

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIAM SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP 2024

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There were scheduled 12 Space Models World Cup events in 10 countries in America, Asia and Europe registered to the FAI Contest Calendar 2024 – Space Models. Due to the continuing geopolitical situation, some traditional organizers are still not able to organize the competitions, mostly Euro-Asian region. At two World Cups in USA, several classes were canceled due low attendance, mostly classes S7 and S8P were neither registered to the Contest Calendar nor flown. Other two competitions in the same region were either postponed or didn't meet the requirements for World Cup contest in one case. Traditionally, most of the organizers were very correct in preparing and sending results lists and reports within the next days, so the current placing lists could be posted on time. A small delay occurred after the tragical passing of the World Cup Coordinator, Andrija Ducak, but the quick introduction of the new Coordinator, Dragan Jevtic, helped to prepare all documents and CPL's on time, so the rest of the season was managed without delays.

A total of around thousand competitors from 21 countries (from which 9 were also organizing at least one SM World Cup event) from America and Europe participated in the 2024 Space Models World Cup season. A detailed list of participating countries in alphabetical order can be found below:

Bulgaria (1), Canada, **Czechia (1)**, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Great Britain, **Latvia (1)**, Lithuania, **Poland (1)**, Romania, **Serbia (1)**, **Slovakia (2)**, **Slovenia (1)**, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, **USA (4)**, Uzbekistan, **Kazachstan (1)**. **Bold** are countries that also were the organizers of the SM World Cup events and the number of organized World Cup events in the country is set in ().

Overview table of SM World Cup competitions held in 2024:

| No. | Date | Name of the competition | Location | Country |
|-----|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1 | 01. - 03.03. | 2024 Arizona CUP | Tucson | USA |
| 2 | 27. - 28.04 | Kaspichan 2024 | Kaspichan | BUL |
| 3 | 24. - 26.05 | Dubnica May Cup 2004 | Partizanske | SVK |
| 4 | 07. - 09.06 | CAN-AM Cup 2024 | Muncie | USA |
| 5 | 28. - 30.06 | Liepaja Cup 2024 | Liepaja | LAT |
| 6 | 12. - 14.07 | Bardejov Space Cup 2024 | Bardejov | SVK |
| 7 | 02. - 02.08 | North Coast Cup | Pueblo, Colorado | USA |
| 8 | 29. - 30.08 | Sirmium Cup 2024 | Zrenjanin | SRB |
| 9 | 06. - 08.09. | Galactic Cup 2024 | Muncie | USA |
| 10 | 14. - 17.09. | Korkyt Ata Cup 2024 | Baikonur | KAZ |
| 11 | 21. - 22.09. | Tessin Olza Cup 2024 | Milikov-Vrchpole | CZE |
| 12 | 04. - 06.10. | 44rd Ljubljana Cup | Ljubljana | SLO |

* The striked through indicate the canceled/postponed World Cup competitions.

Complete tables with allocated points for all sportsmen having at least one official flight are available in electronic form at the dedicated FAI Web site <https://www.fai.org/world-cups/space-models> or via

<https://www.fai.org/ciam-documents> under S-SPACE MODELS - World Cup → 2024 → Results, Reports and Bulletins. Final results were distributed to all FAI SM lists and lists of WCup organizers.

CONCLUSION: The number of World Cup went a bit back as prior year. The number of World Cups returned to the standard, if we consider the fact the several “strongly visited” competitions were not held. The total numbers of competitors in classes S4A, S6A and S9A compared to the past can be considered in long terms stable. The “king” classes S7 and S8P remained with a stable number of competitors due their complexity as well the number of cups held. This shows the attractiveness of these two classes and that rule changes adopted in 2021 attracted people, especially juniors, to enter and fly these classes. Traditionally, Space Models World Cups still stays the main and most effective way to promote this kind of sport.

TABLES WITH REVIEW OF TEN BEST SPORTSMEN PER SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP CLASSES 2024

CLASS S4A – BOOST GLIDER DURATION

| Plac. | Name | FAI ID | NAC | J/S | Total |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | HORNÁK Peter | 171392 | SVK | S | 408,6 |
| 2 | ŽITNAN JR. Michal | 24587 | SVK | S | 405,7 |
| 3 | BOLFA Simon | 70786 | SVK | S | 402,7 |
| 4 | BAUR Martin | 140846 | SVK | J | 396,0 |
| 5 | KUCKA Milan | 69098 | CZE | S | 381,6 |
| 6 | JEVTIC Branislav | 140555 | SRB | J | 371,6 |
| 7 | VASILEV Stefan H. | 16180 | BUL | S | 353,3 |
| 8 | STRUZMAN Rodion | 102184 | UKR | S | 346,6 |
| 9 | SIMEONOV Todor S. | 131689 | BUL | J | 343,7 |
| 10 | YORDANOV Plamen B. | 16229 | BUL | S | 340,8 |

Total: 165 competitors

CLASS S6A – STREAMER DURATION

| Plac. | Name | FAI ID | NAC | J/S | Total |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | HORNÁK Peter | 171392 | SVK | S | 395,3 |
| 2 | BAUR Andrej | 140845 | SVK | J | 387,2 |
| 3 | BOLFA Simon | 70786 | SVK | S | 378,8 |
| 4 | BAUR Martin | 140846 | SVK | J | 361,4 |
| 5 | ŽITNAN Michal | 24594 | SVK | S | 360,5 |
| 6 | ŽITNAN JR. Michal | 24587 | SVK | S | 356,5 |
| 7 | JEVTIC Branislav | 140555 | SRB | J | 339,7 |
| 8 | MATEOVÁ Klaudia | 132065 | SVK | J | 331,4 |
| 9 | O'BRYAN David | 139302 | USA | S | 326,8 |
| 10 | SIMEONOV Todor S. | 131689 | BUL | J | 310,7 |

Total: 215 competitors

CLASS S7 – SCALE MODELS

| Plac. | Name | FAI ID | NAC | J/S | Total |
|----------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | VACHKOV Dimitar V. | 16106 | BUL | S | 336,7 |
| 2 | KUCKA Milan | 69098 | CZE | S | 322,8 |
| 3 | VASILEV Stefan H. | 16180 | BUL | S | 315,7 |
| 4 | GNASS Fritz | 16306 | CAN | S | 285,5 |
| 5 | STOPA Jan | 82806 | CZE | S | 264,8 |
| 6 | PAVKA Bedrich | 30503 | CZE | S | 235,9 |
| 7 | STIRBA Petr | 62270 | CZE | S | 230,3 |
| 8 | STEELE Matt | 68200 | USA | S | 218,3 |
| 9 | KRISTAL Steve | 68195 | USA | S | 192,7 |
| 10 | PAVKOVÁ Rosálie | 168727 | CZE | J | 179,5 |

Total: 59 competitors

CLASS S8P – RC ROCKET GLIDER PRECISION LANDING

| Plac. | Name | FAI ID | NAC | J/S | Total |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | BOLFA Simon | 70786 | SVK | S | 351,1 |
| 2 | TODOROV Angel Ts. | 16136 | BUL | S | 340,7 |
| 3 | KICURA Rastislav | 24603 | SVK | S | 336,6 |
| 4 | MATUŠKA Peter | 24592 | SVK | S | 301,3 |
| 5 | PEYCHEV Nikolay I. | 15985 | BUL | S | 292,4 |
| 6 | BAUR Andrej | 140845 | SVK | J | 223,1 |
| 7 | CHEKH Oleksandr | 91880 | UKR | S | 219,8 |
| 8 | GALKO Denis | 70885 | SVK | S | 190,9 |
| 9 | STIRBA Petr | 62270 | CZE | S | 188,3 |
| 10 | KUCKA Milan | 69098 | CZE | S | 166,0 |

Total: 32 competitors

CLASS S9A – GYROCOPTER DURATION

| Plac. | Name | FAI ID | NAC | J/S | Total |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | ŽITNAN JR. Michal | 24587 | SVK | S | 401,3 |
| 2 | BAUR Andrej | 140845 | SVK | J | 379,1 |
| 3 | SLAVCHEVA Stela A. | 163243 | BUL | S | 367,5 |
| 4 | SAVOV Valentin H. | 15934 | BUL | S | 365,0 |
| 5 | JEVTIC Branislav | 140555 | SRB | J | 363,5 |
| 6 | PAVKA Bedrich | 30503 | CZE | S | 359,6 |
| 7 | BAUR Martin | 140846 | SVK | J | 340,6 |
| 8 | PAVKOVÁ Rosálie | 168727 | CZE | J | 320,3 |
| 9 | PAVLJUK Vasil | 24542 | SVK | S | 320,0 |
| 10 | SIMEONOV Todor S. | 131689 | BUL | J | 314,7 |

Total: 150 competitors

MEDALS TABLE PER COUNTRY PER SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP 2024

| Plac. | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Slovakia | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| 2 | Bulgaria | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | Czech Republic | | 1 | | 1 |
| Sum : | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 |