

FAI Controller Report for the:

5th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving
3rd FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships
1st FAI Asian Indoor Skydiving Championships
16 - 22 April 2024
GoAirborne, Macau, China

The event was conducted extraordinarily well, exceeding all our expectancies. The Go-Airborne wind tunnel is a state of the art infrastructure that has worked perfectly under the leadership of the Organizing Committee lead by Lawrence, Amy, Jason and Sarka, and we were treated better than anyone could have expected.

The event was very well attended with 248 competitors from 27 NACs. It was very nice to see a high level of participation from Asian Countries.

21 Formation Skydiving 4 way open teams
9 Formation Skydiving Female teams
6 Vertical Formation
5 Dynamic 4 way
22 Dynamic 2 way
19 Freestyle
11 Freestyle Junior

ORGANIZER AGREEMENT:

There was a delay in signing the OA but it was finally arranged and signed before the start of the event.

NAC PARTICIPATION:

There were several competitors competing under the FAI flag because their NAC was not active. Japan competitors could not participate due to lack of support from the Japanese NAC to Indoor Skydiving activities. All attempts to obtain NAC authorization to participate were unsuccessful.

FINANCES:

Transfer to and from Macau took longer than expected and it needs to be done sooner to avoid delays. FCEAD should be modified for sooner payments

TRANSPORT FROM HONG KONG AIRPORT.

The originally planned boat ferry transport from Honk Kong Airport to Macau was not operative and transfer had to done by land transport. Due to the fact that Hong Kong is a different country, judges could not be picked up there. Transfer by Bus or Taxi was arranged with a satisfactory result for the Judges Panels. For future events it needs to be specified in the BID from which location the Panel of judges will be picked up.

WIND TUNNEL INFRASTRUCTUTRE AND VENUE SITE:

State of the Art wind tunnel, in a very big building with ample space for the competitors and public. Located inside of a popular Shopping Centre it had many shops and restaurants for competitors to choose from. The venue was very well distributed with separate competitor areas.

TRAINING PERIOD

Verbal complaints were received regarding the training periods before the event. According to the rules teams are entitled to training time and there should a better distribution of these time periods. The issue was raised with the Indoor Committee but there is no easy solution since everyone wants to train during the last few days leading up to the competition, and the wind tunnel operator needs to make the reservations.

JUDGING

Judges panel for FS were located in a nearby room which worked perfectly. AE and DY panels had their Judging area next to the tunnel with an impressive set up of screens. The judges panels worked very efficiently.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

They took place in a nearby ball room. It was very well organized with many local officials supporting the event. There is a need to update FAI Opening and Closing Ceremony document dated 2009. The award ceremony was lengthy but well run. And the Gala dinner had a very good local cuisine buffet.

MEDIA EXPOSURE

During the event, daily reports were sent to the FAI Communication Department and they posted news articles and Pictures and videos from the event in all of the FAI social media. We detected a significant increase in interest in the ISC Competition, during and even after it had concluded.

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