



# Report of the international jury

21th European Aerobatics Championship

Jindrichuv Hradec - Czech Republic

31<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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## Opening ceremony and first briefing (*31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 6 p.m*)

Due to the change in the EAC dates, accommodation of teams was not in the same hotel as it was planned.

The opening ceremony took place in Jindrichuv Hradec city center. The 21<sup>th</sup> EAC were declared open by Mr Nick Buckenam.

The first drawing of lot was made during the opening dinner, and was valid. The RSA H/C pilot has declared that he wanted to only participate to program #5 (freestyle), which was against the rules and declined by the jury (no podium in the last past 5 years). He then accepted to participate to all programs. It has been decided by the international jury and the contest director that he will fly first, according to the rules.

## Days 1, 2, 3 (*1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018*)

No fly during days 1, 2 and 3, due to really bad weather conditions. Good anticipation by the contest director, who has released the pilots generally after 4 p.m.

Sets for programs #3 & 4 were completed, and submissions for free-unknowns sent according to the rules.

## Day 4 (*4<sup>th</sup> September 2018*)

Only one W/U fly, due to bad weather conditions.

## Day 5 (*5<sup>th</sup> September 2018*)

First programme was completed.

## Day 6 (*6<sup>th</sup> September 2018*)

Programme #2 was completed.

## Day 7 (*7<sup>th</sup> September 2018*)

Programme #3 was completed by 3 p.m. The contest director, according to the rules, has decided to move on with program #4. Due to time limitation for the next and last day, a 50%

cut was decided. The initial fly order made after the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing of lot was changed by the international jury to fit with the 6 hours rule.

To avoid poor light condition, a set of 6 pilots have been selected and warned.

Five pilots have flown, the 6<sup>th</sup> one was stopped due to light condition. A new fly order was established and sent to team managers for the next day, according to the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing of lots (no 6 hours rules).

### **Day 8 (8<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

The W/U has reported few clouds at 650 m. After 2 hours, and to permit the fly of program #5 and an airshow, and without the good ceiling conditions, program #4 was cancelled.

Program #5 was flown.

### **Closing and awarding ceremony (8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6 p.m)**

- The amount of medals provided by the FAI was excessive and marked for separate gender ranking which was not a case for this championship;
- All medals and awards have been distributed according to the rules;
- National flags and national anthems have been used according to the rules;
- The 21<sup>st</sup> EAC has been declared closed by Mr Buckenham at the end of the closing ceremony.

### **During all the contest**

- At the beginning of the contest one aircraft was not serviceable but was repaired. Check flight before release to flight was performed by non competing pilot
- Judges position: south, for all the contest;
- No official protest;
- On one aircraft a technical defect was noticed after a flight and was repaired until next day. Check flight before release to flight was performed by competing pilot (4.2.7.1.b). The pilot in concern, in consultation with the technical commission, designed a sequence of figures to proof serviceability of a/c. The sequence has been checked against rule 4.2.7.1.b) ii) and was approved by International Jury. The flight was executed under supervision of International Jury with no findings.
- One member of the jury was always available on the apron or at the judging line, and also at the jury office (or by phone, with phone number on the jury office door);
- Drawing of lots were made according to the rules. A correction in order of flight was made in time and with cooperation of the participant in question;
- Sets of unknown figure were correctly submitted and verified;
- Free unknown proposals were verified and signed. One mistake was found out after publication by the jury, and the proposal was corrected and sent again;
- Results were verified and signed, time limit for protest were sent via SMS;
- **All results were verified and are valids.**

## Recommendations of the International Jury

To avoid any suspicion of organised cheating, or irregular exchange between judges, the International jury asked the chief judge to change the judges position on day 7.

A new position, daily fixed by the chief judge, may not allow visual exchanges between judges.

		
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