

Report of the Chief Judge



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9th WORLD ADVANCED GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 &

21th WORLD GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Zbraslavice, Czech Republic

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Overview

22 pilots (23 in 2017) from 8 countries (10 in 2017) competing in Unlimited and 35 pilots (36 in 2017) from 11 countries (11 in 2017) competing in Advanced.

Another new nation has joined us: Lithuania. Welcome to the show!

Aircraft that could be seen flying included Swift S-1, MDM-1 Fox and Solo Fox, SZD 59 Acro

Website: www.wgac2018.cz

The city of Zbraslavice is located about 60 km southeast of the capital Prague. Its the same location as the 2015 edition of the CIVA glider competitions.

The judges gave 21488 marks, of which 264 where Perception Zeroes and 908 where Hard Zeroes, for a total of 281 competition flights.

The board of judges consisted of:

[BIAŁEK, Maciej	POL
[COURTOIS, Bernard	FRA
[DANIHELOVA, Zuzana	CZE
[DOVGALENKO, Tamara	UKR
[DUGAS, Alain	FRA
[GURÁLY, Béla	HUN
[HAU, Steff	GER
[KANAO, Myiako	JPN

Scoring Office:

[Rejentová, Lenka	CZE
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Warm-up Pilot:

[MAKULA, Jerzy	POL
[MACHULA, Vladimír	CZE

Overall Winners

Advanced:

Individual:



Jonas LANGENEGGER
MDM-1 Fox
Switzerland

Unlimited:



Ferenc TOTH
Swift S-1
Hungary

Team:

Tomáš BARTON, Josef REJENT and
Aleš FERRA
Czech Republic

Moritz KIRCHBERG, Eugen SCHAAL
and Eberhard HOLL
Germany

Congratulations to the Champions!

Preface

Zbraslavice is already well known to the glider aerobatics pilots. The 2015 competitions of the 2 glider categories happened already here.

The on site catering was done by an uptown hotel, served at the bar of the local airfield restaurant.

3 judge positions were used. All of them had to be reached by car. 2 of them were already used in 2015 and an additional one was used the first time. This was situated next to the fishing ponds in the airport vicinity.

The HMD system used this year was developed by Vladimír Machula and supplied the height limits but not the box ground tracking used for box outs. Because of this and the not wanted situation to use line judges again, the jury decided together with a 2 thirds majority of the competitors not to use any box out measurement and not to give any penalties.

Accommodation for the judges and jury was about 20 km away in the city of Čáslav at the Hotel Grand nicely situated at city center. Transportation for the officials was either by private cars or by mini vans provided by the organizer.

Judges Preparation

The judges and their assistants went again through a one day preparation session. This year the theoretical part was quite short as there haven't been any bigger changes in the rules. The practical part took place as usual with 3 flights each of Unlimited and Advanced class.

Competition Flights

Both classes flew 5 programmes (Free Known, Unknown 1, Free Unknown, Unknown 2 and Unknown 3). Programme 6 was dropped for time constraints.

Flight Safety

No major incidents took place during the performance flights. So flight safety was again on a very high level.

However, in Unlimited class on Programme 1 a pilot had to be disqualified because of a Lo-Lo.

Judging Analysis

Advanced (WAGAC):

1	GURALY, Bela	HUN	13.54
2	HAU, Steff	GER	15.21
3	COURTOIS, Bernard	FRA	15.97
4	KANAO, Myiako	JPN	19.95
5	BIALEK, Maciej	POL	20.4
6	DANIHELOVA, Zuzana	CZE	21.91
7	DUGAS, Alain	FRA	22.15
8	DOVGALENKO, Tamara	UKR	22.31

Unlimited (WGAC):

1	HAU, Steff	GER	7.8
2	DANIHELOVA, Zuzana	CZE	11.44
3	COURTOIS, Bernard	FRA	12.46
4	DUGAS, Alain	FRA	13.76
5	DOVGALENKO, Tamara	UKR	14.92
6	GURALY, Bela	HUN	17.46
7	BIALEK, Maciej	POL	19.26
8	KANAO, Myiako	JPN	21.63

Other Issues

Towards the end of the competition I had to give a written final warning to the Ukrainian judge Tamara Dovgalenko due to unsportive behaviour. Tamara failed several times in doing her paperwork correctly and in behaving otherwise several times not in a manner appropriate for an FAI official. She was several times warned orally by me before. If we, the officials, do not show correct behaviour, how should we then be respected by the competitors. Again: We are there for the pilots and not vice versa.

Conclusions

From a sporting point of view a very good competition. Especially in Unlimited class where a head to head race between Luca Bertossio and Ferenc Toth took place. Ferenc was able to win overall in the end with a very good Programme 5 flight.

From my point of view, the lack of box penalties due to the missing tracking ability of the Czech HMD used was not an overall negative factor. However, for future competitions I would appreciate to have this functionality back. The goal should be to use the Red Van system if there is no other tracking system available. If, for the future, CIVA decides to go without an electronic tracking system, then I would clearly be in favor for also deleting the line judges completely in the rules to avoid another necessary voting within the competitors to omit line judges.

Finally another big thank you to all the pilots for flying safely. Ond of course, to Marina and Schorsch for their truly magnificent support!

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