

2024 summary and report of F2 World Cup

The year 2024's World Cup season finished and there is time and place to make a summary of what and how the events run and what could we do more, to improve.

We can state well comparable participation and, in some cases, even due to less competitions a slightly decreasing number of competitors (please refer to the statistic below).

The detailed overview of the F2 World Cup season can be taken on the FAI website, in the section of the Control Line Subcommittee.

Compared to the previous years, we had no issues with accepting the events as World Cup eligible, processes explanations and clarifications had been successful, and organizers mostly had not so many issues to find and involve judges and/or Jury members.

Open items:

1. Remaining topic from the past year(s) is the lack or shortage of qualified and skilled judges, we still need to develop a training system for specifically F2B judges.
2. A new task, in coordination with the new F2B working group chairman – Mr. Keith Renele would be the using of his 3D animated tool as a first step to help the improvement of judges and we need to work out a concept of flight trainings for judges.
3. We need to find a way in coordination with the CIAM Bureau, how to pursue some of the organisers to improve in the document management, so the documents are sent in time and in expected integrity. A method of penalisation for nonconforming materials would, in some cases, be needed. The way of non-including the results into the ranking would be a punishment rather for the competitors than for the organisers.

Short summarization of the 2024 World Cup

- Ideas & visions – as mentioned above
- Security issues – no security issues or dangerous situation has been observed as presented by the Jury reports
- One urgent situation has arisen during one of training flights in Sebnitz (GER), in which one pilot fainted due to circulation problems. Most fortunately we were able to stabilize the competitor before the ambulance arrived. There were no negative effects for the concerned competitor, and he were released from the hospital on next day.
- Technical issues – not known

Statistics

Class	No of events			No of competitors			No of Juniors			No of Female			Not held events		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
F2A	18	19	16	34	37	52	3	5	5	0	1	1	7	2	1
F2B	20	24	18	116	171	148	19	34	18	4	11	8	5	2	2
F2C	14	14	13	48	58	59	3	8	6	2	3	4	5	3	1
F2D	14	13	14	96	136	135	11	28	19	2	5	8	5	3	2
F2F	-	9	7	-	21	14	-	5	4	-	0	2	-	4	1
F2G	-	7	5	-	7	7	-	0	1	-	0	1	-	2	-

In 2024 total 73 competitions in all classes has been, unfortunately 7 couldn't be held due to current situation in the Ukraine. Compare to previous year 2023 we can see slight decrees in number of competitions per class and in total. The reasons are mainly problems with diminution of flying sites.

Prevailing situation with the war conflicts in 2024 still did not allow some events to be carried out and it is expected again, the Ukrainian NAC will request for postponing the events to the following year.

Recently accepted as first category events class F2G – Electric Speed despite relative low number of competitors, seems to be promising in the class development concerning technical parameters and in achieved speeds. The speeds are very close to F2A and could potentially be promising in attracting junior flyers, as we could observe since the introduction of electric propulsion in the F2B (Stunt).

The interest of junior and female competitors is nice stable and hopefully we can keep and improve the niveau of the control line classes.

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