Summary of Conclusions

Plenary Conference of the
FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)

Held on
Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November 2023
at the
Polish Aviation Museum, Kraków, Poland
CIVA President’s introductory remarks

The CIVA Bureau during 2023:

- Nick Buckenham, CIVA President
- Matthieu Roulet, Vice President
- Tamás Ábrányi, Vice President
- Hanspeter Rohner, Vice President
- Jerzy Makula, Vice President
- Hanna Räihä, Secretary
- Zuzana Danihelova, Secretary
- Philippe Küchler, Treasurer

1. In Memoriam

A minute of silence was held to remember our friends and colleagues who passed away in 2022 and 2023.

- József Tóth, HUN, 11/2022
- Manfred Echter, GER/SUI, 12/2022
- Sándor Katona, HUN/FRA, 03/2023
- Dániel Czitán, HUN, 06/2023
- Béla Gurály, HUN, 07/2023
- Nikolay Timofeev, USA, 07/2023
- Jean Zumaglini, FRA, 09/2023

2. Meeting Introduction

2.1. Roll Call of delegates

Present:

Argentina, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States

The Following Proxy Votes were tabled:

- Japan (JPN) to Poland (POL)
- Saudi Arabia (KSA) to Spain (ESP)
- Ireland (IRL) to Lithuania (LTU)
- Brazil (BRA) to Portugal (POR)
- Belgium (BEL) to Luxemburg (LUX)
- Netherlands (NED) to Switzerland (SUI)
- Great Britain (GBR) to United States (USA)
- Australia (AUS) to South Africa (RSA)

Apologies for Absence:

Great Britain

2.2. Minutes of the 2022 meeting

The Delegates approved the minutes of the 2022 Plenary conference.

2.3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.
3. **Report from the President of CIVA**

The President of CIVA presented his report.

4. **Report from FAI Secretary General**

   Markus Haggeney gave his presentation regarding FAI activities in 2023 via Zoom.

5. **Report on CIVA Finances 2022-2023**

   5.1. **Financial Results (Philippe KÜCHLER)**

       Note: All financial transactions with FAI will be in CHF from 2023 onwards.

   5.2. **Travel Allowance Programme (Madelyne DELCROIX)**

   5.3. **Budget (Philippe KÜCHLER)**

       Reports approved by CIVA.

   5.4. **The CIVA Sanction Fee**

       A vote was taken if CIVA Sanction fee should be increased to 300 CHF from 2024 onwards.

       In Favour: 18   Against 11   (total votes 29)

       CIVA APPROVED

6. **Reports of the 2023 Championships**

   6.1. **WGAC/WAGAC Jury President’s Report (Philippe KÜCHLER)**

       Report approved by CIVA.

       An expedited safety proposal included in the report was voted to be added to the agenda. Following unanimous approval Plenary agreed with 28 in favour and 1 abstaining (29 votes total).

   6.2. **WGAC/WAGAC Chief Judge’s Report (Vladimir MACHULA)**

       Report approved by CIVA.

   6.3. **WGAC/WAGAC Contest Director’s report (Jerzy MAKULA)**

       Report approved by CIVA.
6.4. EAC Jury President’s Report (Pierre VARLOTEAUX)
Report approved by CIVA.
Recommendations included in the report are voted for in 8.3.

6.5. EAC Chief Judge’s Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)
Report approved by CIVA.

6.6. EAC Contest Director’s Report (Maurizio COSTA)
Report approved by CIVA.

6.7. WAAC Jury President’s Report (Mike HEUER)
Report approved by CIVA.

6.8. WAAC Chief Judge’s Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)
Report approved by CIVA.

6.9. WAAC Contest Director’s Report (Duncan KOERBEL)
Report rejected by CIVA.

6.10. Sky Grand Prix (Quintin HAWTHORNE)
Report approved by CIVA.

7. Reports of the other Committees and Working Groups

7.1. CIVA Judging Committee (Pierre VARLOTEAUX)
Report approved by CIVA.

7.2. CIVA Catalogue Committee (Jim BOURKE)
No report from Jim Bourke. See §
Note: There was one proposal to the Catalogue committee during 2023 but no response was received. The President will contact Jim Bourke about this.

7.3. CIVA Glider Aerobatics Committee (Pekka HAVBRANDT)
Report approved by CIVA.
7.4. CIVA Fair Play System (Nick BUCKENHAM)  
Report approved by CIVA.

7.5. The Information and Communication Technology committee Report (Ringo MASSA)  
Report approved by CIVA.

7.6. Strategic Planning Group Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)  
Report approved by CIVA.

7.7. Safety Working Group Report (Hanspeter ROHNER)  
Report approved by CIVA.

Report approved by CIVA.

7.9. Contest Scoring Programme Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)  
Report approved by CIVA.

7.10. FAI/Aresti Committee Report (Jim BOURKE)  
No report from Jim BOURKE. See §

7.11. Contest Organization Working Group (Nick BUCKENHAM)  
Report approved by CIVA

§ 7.2. and 7.10 Reports: Located post-conference and published.

8. Proposed CIVA Rule changes

8.1. Part 1 Proposals for Power – Section 6 Part 1  
Matthieu Roulet presented the rule proposals for Power aerobatics.

**NP2024-5**
- **Source:** CZE #5
- **Document:** Section 6 Part 1 & 2, (originally submitted for part 2 only)
- **Subject:** Junior Medals
- **CIVA Accepted**
8.2. Part 2 Proposals for Glider – Section 6 Part 2

Pekka Havbrandt presented the rule proposals for Glider aerobatics.

NP2024-1
Source: CZE #1
Document: Section 6 Part 2
Subject: Figures in Unlimited Unknowns
CIVA Accepted

NP2024-2
Source: CZE #2
Document: Section 6 Part 2
Subject: Renaming of Programmes 1 and 3
CIVA Accepted

NP2024-5
Source: CZE #5
Document: Section 6 Part 1 & 2, (originally submitted for part 2 only)
Subject: Junior Medals
CIVA Accepted

NP2024-7
Source: CZE #7
Document: Section 6 Part 2
Subject: Aircraft Restrictions in Advanced
CIVA Rejected

NP2024-8
Source: CZE #8
Document: Section 6 Part 2
Subject: Figures in Unlimited Unknowns
CIVA Rejected

NP 2024-12
Source: FRA #3
Document: Section 6 Part 2
Subject: Box Dimensions
CIVA Rejected
8.3. Safety, Expedited and Urgent proposals (SP, EP and UP)

**Proposal #1 – Density altitude considerations - Part 1**

CIVA Accepted

**Proposal #2 – Final Freestyle Safety Communications and Deadline – Part 1 only**

CIVA Accepted the proposal for further work by the RC and inclusion in Part 1.

**Proposal #3 – Management of in-flight safety issues - Part 1 only**

CIVA Accepted

**Proposal #4 – Runway direction change**

CIVA Accepted

**Proposal #5 – Minimum safety, warm-up and practice manoeuvres to be flown (part 1)**

CIVA Accepted

**Proposal #6 – Flick Roll and Spin criteria review and proposal**

A vote was taken if agenda item 8.3 a) should be also reviewed and voted for.

CIVA rejected.
8.3. a) Flick Roll and spin entry Criteria and HZ downgrades

**Not voted.** Deferred to enable a formal proposal to the RC in 2024.

Additional vote was asked by Philippe Küchler about the scoring of Rolling Circle. He proposed to go back to the old system where 45 degrees – 90 degrees error is 0.0 and more than 90-degree error is HZ.

CIVA Agreed unanimously to add this new item to the agenda.

After the voting to consider this item, **CIVA accepted.**

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### 9. CIVA Elections 2023

After roll call, the total number of votes was 30 (22 present, 8 proxies). Absolute majority: 16

**Officers of CIVA**

**Bureau 2024**

**President:**

Nick Buckenham  
Elected 2023 for 2024 and 2025

**Vice President:**

Hanspeter Rohner  
Elected 2022 for 2023 and 2024

Tamás Ábrányi  
Elected 2022 for 2023 and 2024

Matthieu Roulet  
Elected 2023 for 2024 and 2025

Quintin Hawthorne  
Elected 2023 for 2024 and 2025

**Secretaries:**

Hanna Räihä  
Elected 2022 for 2023 and 2024

Carole Holyk  
Elected 2023 for 2024 and 2025

**Treasurer:**

Philippe Küchler  
Elected 2022 for 2023 and 2024

**Rules Committee 2023**

**Chairman:**

Matthieu Roulet  
Elected for 1-year period.

**Members:**

Hanspeter Rohner  
Elected for 1-year period.

Pekka Havbrandt  
Elected for 1-year period.

Daniel Genevey  
Elected for 1-year period.

Mike Gallaway  
Elected for 1-year period.

Pierre Varloteaux  
Elected for 1-year period

**Judging Committee 2023**

**Chairman:**

Pierre Varloteaux  
Elected for 1-year period.
Members:
Alex Moore
Quintin Hawthorne
Philippe Küchler
Madelyne Delcroix
Daniel Genevey

Elected for 1-year period.

Glider Aerobatic Committee 2023

Chairman:
Pekka Havbrandt

Elected for 1-year period.

Members:
Philippe Küchler
Madelyne Delcroix
Ferenc Toth
Eugen Schaal
Jerzy Makula

Elected for 1-year period.

ICT Committee 2023

Chairman:
Ringo Massa

Elected for 1-year period.

Members:
Chris Sills
Kari Kemppi
Vladimir Machula
Jorge Loureiro

Elected for 1-year period.

Catalogue Committee 2023

Chairman:
Daniel Genevey

Elected for 1-year period.

Members:
Leone Gambardella
Igoris Lobanovas
Cyrial Talon
Nick Buckenham
Marcio Oliveria

Elected for 1-year period.
10. CIVA Free Known power and Glider figure selections for 2024

10.1. Power Intermediate Free-Known Figures
       Proposal C Selected

10.2. Power Advanced Free-Known Figures
       Proposal E Selected

10.3. Power Unlimited Free-Known Figures
       Proposal B Selected

10.4. Glider Advanced Free-Known Figures
       Proposal G Selected

10.5. Glider Unlimited Free-Known Figures
       Proposal G Selected

11. Future FAI Aerobatic Championships

11.1. 26th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and the 14th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships 2024
       Oschatz, Germany, 1.-10.8.2023

11.2. The 13th FAI European Advanced Aerobatic Championships 2024 combined with 2nd FAI European Open Intermediate Aerobatic Championships 2024
       Clinceni, Romania, 6.-14.9.2024

11.3. The 32nd World Aerobatic Championships 2024
       Zamosc Poland, 15.-25.8.2024

11.4. The 4th FAI World Intermediate Aerobatic Championships
       See 11.2: Intermediate is now combined with Advanced competition in Romania.

11.5. The 23rd FAI European Aerobatic Championships 2025
       Kakolew, Poland, 16.-24.8.2025

12. FAI Special Aerobatic Events (FSAE) For 2024

Nick Buckenham presented the report.

Report approved by CIVA.
13. Appointment and Approval of Championships Officials

13.1. The 26th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and the 14th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships 2024

Due to lack of time the election process for championship officials at all 2024 events was postponed, to be carried out later using the ElectionRunner online system. The results will be given in the minutes of the meeting and published on the Civa News website.

President of the International Jury: Vladimir Machula
Members of the International Jury: Madelyne Delcroix, Pekka Havbrandt

Chief Judge: Philippe Küchler

13.2. The 13th FAI European Advanced Aerobatic Championships 2024 and the FAI European Intermediate Championships 2024

President of the International Jury: Pierre Varloteaux
Members of the International Jury: Pekka Havbrandt, Steve Todd

Chief Judge: Guy Auger

13.3. The 32nd World Aerobatic Championships 2024

President of the International Jury: Pierre Varloteaux
Members of the International Jury: Steve Todd, Edward Waasdorp

Chief Judge: Quintin Hawthorne

13.4. Other events sanctioned.

None.

13.5. Special events

None.

14. The new CIVA Governance document

14.1. Presentation and Discussion (Matthieu ROULET)

Matthieu Roulet reviewed some topics that will be addressed in the course of next year.
15. FAI International Aerobatic Judges

15.1. Maintenance of the lists of CIVA international Judges

Pierre Varloteaux will contact all delegates to ask about the addition and removal of current judges to prepare for the selection of judges for 2024.

16. Diplomas and Awards

The Léon Biancotto Diploma

Delegates agreed unanimously that the diploma should be awarded in 2024. Approval was subsequently given to present the diploma to Támas Ábrányi at the next FAI General Conference.

Championship organiser of the year - trophy

This annual trophy was held in abeyance pending a forthcoming online survey including attendees at all 2023 championships. This will therefore be delayed and further discussed within the bureau.

17. Date and Place of Future Meetings

Place: Athens, Greece
Dates: Friday November 1st to Sunday 3rd 2024.

Summary of conclusions submitted for approval by

Hanna Räihä
Secretary of CIVA
List of Plenary participants

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