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CIAM DRONE SPORT SUBCOMMITTEE

2019 REPORT ACTIVITIES

In 2019, the S/C was composed of 39 members including the Chairman, from 38 countries.

S/C members have exchanged using Basecamp (project 'CIAM Drone Sport Subcommittee) which is the collaborative tool used by FAI. Most of the discussions were on rules improvements or clarifications, Drone Racing World Cup and FAI World Drone Racing Championship Grand Final.

Volume F9 Drone Sport

In application of the decisions taken by the 2018 CIAM Plenary Meeting, the Volume 'F3 Radio Control Drone Racing' has been renamed 'F9 Drone Sport' and F3U class (RC Multi-rotor FPV Racing) has been renumbered F9U.

The Volume F9 Drone Sport has been published end 2018 to be effective 1st January 2019.

The Volume has been updated 1st May 2019 to introduce the F9A provisional class (Drone Soccer) rules adopted by the 2019 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

An update will be proposed to be effective January 2020 with changes on F9A and F9U rules based on the S/C exchanges.

2019 Drone Racing World Cup

The Drone Racing World Cup (F3U class) is effective from 2016.

For 2019, the new event format 'FAI World Drone Racing Championship' has been applied. This format is based on a World Cup with two Series of events (Challenger and Masters), completed by the World Championship Grand Final at the end of the year.

23 Challenger World Cup events have been hold in 19 different countries. In addition, a first Masters World Cup event has been organised November 1 to 3 in Jeonju city (Korea).

About the 2019 World Cup participation, 566 competitors are placed from 46 countries, including 149 juniors from 28 countries and 15 women from 11 countries.

The winner of the World Cup is Thomass PETERSONS from Latvia followed by two juniors: SungJu PARK from Korea and Pawel LASZCZAK from Poland. Five juniors are placed in the top 10, and 12 of the 23 contests have been won by a junior.

For more details about the 2019 Drone Racing World Cup, consult the specific report.

FAI World Drone Racing Championship Grand Final

According to the agreement signed in 2018 with Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) for the 1st FAI World Drone Racing Championships (WDRC) hold in Shenzhen, the 2019 FAI World Drone Racing Championship (WDRC) Grand Final has been hold in China.

ASFC has finally proposed end August to hold the WDRC Grand Final in Ningbo city December 10 to 14.

The participation was based on national teams, and on individual competitors qualified from the 2019 world Cup results and ranking.

For the national teams, every NAC has been authorized to enter a team consisting of a team manager and three competitors maximum extended to:

- four competitors providing at least one is a junior (age limit 18 years in the year 2019) or female;
- or five competitors providing at least one is a junior and one is female.

As individual competitors, were qualified to participate:

- the 16 best placed competitors in the 2019 current Drone Racing World Cup ranking after taking on account the FAI Jeonju World Drone Masters hold beginning November;
- in addition, the competitors placed first to third in the Jeonju Masters World Cup event, and/or winner of a Drone Racing Challenger World Cup event subject 40 competitors minimum have effectively flown in the event.

On this basis, 23 competitors have been qualified. NAC's have been encouraged to consider for their national team those individual competitors. So, finally, 14 of them have been selected in their national team. Considering the 4 individual competitors who have not participated, 5 only have been registered as individual competitor.

ASFC, as host NAC, has been entitled to issue, in addition to its national team, three wild cards for Chinese individual competitors.

The individual competitors have competed for the individual classifications (overall and where appropriate Junior and Women), but not for the national team classification.

The WDRC Grand Final has been very successful with a high level of participation despite the late announcement of the date and location: 111 competitors (including 44 juniors and 9 women) from 31 countries, and 140 additional team members (team managers, helpers, supporters).

For more details, see the FAI Jury competition report.

Communication

The FAI Drone Sport min-site (<https://www.fai.org/drone-sports>) has been used to regularly publish information especially regarding the World Cup (detailed results and FAI Jury President reports and results of every World Cup event, current and final World Cup ranking, annual report).

In addition, numerous news concerning Drone Sport have been published on the FAI website.

Conclusion

I thank you the S/C members who have participated to the S/C Basecamp exchanges.

Thank you also to FAI Office for their contribution to the development of Drone Sport activities.

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