

21st FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships
9th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championship
Zbraslavice, Czech Republic
August 2nd – 11th, 2018



Report of the Contest Director

WGAC&WAGAC 2018 website: <http://www.wgac2018.cz>

Total number of competitors was 57 pilots. At WAGAC, there were 35 pilots competing and 5 programmes were flown in total. At WGAC, there were 22 competitors flying 5 programmes in total with one pilot withdrawing after the first programme due to medical reasons.



Daily operations were interrupted by excessive temperatures. 4 towing aircrafts were available. We had intensive problems with engines overheating due to the air temperatures reaching 32-35 degrees during most of the competition. Usual number of flights was around 7 per hour.

Judging line operations ran smooth and were supporting demanding contest tempo. This was achieved mainly due to outstanding effectiveness of the Chief Judge, Mr. Phillippe Kuechler.



HMD device with altitude checking was provided by the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic. System was operated by one person on the Judging line and one assistant at the Start line. System operations were smooth with few outage of live data feed to the Judge line during the Championships. This outage was backed up by offline recording on board of the HMD box and evaluated later with no loss of altitude measurement. Due to organizational reasons, used HMD system was without ability to do the box position checking. Line judges were not used.



Free known sequence submission, checking, publication and use at Judging line was without any mistakes and all procedures were smooth. All pilots submitted their sequences in advance and all the necessary check was done without any time pressure.



I would like to personally thank to all people involved in preparation and running the Championship. To fly 5 programmes in both categories in weather conditions we were facing was possible only thanks to the devotion, effort and passion those people put into their work. Many thanks also to International Jury (Mr. Manfred Echter, Mrs. Madelyn Delcroix and Mr. Jurek Makula). They were supporting organization during the whole event and were very constructive and helpful. Thanks also go to all judges and their assistants for discipline and hard work in difficult temperature conditions.

Vladimir Machula
9th November 2018
Prague, Czech Republic