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## **Gold Medal Haul for Host USA at 2024 FAI World Skydiving Championships**

Beaufort, North Carolina, USA, 12 October 2024 – **The 2024 FAI World Skydiving Championships have showcased the United States' dominance in the skies over Beaufort, North Carolina (5-11 October). Team USA secured seven gold medals across three disciplines, with an impressive sweep in Formation Skydiving.**

**Australia claimed four gold medals: two in Speed Skydiving – Female and Mixed Teams, and two in Wingsuit Flying - Performance and National Teams. France reached the top of the rankings in Artistic Events Freelying and Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying.**

The event drew almost 300 competitors, making it the **biggest event on this year's skydiving calendar**. Favourable weather conditions prevailed for five of the six competition days, enabling the completion of all rounds across every discipline.

FAI Skydiving Commission President and FAI Controller at the event Alberto Martin Paracuellos commented: *"What a great competition these FAI World Championships have been! Congratulations to all the competitors! Their performances and displays of skill have been truly impressive. I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organisers, Skydive Chicago and Paraclete XP, as well as Crystal Coast Skydiving. Their hard work really paid off. And let's not forget the dedicated Officials, who contributed to making these Championships a success."*

The competition witnessed the breaking of **multiple FAI World (9) and Continental Records (58)**, underscoring the high calibre of the skydivers and the elite level of competition on display. The new records are awaiting receipt of full dossier and ratification by FAI.

### Results

#### **15th FAI World Artistic Events Championships**

##### *Freestyle*

1. USA 1
2. France
3. Poland

##### *Freelying*

1. France 1
2. USA
3. France 2

#### **26th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships**

##### *4-way Open*

1. USA
2. France
3. Qatar

##### *4-way Female*

1. USA
2. China
3. France

*8-way*

1. USA
2. Qatar
3. Germany

*Vertical Formation Skydiving*

1. USA
2. Norway
3. Italy

**5th FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships**

*Open*

1. Niklas Daniel (USA)
2. Sebastián García Gutiérrez (ESP)
3. Mervyn O'connell (AUS)

*Female*

1. Natisha Dingle (AUS)
2. Tanita Rutherford (AUS)
3. Brianne Thompson (USA)

*National Teams*

1. USA
2. Australia
3. Germany

*Mixed Teams*

1. Australia
2. USA
3. Germany

**5th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships**

*Acrobatic Flying*

1. France
2. USA 1
3. Germany

*Performance Flying*

1. Luke Rogers (AUS)
2. Jason Dodunski (AUS)
3. Ali Asker (KUW)

*Performance Flying National Teams*

1. Australia

2. USA
3. Poland

### **Editor's note**

FAI published daily reports, pictures and other multimedia content across its website and social media channels throughout the entire duration of the competition.

- [FAI event mini-site](#)
- [Images](#) (free for editorial use)
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### **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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