



2019
FAI F3D/F5D World
Championships
for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft
Maryborough – Australia
6th – 12th August
FAI JURY REPORT

Contest Information

Two bulletins were published and emailed to the appropriate NACs. The Organisers used a Facebook Group as the main information source.

An Officials Meeting was held on the first day, the 6th of August, with the Event Director and Organiser, to confirm actions, times and understanding of the various tasks associated with the event.

The Event Director did not receive the number of Officials he had anticipated; however with some double up of duties he was able to provide coverage for the event.

Four Team Managers' meetings were held, the first one on the first day, the 6th of August, the second one on the 8th of August, then others on the 9th and 10th of August.

Information given at the first Team managers' meeting:

- The FAI Jury was introduced at the first meeting and clarified the sporting rules for managing any competitor complaints and protests including keeping the Contest Directors involved.
- The Contest Director explained that as this was the first combined F3D/F5D event, both competitions would be flown on the same day. F3D would commence on the morning of the 9th August and F5D would be flown in the afternoon. On 10th August F5D would fly in the morning with F3D in the afternoon, then with both alternating each day until the end of competition flying on Sunday 11th August.
- As this was a combined event the Contest Director stressed upon the Team Managers that the designated starting box used for F3D would also be used for F5D (local rule) and that infringements would be penalised should they be seen to continually occur. (*F5D Sporting Code does not state a designated starting box.*)
- The procedure for First Aid and emergencies was explained.
- An 'electronic' notice board was in place with all competitors having access.

During the following Team Managers meetings, any questions were answered and the Contest Director once again strongly stressed that penalties would be imposed for infringements at the designated starting/ launching area.

Entry

F3D

33 competitors
1 junior from AUS

F5D

17 Competitors
1 junior from SUI

Total: 48 seniors & 2 juniors from 13 countries

Accommodation & Food

The accommodation was a mix of hotels, apartments and camping. The FAI Jury was accommodated in motel rooms 15 minutes from the flying site. The rooms were comfortable and a suitable level of quality.

The organisers provided the FAI Jury with a cash allowance to cover all meals for the duration of the event. A high standard hotel restaurant was located directly opposite the motel.

The transport of the Jury to the flying site was covered by the organiser.

Food outlet vans, kiosks and coffee outlets were at the site providing food and drinks at reasonable prices throughout the day to competitors and supporters.

A camping area, for tents and caravans, was onsite.

Flying Site

The competitions was run at the Maryborough Aero Club facility. The venue was excellently prepared providing a separate practice area.

Main control of the championships was in the Event Directors tent, with separate tents provided for undercover pits and meetings.

Free internet access was available, however this was limited due to the number of users.

Model Processing

The processing was held in a dedicated tent.

The processing was performed by expert volunteers who actioned the processing to an accurate and precise level.

Processing during the competition and the top five final placings was conducted with the specified equipment.

All checked aircraft were within the rules specifications.

Weather

The weather was sunshine with light winds on the first day.

Throughout the remainder of the Championships strong SW winds blew.

The temperature was normal for an Australian winter, mid 20s with night time temperatures on the cold side.

Competition

The Competition was run over four days:

F3D: 495 racers with 10 re-runs.

F5D: 270 racers with 7 re-runs.

The competition finished on time with no delays.

FAI Jury

The FAI Jury was composed of Mr Trevor Henderson (NZL), Mr Jan Zelenka (CZE) and Mr Kevin Dodd (AUS) as Jury President. There was common information flow and shared tasks with a good integration and harmony which allowed good management of the championships.

Protests

There were 2 protests, one from Guatemala which was withdrawn almost immediately when the **organisers** provided the contestant with video image of his start.

The second, from Czech Republic, regarded the pilot's infringement outside the designated starting box on launching and the F5D rules. This protest was denied.

All the Jury decisions were unanimous. The necessary freedom was given to the CDs for managing complaints.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony was held on Tuesday 6th August and was live streamed.

All National Anthems were played while a member from each country raised their flag.

The FAI anthem was played as the FAI flag was raised, and the FAI Jury President made his speech and officially opened the Championships.

All flags lined the entrance road to the event.

The opening ceremony was supported with an aerobatic display by a full size Pits Special and a display by a large model jet (F16).

The prize-giving and closing ceremony took place on site following the final race and once all official formalities were declared to be correct by the FAI Jury.

All the officials and volunteers were called for acknowledgement and applauded by those in attendance.

The Mayor of Maryborough, FAI Jury President and Competition Organiser presented the awards.

The FAI Jury President officially closed the Championships before the FAI flag was lowered.

The banquet took place in the large tent which had been used as the contestants' pits.

The food was self-served on a table by table basis and was of excellent quality.

Additional recognition to competitors and officials was given during the banquet and the atmosphere was warm and pleasant.

Results

The full results were prepared by the organisers electronically, checked by the FAI Jury and approved. There were no changes in the scores from the final results with those of the Prizegiving.

A minor error was discovered regarding a defending champion from Australia, however this did not affect the final outcome.

The full results were sent via e-mail to FAI.

The national flags were hand delivered back to each countries Team Manager.

The set of results approved before the Prizegiving ceremony is appended to this report.

World Record

A provisional new World record time was established in the 14th round. The details were immediately sent to FAI and after congratulating the contestant, he was reminded to prepare a dossier and lodge it with FAI within 120 days.

Trophies

The following CIAM perpetual trophies were awarded:

- F3D Individual Champion- Sopwith Cup - New holder: **Christopher Callow (AUS)**
- F3D Junior – Emil Broberg Cup - New holder: **Matthew Wood (AUS)**
- F5D Individual Champion- BEFA WC Trophy - New holder: **Jan Sedlacek (CZE)**

Comments

The organisers worked hard with the support of numerous dedicated volunteers from the MAC club.

The venue and preparation was excellent.

More volunteers involved in the key roles of the organisation would have certainly relieved the Event Director of additional workload.

Sufficient toilets and their daily cleaning was a credit to the organising of the event.

The Championships had TV coverage on the Local Area nightly news.

Conclusions

The Championships were well run and carried out in excellent harmony.

They met the expectation of the participants.

Many thanks to the Jury, and helpers who worked very hard to bring about a successful event.

The FAI Jury

Mr Kevin Dodd - President

Mr Trevor Henderson

Mr Jan Zelenka