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## FAI unveils Drone Racing lineup for The World Games 2025

Lausanne, Switzerland, 5 February 2025 – FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, has announced an official list of 30 qualified athletes for the Drone Racing event at The World Games 2025, set to take place in Chengdu, China from 13 to 16 August 2025. This highly anticipated competition will see the world's top pilots battle for glory in an electrifying display of speed, skill, and precision.

The selection of the qualified athletes, which includes **11 juniors and six female pilots**, was based on performances in key FAI-sanctioned events. The 2024 FAI World Drone Racing Championship, held in Hangzhou, China, and the FAI Drone Racing World Cup series played a crucial role in determining the final rankings. This rigorous selection process ensures that the world's most skilled and dedicated pilots, representing the **widest possible range of countries—21 in total**, will compete in Chengdu.

The following athletes have officially qualified to compete in The World Games 2025 Drone Racing event:

<a href="#">ASTAKHOVA Nataliia</a>	SRB	F	
<a href="#">CAPOBRES Jacob</a>	USA	M	
<a href="#">CHOI WonKyun</a>	KOR	M	Junior
<a href="#">COUAILLES Dorian</a>	FRA	M	
GEORGIEV Antoni A.	BUL	M	
GRUNNER Iosif Aladar	ROU	M	
HASHIMOTO Yuki	JPN	M	Junior
<a href="#">HE Yutong</a>	CHN	F	Junior
<a href="#">HUANG Yueqi</a>	CHN	M	Junior
KIM MinJae	KOR	M	Junior
<a href="#">KWAN Chun Yan</a>	HKG	M	Junior
<a href="#">LASZCZAK Pawel</a>	POL	M	
<a href="#">LI Tianxing</a>	CHN	F	Junior
<a href="#">MAYANS CERVERA Vicent</a>	ESP	M	
<a href="#">MISEVICS Elmars</a>	LAT	M	Junior
<a href="#">MO Gayeon</a>	KOR	F	
PELLICHERO Maximilien	BEL	M	
<a href="#">PENG Longxin</a>	CHN	M	
PETERSONS Tomass	LAT	M	
RIZZO Luisa	ITA	F	
RONTÓ Roland	HUN	M	
<a href="#">ROUSSEAU Killian</a>	FRA	M	
<a href="#">SCHÄPPER Marvin</a>	SUI	M	
<a href="#">SCHRÖDER Arvin</a>	GER	M	Junior
<a href="#">SCHWARZ Patrick</a>	AUT	M	
SHTEREV Dimo	BUL	M	
ŠPAČEK David	CZE	M	

<a href="#">STROHMEIER Felix</a>	GER	M	Junior
<a href="#">TÜZÜN Nazim</a>	TUR	M	
<a href="#">WANNAPONG Wanraya</a>	THA	F	Junior

**FAI President Greg Principato expressed enthusiasm** for the upcoming event, stating:

*“The inclusion of Drone Racing in The World Games highlights the dynamic evolution of Air Sports and its appeal to a new generation of athletes and fans. We are excited to showcase the speed, strategy, and innovation that define this thrilling discipline, and we congratulate all the qualified pilots on their achievement. Moreover, **Air Sports have long been an integral part of The World Games, and it is vital to continue showcasing their significance on this global stage.**”*

**The best pilots from around the globe** will compete on a challenging and fast-paced course designed to test their reflexes and flying skills under intense competition conditions.

FAI remains committed to fostering the growth of Drone Racing worldwide, and **The World Games 2025 represents a major milestone in the sport’s international development**. Furthermore, FAI is actively advocating for the continued inclusion of Air Sports at The World Games. Supporters of this movement are encouraged to join the campaign using the hashtag **#AirSportsatTheWorldGames**.

### About The World Games

The World Games: 7-17 August 2025

The World Games Drone Racing event: 13-16 August 2025

The World Games is a prestigious multi-sport event organised by the International World Games Association (IWGA) under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Held every four years, The World Games showcases the best athletes in non-Olympic sports, providing a global platform for emerging and innovative disciplines. The 2025 edition will take place in Chengdu, China, from 7 to 17 August 2025. Air Sports have been part of The World Games since 1997.

- [List of qualified athletes and their profiles](#)
- [Pictures and videos of qualified athletes \(for editorial purposes\)](#)
- [Drone Racing at the World Games website](#)
- [The World Games: its crucial importance for Air Sports](#)
- [From 1997 to 2025 and beyond: a history of Air Sports at The World Games](#)
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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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