

Jury Report

2019 FAI F3B World Championship for Model Gliders

Jeseník - Mikulovice, Czech Republic

4th to 10th August 2019

The 2019 FAI F3B World Championship for Model Gliders was organised under the leadership of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic and Association of Modellers of Czech Republic by the RC Model Club Brno.

Venue

The competition took place on the airfield Jeseník – Mikulovice with a short grass runway. The organiser prepared the place for the winches in two directions along the runway.

Participation

The Championship was entered by 45 competitors including 2 juniors. The competitors came from 15 countries. The reigning World Champion competed outside his National Team but was included in the Working Team.

Organisation

Generally, the World Championship was well organised. Contest Director was Mr Jan Stonavsky. He also served as the Flight Line Director during the whole competition. His assistant for other duties was Mr Aleš Václavek. As timekeepers, the CD engaged students from Mikulovice and Jeseník. Some of them have had experience from previous F3B competitions on the same airfield. Others got in-service training during the two days FAI-World Cup F3B competition which was held before the championship.

The good organisation allowed completing 7 rounds within 5 days.

Accommodation and catering

Many competitors and helpers used the camping provision on the airfield. Some participants stayed in hotels in Mikulovice, Česká Ves and Jeseník.

Lunch was served in a tent on the airfield. The meals were good and sufficient.

Refreshments, as well as soft drinks and additional meals, were possible to buy at the same counter.

Weather and Flights

The weather was variable during the championship. On Monday, two rain showers caused short breaks in the program of task Duration. On Wednesday a storm in the morning delayed the start of the flying. Still, it was possible to complete seven rounds.

At the beginning of the Championship flights, the wind blew from the northwest and therefore the CD set up the landing spots for task Duration on the southwest side of the winch area. For the tasks Distance and Speed, the flight course was installed in the direction to northeast. The launch direction was open to both sides, southwest and northeast. This setup was used during the whole championship flights independent of the current wind direction.

Safety

The organiser declared the safety area at the Team Managers Meeting. The safety area was well marked and this time there were no issues concerning it. At the Team Managers Meeting also the Landing Areas were declared. For task Duration, the CD set the Landing area as a (demi-) circle with a radius of 100 m measured from each landing spot. Altogether only one penalty was awarded for landing in the safety area. In general, no serious safety problems appeared during the whole World Championship.

Processing and winch checking

For all model gliders entering the championship the nose radius, the dimensions of the tow-hook, and the correct markings of all exchangeable parts were checked. The organiser offered an official measuring set for checking the winch-equipment before the competition. During the competition, the winches were randomly checked by qualified officials. At two occasions the total winch-battery resistance below 23 mOhms was found and penalised.

The usage of the same model for all three tasks in one round was checked by the timekeepers at task Duration and by an appointed official at the tasks Distance and Speed.

Opening and closing ceremony

The opening ceremony took place on the field. It was delayed because of heavy rain. Unfortunately, the mayor of Jeseník, who was prepared to present a welcome speech, had to leave earlier because of other duties. At the beginning, the event organiser introduced all countries. Then the Jury President welcomed all participants, declared the World Championship open and the FAI anthem was played.

The closing ceremony with awarding of medals and diplomas took place on Saturday afternoon in the big tent on the airfield. The awarding of medals, diplomas and FAI Trophies followed the FAI Protocol. The Closing Ceremony was finished by the statement of the Jury President who declared the Championship closed. Then the new World Champion Andreas Böhlen (SUI) expressed his thanks to the organiser and his teammates. Thereafter Martin Weberschock, the F3B World Cup Coordinator, made a short speech. At the end the FAI Anthem was played.

The banquet took place in the big tent on the flying field.

Protests

There was one protest submitted during the championship. It was against the penalty awarded for the low winch circuit resistance. It tried to put in doubt the winch testing equipment. After this protest, the measuring equipment was rechecked and it was found that the results don't differ significantly from the results made on the first day of the Championship. Therefore, the protest was denied.

Contest information

In addition to Bulletin 1 which was distributed to NACs in due time the Bulletin 2 containing information about entering teams and some other information was displayed on the championship website

At the first Team Manager Meeting, the basic information about the organisation of the competition was given. The safety area and the landing area were declared.

An internet connection was installed on the field..

Technical Meeting

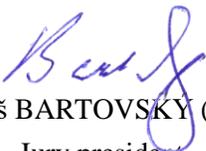
There was a Technical Meeting called for Thursday evening. As the first point, it was presented the information about the offer of the Danish modellers to organise the next (2021) F3B World Championship. This information was welcomed by all participant of the Meeting.

Two other items were discussed: The penalties for low winch circuit resistance and for not using the stopper on the tow line at the parachute. During the discussion, no solution was found and both items are to be referred to the RC Soaring Subcommittee.

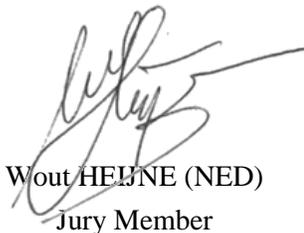
Conclusion

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, this was a very successful World Championship carried out in a friendly atmosphere. At the Closing Ceremony, the participants at many occasions expressed, by heavy applause, their satisfaction with the good organisation of this Championship. The organisers and in particular Jan STONAVSKÝ, the CD, are to be commended for preparing and running this successful event.

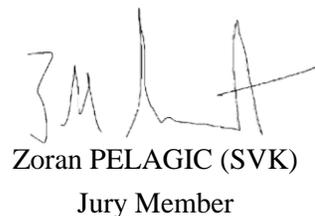
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