

**22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championships
7th to 12th November 2022
Brits (South Africa)**

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

General:

The 22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championships took place at the Brits Flying Club (South Africa) according to the FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally.

A total of 35 crews from 11 FAI member countries took part here.

The Competition ran according to the approved FAI Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying, edition 2022.

Accommodation and transportation:

The entry fee did not include accommodation or transportation. Each team made their own arrangements. From my point of view that minimizes brotherhood among nations and it may affect an improvised TM briefing.

Competition map:

Map in 1:200 000 scale was good and used by the crews.

Hire of aircrafts:

The hire of aircrafts for all has been a tough job.

Training Practice:

The weather was not on the organizers' side but all validation test flights were confirmed by SACAA.

3 training routes were available for the practice week, prepared by the organizers.

Judges/Jury:

Ralf Grünwald (International Chief Judge) arrived about one week before the start of the competition.

He checked all the routes with Franck Eckart (Route planner).

The Jury's got all the necessary information, whenever they wanted it and there was a very good and friendly cooperation between the International Jury, the International Chief Judge, the Competition Director Mr. Rob Jonkers and the other officials.

Many thanks to all of them.

Communication/briefings/quarantine:

General Briefing was held in the main hangar.

All daily Briefings were held in the hangar before all crews entered quarantine. Quarantine entry time and quarantine exit time were specified to all. Effective and appropriate communications were sent through WhatsApp messenger.

Competition flights and landings:

4 routes were prepared and used for the competition. It could be carried out in very good weather.

International Jury constructed all of the prepared stages according to the instruction, given to the competitors in envelopes. International Jury did not perform the Check flights before competition flights.

Official landing results were taken by judges and 3 independent video cameras were used.

A big thank you to Jiri Dodal and to Jacques Jacobs (International Judges) for their hard work in heat wave conditions.

Competition Day 1:

9 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge.
International Jury received 1 protest. This protest was accepted.

Competition Day 2:

16 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge.
International Jury received 2 protests. One protest was denied, one protest was upheld.

Competition Day 3:

12 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge.
International Jury received 2 protests. One protest was upheld, one protest was not according the rules.

Competition Day 4:

4 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge.
International Jury received 1 protest. This protest was denied.
Even though there was no unfair benefit but the serious fault entails the disqualification of the crew.

Sanction Fee and Protest Fees:

Amount of Sanction Fee was calculated by President of International Jury. According to decision of GAC FAI, the organisers paid EUR 50,- for every competitor (pilot, navigator). With reference to the fact, altogether 35 crews participated, it means duty for pay EUR 3.500,-. This amount was paid to the GAC FAI account during the Championships.

President of International Jury received EUR 200 as the fees for denied protests.

Ceremonies:

The opening ceremony took place at the airfield of Brits, with the standard programme points according to the FAI procedures.

Mr. Hans Schwebel GAC president officially opened the 22nd FAI WRFC 2022, with the required FAI flag and anthem.

The closing ceremony took place at the Fatherland Estate and continued by dinner party here. Before dinner, there was the standard closing ceremony with speeches by the officials.

Mr. Hans Schwebel GAC president officially closed the 22nd FAI WRFC 2022, and the FAI anthem was played. The FAI flag was given to Mr. Philippe Muller (France).

Deposit:

Event had been conducted correctly and according to the Rules, so the International Jury decided to return the Deposit to the organizers.

GAC FAI Trophies awarded:

- ✓ 2022 FAI World Air Rally Champions – Krzysztof Wieczorek/Kamil Wieczorek – Poland
- ✓ 2022 FAI World Air Rally Team Champions – Krzysztof Wieczorek/Kamil Wieczorek and Michal Wieczorek/Marcin Kwiatosz – Poland
- ✓ 2022 AIR BP TROPHY for best navigation and observation – Krzysztof Wieczorek/Kamil Wieczorek – Poland
- ✓ 2022 FAI World Air Rally Landing Championship – Krzysztof Wieczorek/Kamil Wieczorek – Poland
- ✓ 2022 FAI World Air Rally “Low time category” Championship – Lukas Behounek Krystof Bobek – Czech Republic

Some trophies were missing. Supposed to come from Czech Republic to S.A. but trophies never reached Brits.

Organizers replaced each missing trophy by a new one.

Jury recommendations:

1. Trophies

From level of GAC FAI Plenary or GAC FAI S/C for Air Rally name investigator, who will try to find the missing trophies.

2. Rules and regulations

A 3.1.8 Each turn of more than 90° from the track between SP and FP will incur penalties when the FR shows this deviation for more than 5 dots (1 second between 2 dots) in sequence, except on a leg defined by scenic features

Landing appendix

2.3 All landings are to be made as close as possible to the zero area, within a strip from 10 to 15 meters wide (12 meters recommended) and 72 meters long.

Conclusions:

Championship was successful. It was organised and prepared very well, all the staff was very friendly and helpful.

My sincere thanks go to the international Jury members, Mr. Vagn Jensen from Danmark and Mr. Jesus Mas from Spain for their help as experienced persons.

My special thanks go to Mr. Ralf Grünwald from Germany, as the International Chief Judge, Mr. Rob Jonkers as Competition Director and all his staff members involved.

My very special thanks to Mr. Frank Eckard as Route Planner for his long-term job.

Fort-de-France, 28th November 2022

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