

JURY'S REPORT ON THE VALIDITY OF WAC 2017

I, the president of the jury for the World Aerobatic Championships 2017 declare, on behalf of the International Jury, that:

The event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the rules for the event.

Except:

- One pilot (Barrie Eeles, RSA) probably indicated his approval for an incorrect version of his Free Known sequence. After he had flown it he was then allowed by the contest director and the president of the jury, in order to maintain a sporting ethos, to re-fly using the correct sequence. Because of the short time available to decide an outcome the two other members of the jury were informed about this only after the re-flight.
- The fourth program (third unknown) was subject to a cut, due to time restriction. After discussion between the members of the jury it was decided that a 50% cut would be implemented, and that provided all of the remaining pilots were able to finish their flights then these would be added to the overall results (which was the case). See more detail in the Additional Proposal below.
- CIVA regulations neither require nor prohibit a music system for program #5. Efforts were made by some pilots and team managers to establish a sound system at the judging line and in the public area. Comments for the public were made by the warm-up pilot and one member of the jury.


Additionally, but not strictly related to CIVA Regulations, note that:

- During the closing ceremony some incorrect national anthems were played, and the national flag of the winner was also not initially correct.
- The doors on both sides of the main hangar were removed at the beginning of the event, and a subsequent dust storm obliged pilots and aircraft owners to find an urgent solution during the storm to protect the aircraft, some of which were slightly damaged due to the strong wind.

All protests have been dealt with and all jury reports have been displayed.

The final results have been verified and are valid.

Alan Cassidy
Jury President
Dated: 17 September 2017



Pierre Varloteaux
Jury Member
Dated:

Vladimir Machula
Jury Member
Dated:

Additional Proposal from the President - The Cut for Programme 4

At the appropriate stage of the contest the Jury met to discuss the action required under Rule 2.1.22 with regard to reducing the field of competitors for Programme 4. This is a difficult task, as it requires the Jury to make a one-time guess based on predicted weather conditions. In this situation, there were differing views both about the extent of the cut to be made and, thereafter, the way to allow the cut pilots to return to the contest when time did prove to be available.

The majority view of the Jury resulted in a 50% cut, leaving the minimum number of pilots for Programme 4 (in this case 18), but with the proviso that the cut pilots (in this case 17) could continue to fly if time remained. The lower 50% continued in the flying order based on the drawing of lots for the programme. Eventually all did fly but by 6.30pm on the last day the light was very poor. Had the last pilot not been able to fly, it would have been inappropriate to include any of the scores from the cut pilots in the final rankings, meaning that perhaps 16 pilots would have had wasted flights.

A minority view within the Jury was that the flying order for the cut pilots, participating in the time remaining at the end of programme 4, would be better if it reverted to the rank order of those pilots based on the cumulative results of programmes 1 to 3. Then, it might be deemed more appropriate to include these results in the final, overall rankings, should time not allow some of the lowest-ranking pilots to fly.

However, such a ranking-based flight order is not offered in the current Regulations, and was not implemented here. However, I propose the following replacement wording for Rule 2.1.2.2., for consideration by Delegates at Plenary:

2.1.2.2. For Programme 4, if there may be insufficient time to complete the championships due to weather problems or unforeseen circumstances, the International Jury is authorised to introduce a cut, without respect to gender, of up to 50% of the eligible competitors, based on the combined standings after Programme 3. If, subsequently, time is available for more flights, competitors from the cut group may be added to Programme 4 in the order of their ranking from the combined results of Programmes 1 to 3, highest first. All flights made in Programme 4 through this mechanism will be considered valid in the final results for the contest.

Alan Cassidy
Jury President

17 September 2017



JURY PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON WAC 2017

World Aerobatic Championships – Malelane, South Africa, 9-17 September 2017

Organisers: Sport Aerobatic Club of South Africa, on behalf of the Aero Club of South Africa.

Event Personnel

Event Director: John Gaillard

Scorer: Quentin Hawthorne

Judges: Gabor Talabos (HUN), Guy Auger (FRA), Kimmo Virtanen (FIN), Laszlo Liskay (RSA), Marty Flournoy (USA), Violeta Gedminaite (LTU), Vladimir Kotelnikov (RUS)

FAI Officials

Jury President: Alan Cassidy (GBR)

Jury members: Vladimir Makula (CZE), Pierre Varloteaux (FRA)

Chief judge: Nick Buckenham (GBR)

Competition data

Number of competitors: 36.

Number of nations: 12.

Number of competition days: 9.

Number of tasks: 4 flights per competitor - plus Final Freestyle by 17 pilots.

Results

Individual

- 1- Mikhail Mamistov - RUS.
- 2- Francois Rallet - FRA
- 3- Olivier Masurel - FRA

Team

- 1- France
- 2- Russian Federation
- 3- United States of America

Final Freestyle

- 1- Rob Holland - USA
- 2- Olivier Masurel - FRA
- 3- Castor Fantoba - ESP

The competitions results are available at <http://civa-results.com/2017/WAC17/indexpage.htm>

JURY'S REPORT IN CASE OF PROTEST

I, the undersigned jury President, declares that:

One protest was received, which was denied. The deposited protest fee was returned, as all members judged the matter to be minor that action to be in the best sporting spirit.

The jury proceedings pertaining to the above protest are attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Signed by the Jury President
17 September 2017