hungary as bronze medallist.

World Intermediate Champion Team medals went to

POLAND

followed by

ROMANIA second place

and

HUNGARY third place

Protests

There were no protests.

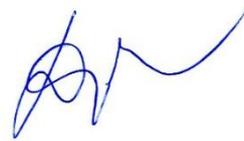
Conclusion

The championships were organised and managed on appropriate standard and conducted without incidents. It was a honour for me to serve as a member of contest officials in Torun. I would like to express my biggest thank and respect to all the local and international officials, helpers especially for all the volunteers performed a great job from early in the mornings till late nights. That was a really nice and successful event and a lot of fun!

My special thanks

Mady and Hanna my experienced, professional team members performed their usual great job, helping a lot to fulfil the task of the International Jury. Many-many thanks for both of you!

Budapest, the 3rd of October 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a flourish.