

REPORT ON 2019 F2 (CONTROL LINE) WORLD CUP

F2 World Cup competitions are flown in the classes F2A (Speed), F2B (Aerobatics), F2C (Team Racing), F2D (Combat) and F2F (Team Racing). All the World Cup F2 classes with the exception of F2F have perpetual trophies.

This was the first year that F2F Team Racing was included in the F2 World Cup classes.

Over the four F2 long-standing World Cup classes this year, the recovery in the number of pilots continued the increase that began last year. There were an additional 23 pilots over 2018, with three of the 12 teams in F2F being new to Team Racing in 2019.

More "results reminder" emails to Organisers had to be sent this year and a number of organisers still submitted their results as pdf files, rather than the Excel files provided, or used outdated Excel files. This continues to happen despite the annual email at the beginning of the year to all organisers with updated blank Excel results files and an explanation of the submission procedure and deadlines.

There were a number of competitions declared invalid for either having only one nation take part or in "hosted" competitions by not having a competitor from the organising nation. Additionally some competitions were cancelled because of a lack of entries.

F2A: 6 invalid of which one was cancelled
F2B: 3 invalid of which two were cancelled
F2C: 2 invalid
F2D: 2 invalid of which one was cancelled
F2F: 8 invalid of which four were cancelled

All the F3F results were declared invalid as they had not complied with the new rules in the 2019 edition of the Sporting Code.

There was a substantial increase in the number of competitor entries which were 12.2% higher than in 2018. F2B, F2C & F2D all increased their competitor entries, with both F2B & F2D having the greatest increase while F2A competitor entries were four less than 2018.

Overall, 635 competitors (including eleven multiple teams in F2C Team Race) made 1,606 competitor entries over the 90 competitions that actually took place.

Junior participation varied from class to class but the 12.2% overall increase was because 2019 was the first year that the Junior age was raised from 18 to 21. Nonetheless F2D again had the highest number of juniors with 43. F2B had 15 juniors, F2A 12 and F2C had the least at 7.

Overall there were 98 scheduled competitions, 11 more than last year. There were 13 invalid competitions over the four classes but the unfortunate situation with F2F brought that figure up to 21. Excluding F2F there were three more invalid competitions than in 2018.

The individual competition full results, Jury reports and the cumulative results for each class were uploaded periodically to the F2 World Cup page of the CIAM website. Previous years' full results and Jury Reports going back to 2010 continue to be available on the same page and this makes a first-class archival facility. It would be good if there was a similar page for all Aeromodelling FAI Championships.

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The Final Cumulative Results for classes F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D & F2F were uploaded to the website on between the 7th & 19th December but not sent to the FAI until early February. This delay was because of a serious accident to a close family member on 20th December. A revised F2B Cumulative Results was uploaded to the website and sent to FAI 17th February 2020.

The final Ranking table is shown below. As stated earlier in the report, all the F2F World Cup competitions were invalid as none of the competitions complied with the new rules of the class introduced in the 2019 edition of the Sporting Code.

2019 Rankings			
Class	Competitor	Country	Score
F2A (Senior)	1. VALISHEV, Alex	USA	913.6 kph
	2. EISNER, Paul	GBR	903.5 kph
	3. HALMAN, Peter	GBR	901.1 kph
F2A (Junior)	1. SURKOVA, Svetlana	RUS	866.9 kph
	2. WALANIA, Kacper	POL	861.3 kph
	3. NOSKOV, Vasily	RUS	849.3 kph
F2B (Senior)	1. BURGER, Igor	SVK	84 points
	2. YATSENKO, Andriy	UKR	76 points
	3. BORZECKI, Krystian	POL	65 points
F2B (Junior)	1. DOLOBAC Patrik	SVK	46 points
	2. KOPRIVA, Jan	CZE	39 points
	3. KUCHER, Mykola	UKR	26 points
F2C (Senior)	1. IGOSHYN Oleksiy/CHAYKA Yuriy	MDA	78 points
	2. BONDARENKO Yuriy/LERNER Semen	MDA	73 points
	3. SURUGUE Pascal/SURUGUE Georges	FRA	71 points
F2C (Junior)	1. PALEZHEV Nikolai/HASAN Volkan	BUL	33 points
	2. LOBODA Dymtro/ZABARA Mykola	UKR	21 points
	3. DINKILAKER Dmitry/ANDREEV Igor	RUS	12 points
F2D (Senior)	1. RASTENSIS, Audrius	LTU	84 points
	2. REDIUK, Illia	UKR	80 points
	3. DUSCHENKO, Dmitry	RUS	70 points
F2D (Junior)	1. REDIUK, Illia	UKR	80 points
	2. POPOV, Konstantin	RUS	52 points
	3. MADI, Richard	HUN	44 points

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Class	Scheduled Competitions	Competitors/ Nations	Juniors	Juniors as % of Competitors	Entries	Competition with Highest Entries	Competition with Least Entries	Invalid Comps	No. of Comps with 10 or Fewer Entries	New Venues
F2A	28	69/19	12	17%	164	Lugo, ITA (13)	Hradec Kralove CZE (2)	6	17	None
F2B	27	171/24	15	9%	471	Hradec Kralove CZE & Pazardzhik, BUL (30)	Minsk, BLR (5)	3	6	
F2C	20	85/22	7	8%	234	Vilnius, LTU (24)	Minsk, BLR (3)	2	7	
F2D	23	298/30	43	14%	771	Tula, Alexin, RUS (98)	Herning, DEN (13)	2	0	
F3F	8	12/7	1	12%	20			8		
Notes:										
F2A	The winner's highest speed was 308.4 kph. The winning Junior's highest speed was 294.4 and she placed 11th in the overall classification.									
F2B	The winning Senior placed 1st in three competitions with entries greater than 20. The winning Junior twice placed 4th and once placed 9th in competitions with entries greater than 20 and placed 12th overall.									
F2C	The winning Senior placed 1st once in competitions with entries greater than 20 and twice placed 1st at competitions with entries of 20 or fewer. The winning Junior placed 8th & 9th at competitions with entries of 20 or fewer and 10th at a competition with entries greater than 20. He placed 16th overall.									
F2D	The winning Senior placed 1st place in three competitions with entries greater than 20. The winning Junior placed 1st once and 2nd twice in competitions with entries greater than 20 and he placed 2nd in the overall classification.									
Other:										
1	There were 90 competitions held across the F2 classes over 37 separate dates covering 26 nations although nine of those nations each hosted one other nations' competitions, 19 in all, as permitted by the F2 World Cup rules.									

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2019 F2 WCUP GENERAL ANALYSIS 2 of 2	F2A	F2B	F2C	F2D	F2F
Overall entries	-2%	+18%	+6%	+11%	n/a
Overall competitors *	Sen: -8% Jun: +8%	Sen: + 8% Jun: +54%	Sen: -11% Jun: -12%	Sen: +5% Jun: +10%	n/a
Competitions	+11%	+19%	+10%	+4%	n/a
* The Junior age limit was raised from 18 to 21 with effect from 1st January 2019.					

This concludes the 2019 F2 World Cup Report.

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