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## **FAI CIAM Announces Selected Pilots for Drone Racing competition at The World Games 2022**

Lausanne, Switzerland, 14 February 2022 – The names of the competitors selected for the Drone Racing competition at The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama, USA have been announced by FAI Aeromodelling Commission CIAM.

A total of 32 pilots from 25 nations will participate in the mixed event which will have a single classification for individuals. Twenty men and 12 women will compete at the races which take part on 9 and 10 July 2022 at the 45,000-capacity Protective Stadium.

The FAI Aeromodelling Air Sport Commission (CIAM) is responsible of the athletes' selection and selection rules were approved by CIAM Bureau.

The competition format defined by IWGA for the Drone Racing event is:

- Mixed men and women event with a single classification for individuals.
- 32 athletes (20 men and 12 women)
- FAI F9U class rules applied, with 32 pilots for the elimination stage and a double elimination optional sequence

CIAM President, Antonis Papadopoulos commented:

“At CIAM, we very excited about this opportunity. It is the first time that an aeromodelling competition will be part of a such a major multi-sport event. Together with the Canopy Piloting competition, we are sure that FAI air sports will attract high numbers of spectators, and there is significant momentum within the air sports community in the anticipation of July’s events. We are ready for this challenge!”

The World Games is an important event for the sports that are included and is a great opportunity not only for the athletes but also for promoting these sports to a significant audience which encourages funding at international and grass roots levels. The World Games is closely connected to the IOC and almost all new sports in the Olympic Games qualify through the channel of The World Games.

For FAI Members and their athletes, participation in The World Games, with its close links to the IOC, represents a major opportunity for the promotion and development of air sports in their home countries.

### **Notes for editors**

- [The World Games website](#)
- [FAI minisite TWG2022](#)
- [Men’s pilot selection](#)
- [Women’s pilot selection](#)
- [CIAM Selection Information](#)
- FAI media corner: [www.fai.org/media](http://www.fai.org/media)
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## **FAI and The World Games**

- TWG takes place 7–17 July 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama, USA
- In total 3600 athletes will represent 100 countries in 34 sports at TWG 2022
- 2022 will be the 11th edition of TWG
- FAI air sports in TWG 2022: [Canopy Piloting](#) and [Drone Racing](#)
- FAI has been involved with TWG since 1997
- FAI technical partner [Noosphere](#) developed results management system

## **About FAI**

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation ([www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org)), 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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