

25th FAI World Precision Flying Championships, France, Albi, 2022
REPORT of the International Chief Judge Andrzej Osowski.

It was a pleasure for me as International Chief Judge, to participate in the 25th World Precision Flying Championships.

The first I wish to inform you, that this 25 FAI World Precision Flying Championships was organized very well and the event was success due to the work of all people involved and due to the behavior of the pilots with also Team Managers.

My compliments go to Philippe Muller as Competition Director and all his helpers.

General: The 25 WPFC took place in France, Albi's Airfield from the 22nd to the 26th of August 2022.

50 pilots comes from 11 different nations, which took part in the competition.

4 pilots comes from Austria,

6 pilots comes from Czech Republic,

8 pilots comes from France,

4 pilots comes from Germany,

3 pilots comes from Great Britain,

5 pilots comes from Norway,

8 pilots comes from Poland,

3 pilots comes from Slovakia,

1 pilot comes from Spain,

5 pilots comes from Sweden,

and 3 pilots comes from Switzerland,

The competition was run according to the Rules and Regulations Precision Flying 2022 Edition and Rules and Regulations GAC Landing appendix, both approved by the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) at the FAI/GAC Meeting, November 2021.

The time GNSS-FR were used for recording results.

I arrived 6 days before the start of the competition to make the final preparation and check everything connected with all the papers for competition task.

There was enough time to check all facilities, to make any corrections after checked all distances and headings Turning and Secret Check Points on the all routes.

All situated photographs was checked on each task via Google Earth together with the route planner Bertrand De Greef .

The member of International Jury Krzysztof Lenartowicz also checked all distances and headings situated Turning Points and Secret Check Points in all competition routes.

The all canvas targets on ground and all photos were check by myself and accompanying members of International Jury with assistance of the route planner for all navigation tasks.

The registration office, flight planning room, room for chief judge, competition director room and quarantine room were situated in the container house and there was comfortable to use by the competitors, team Managers, judges and all helpers.

I got all information they had wanted and there was a very good and friendly working relations between the Competition Director Philippe Muller , Router Planner Bertrand De Greef, Local Chief Judge Jacques Carriquiriberry and all helpers. Many thanks to all of them !

Judges: There were available 10 International Judges.

There was a very good and professional work of all international Judges and also other helpers at the airfield. In this case the competition run very smooth.

Transportation: was very well organized, it was approximately 20 minutes from the hotels to the Albi airfield.

Accommodation/meals: The Competition Hotels "IBIS" was situated 10km near the airfield and offered all necessary facilities and the high standard for a competition. The breakfast in hotels were very good, also there were no complaints about the Lunches and Dinners at the Airfield. All meals were of a very good quality.

Ceremonies / Social Events: A Precision Opening ceremony were held in the center of Albi, This ceremony was open to the public. Mr. Hans Schwebel – GAC President opened the 25 FAI WPFC. The FAI flag and anthem were used.

The Closing Ceremony for Precision Championships was held on the top of Cinema CGR Les Cordeliers in Albi. It was very excellent ceremony according the FAI Rules.

Mr. Hans Schwebel – GAC President officially closed the 25 FAI WPFC with the required FAI flag and anthem ceremony.

Airfield: Albi Airfield - competition's airfield offered a good parking area, one asphalt runway and grass taxiway. The runway was long enough.

The ATC officer worked according to our requirements, very well done !

Met information was always available.

Briefings / Communication: Good and efficient briefings could be made with the National and International Judges in the preliminary stage of the competition. I organized special briefing for judges about abnormal landings via video presentation.

There was a General Briefing and then Team-Managers Briefings every night at the Flight Planning Room on the airfield.

During the event, Daily and met Briefings were held at the airfield with team managers and pilots.

All briefings were carried out properly and professionally.

All information were available at the airfield in the teams and jury boxes and WhatsApp information was available to all participants.

Training Practice: 3 training routes were available. The practice landing was organize by team slots for each practice day. The landing strip was correct marked.

Landing Test: The landings were measured by using the German landing system. The system worked with any problems and give accurate information. International Judges on Landing test gave information about landings errors and problems about measured landing distance. In this situation I decided to check some landings on video camera with assistance of all international judges. It was necessary for objective results. All landing was broadcasted live on the big screen to the public. There were 6 complains about landing distance and abnormal landing. One protest was send to the competition director.

Navigation Tests:

Jail area was good arranged by the organizer and all pilots were quarantined before their flight.

The jail area was good equipped; all pilots were feeling comfortable.

There was a personal check at the entrance to the jail area.

The flight planning room was well equipped according to the rules.

The escort service to and from the aircrafts was well organized, it was one big parking areas.

The avionics in the aircrafts were sealed according to the rules.

All GNSS downloads passed correctly, without any problems.

All pilots passed debriefing correctly and were given preliminary results afterwards.

Protests: No protest for first and third navigation and observation tests have been received. One protest for second navigation about altitude was send to the competition director. The Jury received 1 protests for landing. 1 protest for landing was accepted by the Jury but 1 protest about altitude was denied!

GNSS-FR / Comp. Map: The comp. map was in scale 1:200 000. Enough recorders of all approved models were available, and all except for very few worked very well. The data processing was operated quickly and without any problems (Computer Program with Thomas Weise, Joel Tremblet and their helpers).

Conclusion:

The event was run according to FAI / GAC Precision Flying Rules. It was organized very well and the whole staff was friendly and helpful!

The event was a success due to the work of all the people involved and due to the fair behavior of the pilots. So my thanks goes specially to the Competition Director Philippe Muller, local judge Jacques Carriquiriberry, route planner Bertrand De Greef and all their enthusiastic staff !

Thank you all very much!

Also, a special thanks to the President of International Jury Hans Schwebel and members of Jury Manfred Kunschitz and Krzysztof Lenartowicz. It was very good cooperation with Jury.

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