



Report of the Contest Director for the 32ND FAI WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

15th AUG 2024 to 25th AUG 2024, Zamosc, Poland

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1 - OVERALL

The 32nd FAI World Aerobatic Championships 2024 (WAC 2023) were organised by the Aero Club of Zamosc, the member of Aero Club of Poland. The Championships were held from 15th August to 25th August at the airfield in Zamosc (EPZA), Poland. 38 competitors of 13 nations were competing in the Championships. However, the original number of registered pilots was 40. 5 Programmes of Unlimited Category were conducted.

The 32nd FAI World Aerobatic Championships are organised in accordance with the following rules:

- FAI Sporting Code - General Section;
- FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 Part 1;
- Flight Rules published by the Civil Aviation Authorities of Poland;
- Local Regulations.



2 - OFFICIAL RESULTS

UNLIMITED RESULTS

Contest Results: Overall

1. Florent ODDON, FRA
2. Louis VANEL, FRA
3. Rob HOLLAND, USA

Contest Results: Teams

1. FRANCE: Florent ODDON, Louis VANEL, Victor LALLOUE
2. GERMANY: Florian BERGÉR, René JOHN, Marcus FEYERABEND
3. ROMANIA: Vlad-Alexandru POPESCU, Andrei-Mihai SERBU, Laszlo FERENCZ

Contest Results: Final Freestyle

1. Rob HOLLAND, USA
2. Florent ODDON, FRA
3. Castor FANTOBA, ESP

See more results at:

https://civa-results.com/2024/WAC_24/indexpage.htm





3 - KEY POINTS

CONTEST DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Jerzy MAKULA, POL - Contest Director
Mateusz NOWAK, POL - General Director
Pavel KAVKA, SVK - CD's Assistant
Jakub ZIĘBA, POL - Flight Director
Paweł SZCZEPANOWSKI, POL - Scoring Director

INTERNATIONAL JURY

Pierre VARLOTEAUX, FRA - President
Steve TODD, GBR - Member
Edward WAASDORP, NED - Member

PANEL OF JUDGES

Quintin HAWTHORNE, RSA - Chief Judge
Timo BARTHOLDI, FIN
Algis ORLIKAS, LIT
Galyna SUPRUNENKO, UKR
Gilles GUILLEMARD, FRA
Esteban MOULIN, BEL
Eladi LOZANO, ESP
Marty FLOURNOY, USA

JUDGES ASSISTANTS

Alain DUGAS
David TAYLOR
Guy AUGER
Irma JANCIUKIENE
Juozas VALIVONIS
Laszlo LISKAY
Rodríguez GONZALO
Tuula BARTHOLDI
Violeta GEDMINAITE

REGISTRATION

Registration was made using email: wac2024@aeroklubzamosc.pl - registrations were considered as valid after confirmation from the Organizer.

Registration On-site was made in the Registration Office from 14th August until 15th August. No registration problems were observed.

Entry Fees were specified as follows:

- Competitor: EUR 3250,00;
- Other Team Members: EUR 2250,00.

The Entry Fee covered:

- Accommodation and meals during the Championships;
- Fuel and oil for the Competition Flights;
- Programme arranged by the Organizer;
- CIVA Sanction Fee: CHF 300,00.



GENERAL INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

Official working hours of the Contest Office and Organisers were from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. These hours were valid for any official inquiries or information or deposit of claims/protest concerning the Contest during the Contest's period. All times were stated in the local time.

The below mentioned information was available in the Info Point:

- Briefing time;
- Current wind;
- Breaks;
- Pilots' numbers;
- General Order of Flights;
- Schedule;
- Provisional and Final Results, etc.

OFFICIAL FREE TRAINING FLIGHTS

Official free training period was from 11th August until the 14th August 2024. The competition box was marked for training days. Alternate box located 2 NM south of the airfield was also available, however it wasn't marked.

JUDGES' GENERAL BRIEFING

The Chief Judge's Briefing took place on 14th August. The organisation of the Championships as well as the latest amendments to the Sporting Code Section 6 Part 1 were revised for the Panel of Judges.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony took place on 17th August at 6:00 pm in the Great Market Square in Zamosc. The pilots marched through the square in accompaniment of a brass band. The Championships were officially opened by Quintin Hawthorne, the Chief Judge. The competitors were warmly welcomed by the audience. The ceremony ended with a dinner party.



GENERAL BRIEFING

The General Briefing was arranged by the Chief Judge on 15th August at 5:00 pm. The organisation of the Championships and flights was introduced to the Competitors as well as all safety procedures were revised. The flying order of Programme #1 was drawn.



FLIGHTS ORDER / SHARED AIRCRAFT

The order of flights in each group was determined by drawing of lots.

WARM-UP PILOTS

There were two Warm-Up Pilots: Jan JILEK and Romain FHAL.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS – FLIGHTS

Day	Date	Remarks
#0	15/08/2024	Official training FLIGHTS 5:00 pm - General Briefing
#1	16/08/2024	9:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS Flights stopped due to bad weather conditions
#2	17/08/2024	9:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 6:00 pm - Opening Ceremony
#3	18/08/2024	9:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 4:00 pm - Briefing Flights stopped due to bad weather conditions
#4	19/08/2024	9:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS Flights stopped due to bad weather conditions
#5	20/08/2024	9:00 am - Briefing 11:00 am - Briefing No flights due to low cloud ceiling
#6	21/08/2024	8:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS Flights stopped due to bad weather conditions 7:30 pm - Polish evening
#7	22/08/2024	10:00 am - Briefing 2:00 pm - Briefing FLIGHTS
#8	23/08/2024	8:00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 7:00 pm - Spanish evening
#9	24/08/2024	10:00 am - Briefing 10:45 am - Briefing 12:00 pm - Briefing FLIGHTS 7:30 pm - Closing Ceremony
#10	25/08/2024	Departures

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS – WEATHER CONDITIOINS

On 20th August, the weather conditions were analysed throughout the whole day by the Contest Director. During morning briefing (9:00 am), the METAR report from EPLB airport (located 37 NM to the north west of Zamosc airport) showed mist with overcast at 200 ft. Low cloud ceiling remained for the rest of a day. At 11:00 am, cancelation of the flights for that day was stated by the Contest Director. At 5:00 pm EPLB METAR reported scattered clouds at 1200 ft with overcast at 1600ft. Despite that, one of the team members submitted photograph at 5:00 pm with clear sky in sight, questioning the Contest Director decision. An hour later at 6:00 pm weather conditions deteriorated and the cloud base lowered.



5:04 pm



6:03 pm



6:15 pm

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - OFFICIAL WIND

The Official Wind was decided in cooperation with the Jury and the Chief Judge. The information was announced during briefings, on the flight line noticeboard and via the WhatsApp application.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - PROPOSALS FOR F.U.

All proposals for the Free Unknown had to be sent according to the rules of Sporting Code Section 6 Part 1.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - PROTESTS

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - SAFETY

There were no accidents and there was no necessity to provide first aid. However, an ambulance with a medical paramedics and fire truck with firefighters was provided throughout the Championships.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

The official language during the WAC 2024 for written and spoken forms of communication as well as briefings was English.

The communication was also conducted via a WhatsApp application where all current and official information was sent by the Organisers.

JUDGE PAPERWORK, SCORES ENTRY, RESULTS PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

Scoring Office was efficient which resulted in the Competitors' satisfaction. All the scores were put into the system and published immediately after a given flight by the Scoring Director, Paweł Szczepanowski.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A guided tour of Zamosc was organised for the Competitors and Judges during the Championships.



CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing and Medal Ceremony took place on 24th August 2024 at the airfield in Zamosc. After the ceremony, a banquet was held.

4 - CONCLUSIONS

The organisation of the Championships was successful. All current problems were solved immediately.

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