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Lift off for the FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2019 in Lille, France

Lille, France, 16 April 2019 – **Some 300 world-class indoor skydivers from 31 different countries are preparing to take flight for the third edition of the FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, which kicks off tomorrow, 17 April, in the French city of Lille.**

Between now and the finals on 20 April, they will be fighting it out for a place on the podiums in five separate disciplines, including individual freestyle and team formation flying.

The event, the first FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship to be held in France, will take place at the Weembi wind tunnel – one of the biggest wind tunnels in the world.

The action will be accessible to fans all over the world thanks to the comprehensive livestream coverage planned for the competition days: 18, 19 and 20 April.

Event programme and livestreams

Wednesday 17 April 2019

8.00: Training

19.00: Opening Ceremony

Thursday 18 April 2019

8.00: Competition (livestream on competition website)

Friday 19 April 2019

8.00: Competition (livestream on competition website)

Saturday 20 April 2019

8.00: Competition (livestream on competition website)

18.30: Closing/Medals Ceremony

About indoor skydiving

The graceful young sport of indoor skydiving is one of the fastest growing FAI disciplines.

With roots in traditional skydiving, it involves flying inside a glass-walled, vertical wind tunnel, rather than jumping out of a plane.

Competitors are judged on their performance of a series of moves – either pre-determined or artistic – while balanced on a jet of fast-moving air within the wind tunnel.

Routines last for 45 seconds, and the athletes compete either solo, with a partner, or as a team of four.

Like many air sports, events are open to both female and male participants. And as the wind speed in the tunnels can be altered to account for the athlete's weight, men and women can compete on a truly level playing field.

Notes for editors

Competition website: <http://www.wisc2019.com/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wisc2019/>

Livestream: <http://www.wisc2019.com/livestream/>

Results: <http://results.worldskydiving.org/FrontEnd/CompetitionCollection/1027>

Photos in HD (free for editorial use): http://www.flickr.com/photos/airsports_fai/

News for TV distribution on Saturday evening – Online clip on Sunday: <http://4msports-server.com/>

Event hashtag: **#wisc2019**

FAI logo: bit.ly/FAI_logo

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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