

REPORT ON 2016 F2 (CONTROL LINE) WORLD CUP (Issue 2)

F2 World Cup competitions are flown in the classes F2A (Speed), F2B (Aerobatics), F2C (Team Racing) and F2D (Combat). All the World Cup F2 classes have perpetual trophies.

Over the four F2 World Cups this year, there was a substantial increase of 21% in the number of pilots but 15 of those were unclassified as the competitors did not appear on the FAI Licence Database (FAILDB).

Although there was a large increase in the number of pilots, there was only a modest increase in the number of competitor entries.

Overall, 762 competitors (including 15 multiple teams in F2C Team Race) made 1,324 competitor entries over the 85 scheduled competitions of which 70 actually took place.

Junior participation varied from class to class with 70 juniors overall. F2D had the highest number of juniors at 41 whilst F2C had the least at 4 teams. F2A had 15 juniors although three of them were unclassified as the pilots did not appear on the FAILDB. F2B had 13 juniors.

Overall there were 85 scheduled competitions, 6 more than last year. However, 15 competitions across the four classes were invalid either because of no entries or because only one country participated.

Most results were submitted on time although a few had to be chased and some were very late indeed.

As has been the case in recent years, the organisers of the 2016 F2 World Cup competitions were provided with master Excel results files and a blank Word Jury Report file for all four classes to facilitate the submission of the results and reports. Almost all the organisers used these files to submit their results and Jury Reports; it is to be regretted that a very few did not. The individual competition full results and the Jury reports plus the cumulative results for each class were uploaded periodically to the F2 World Cup page of the CIAM website. Previous years full results and Jury Reports continue to be available on the same page and this makes a first-class archival facility.

The Final Cumulative Results for each class were uploaded to the website on 4th December and sent to the FAI on 5th December along with all the individual contest results.

FAI Licence ID Numbers

There is now practical experience with the FAI ID numbers and World Cup competitors that leads to a number of observations:

1. Many of the organisers did not include the FAI ID numbers in the results even though the results sheets ask for this. Yet very few, if any, did *not* put the FAI Licence number when it was the hard copy licence they had to check at the competition. This leads to the conclusion that it is too difficult to check the FAI ID number.
2. The FAI does not require that the end of any validity period be the 31st December; the end of the validity period can, and often does, occur during the year. This means that the organiser (and the World Cup Co-ordinator) has to check every single competitor for every single competition (and there were 85 F2 WCups this year). It would be a great help if the FAI would restrict to the 31st December the end of any validity period.
3. With the huge number of competitors in the 2016 F2 World Cup having to check each competitor at each World Cup against the FAI Licence Database is a major increase in the administration.

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4. The short DB has specific defects in that only the name can be searched. Even variations on a name often do not result in the person showing up in the short DB yet they can be found on the extended DB where there is so much more information with so much more flexibility. However the organisers seem to only have access to the short DB.
5. Additionally, the short DB has to have a minimum of three characters to make a search and many of the oriental – especially Chinese- have two-character family names. It is, therefore not possible to run a search unless one also has the correctly spelled first name which is often not the case. As an example: “XU Lee Tong” is written on one competitor’s hard copy licence but the search on the short DB using characters from his given name returns no results. On the extended DB his name appears as “XU Letong”.
6. On the extended DB against a competitor’s name one can see a facsimile of the FAI-designed Licence where it shows the “FAI Licence Number” at the top. This number is meaningless to anyone other than FAI and does not appear on either the short or the extended DB. It is followed by the “NAC Licence Number” which everyone in the world has known for years as the “FAI Licence Number” and then the “FAI ID Number” which is, now, the most important “number” is on the last line of the second side of the facsimile licence. How much more useful it would be if the FAI used the design that appears in the CIAM General Rules volume (formerly the CIAM ABR volume).

CLASS F2A (SPEED)

In F2A, Paul EISNER (GBR) won with a total speed of 906.6 k/ph from his three best competitions with Oleksandr OSOVIK (UKR) again in 2nd place with exactly 900.0 k/ph and Valeriy BYELYKOV (UKR) was again in 3rd place with 889.4 k/ph.

F2A Top Ten Ranking					
Placed	Family Name	First Name	NAC	FAI ID	Total kph
1	EISNER	Paul	GBR	29380	906.6
2	OSOVIK	Oleksandr	UKR	84033	900.0
3	BYELYKOV	Valeriy	UKR	84034	889.4
4	ELEKES	Imre	HUN	82464	887.8
5	HUGHES	William	USA	25531	882.9
6	EMELYANOV	Gennady	RUS	66267	877.3
7	SHLIAKHOV	Denis	UKR	86176	876.9
8	AUBE	Jean Marc	FRA	60262	876.3
9	ESSELAAR	Han	NED	21425	875.6
10	PRAUS	Paweł	POL	54039	871.9

There were 23 scheduled competitions and 17 competitions contributed to the F2A results. The two UKR competitions had no entries and were declared invalid. Four countries – Portugal, France, Mongolia and Spain each had only one nation and were declared invalid.

85 competitors from 19 nations recorded speeds in the 2016 F2A World Cup however six competitors’ results were not classified as they were not listed in the (FAILDB) and two of these were Juniors. There were 141 competitor entries.

The highest placed junior was Aleksey EMELYANOV (RUS) with 577.4 kph from two competitions. There were 15 junior entries in F2A (three more than last year) and all of them recorded speeds but only 12 were valid for classification.

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The best supported contest in the 2016 F2A World Cup was the Graeme Wilson Memorial competition in Perth, Australia with 24 competitors.

The best speed achieved during the year was by Luca GROSSI (ITA) with 307.1 k/ph at Lugo, Italy.

CLASS F2B (AEROBATICS)

In F2B, Marco VALLIERA (ITA) won with 84 points. In 2nd place with 76 points was Igor BURGER (SVK) and in 3rd place with 70 points was Alexandre GAUTHIER (FRA).

F2B Top Ten Ranking					
Placed	Family Name	First Name	NAC	FAI N°	Total Points
1	VALLIERA	Marco	ITA	20111	84
2	BURGER	Igor	SVK	24624	76
3	GAUTHIER	Alexandre	FRA	60404	70
4	SCHREK	Alex	SVK	24631	60
5	KRAVČÍK	Zbyněk	CZE	30581	54
6	DESSAUCY	Luc	BEL	14256	53
7	CHAPOULAUD	Nicolas	FRA	60324	51
8	KORNMEIER	Richard	GER	19608	50
9	GAUTHIER	Philippe	FRA	60405	48
= 10	MALILA	Lauri	SUI	11676	47
= 10	TURCHENKO	Mykola	UKR	84039	47

There were 19 scheduled competitions and 17 competitions contributed to the F2B results. Two competitions were declared invalid: one because there were no entries and the other because only one nation entered.

269 competitors from 27 nations recorded official results however one competitor's results were not classified as he was not listed in the FAILDB. There were 300 competitor entries.

The highest placed junior was Tomas BEDNAR (CZE) with 13 points from one competition and who placed equal 48th overall. There were 13 Junior entries in F2B and each of them scored points. The best supported contest in the 2016 F2B World Cup was the Graeme Wilson Memorial competition in Perth, Australia with 38 competitors.

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CLASS F2C (TEAM RACE)

In F2C, the team of BONDARENKO / LERNER (UKR) won with 72 points. The team of MAKARENKO / FULITKA (UKR) was 2nd with 62 points and in 3rd place with 57 points was the team IGOSHYN Oleksiy/ CHAYKA Yuriy (UKR)

F2C		Top Ten Ranking		
Placed	Name	NAC	FAI N°	Total Points
1	BONDARENKO Yuriy / LERNER Semen	UKR	91836/84043	72
2	MAKARENKO Volodymyr/ FULITKA Volodymyr	UKR	84040/84041	62
3	IGOSHYN Oleksiy/ CHAYKA Yuriy	UKR	84047/84046	57
4	RODIN Ilya/ OSADCHIY Igor	UKR	87091/87092	56
5	DOZHIDAEV Sergey/ GRIGARTAS Algis	RUS/LTU	22668/27152	53
6	OUGEN Thierry / SURUGUE Roland	FRA	60103/60063	43
7	MAKARENKO Anton/ OSADCHIY Oleksiy	UKR	84044/84045	41
8	MOHAI Istvan / STRANIAK Hans	HUN/AUT	81463/48095	39
9	ZUKAUSKAS Nerijus / SABLINSKAS Gintaras	LTU	27160/27181	39
10	ORVOS Ferenc / METKEMEIJER Rob	NED	97534/70193	35

There were 19 scheduled competitions and 15 competitions contributed to the F2C results. Four competitions were declared invalid as they had no entries.

111 teams (including 15 "multi-teams") from 22 nations recorded results in the World Cup however eight teams' results were not classified as they were not listed in the FAILDB. There were 197 competitor entries.

The highest placed junior team was KOCHETIGOV Ilya / BORZISTIY Oleg who placed equal 52nd overall with 6 points from one competition. There were 4 Junior entries in F2C and each of them scored points.

The best supported contest in the 2016 F2B World Cup was the Graeme Wilson Memorial competition in Perth, Australia with 30 competitors.

CLASS F2D (COMBAT)

In F2D, Audrius RASTENIS took 1st place with 77 points, Sergei UZKIH was in 2nd place with 76 points and Illia REDIUK (Jnr) was 3rd placed with 73 points. The tie-break rule had to be applied to REDIUK and CHORNYI who had tied with 73 points each.

F2D		Top Ten Ranking			
Placed	Family Name	First Name	NAC	FAI N°	Total Points
1	RASTENIS	Audrius	LTU	27189	77
2	UZKIH	Sergei	UKR	84062	76
3	REDIUK	Illia (Jnr)	UKR	84050	73
4	CHORNYI	Stanislav	UKR	84048	73
5	KUDINOVA	Olga	UKR	91850	72
6	BELYAEV	Andrey	RUS	22468	68
7	EPISHKIN	Mikhail	RUS	22493	67
8	CYZAS	Vaclovas	LTU	27188	56
9	VARFOLOMEJEV	Dmitri	EST	17899	54
10	MATEO	Raul	ESP	17516	53

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There were 24 scheduled competitions and 21 competitions contributed to the F2D results. Of the three invalid competitions, two had no entries and one had only entries from one nation.

313 competitors from 30 nations recorded results however two competitors' results were not classified as they were not listed in the FAILDB. There were 686 competitor entries.

The highest placed junior in 2016 was again Illia REDUIK who placed 3rd overall with 73 points. There were 41 Juniors in F2D and 27 of them scored points.

The best supported F2D contest in 2016 was again the Spring Open Championship in Tula-Alexin, Russia, with 78 competitors.

F2D is clearly the most popular and best supported class and this year there were 313 pilots (including two that had competed but were unclassified as they did not appear on the FAILDB). These 313 pilots made 686 entries; this number was greater than in 2015 or 2014.

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