

# REPORT ON 2024 FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

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The winner of F1A was Jaroslaw Jeziorny from Poland with three winds and a second place. Before this victory he had been competing in the World Cup for only the last three years. Bostjan Bagari (Slovenia) and Dusan Fric of Czechia came third, the same as his placing last year.

The F1A Junior event was won by Tomasz Jeziorny who is the son of Jaroslaw who won F1A. It is remarkable to have close relatives winning World Cups, particularly in the same year. Tomasz was also fourth in the overall F1A event and had been third in F1A Junior in 2023. Second place went to Luka Najdoski of North Macedonia and third to Franek Halicki of Poland.

Oleg Kulakovsky (Ukraine) won F1B, making a total of 6 World Cup wins in this event. Having won 5 events, Oleg was ahead of Stanislaw Skibicki and Adam Krawiec, both of them from Poland.

There are two Ukrainians on the F1B Junior, with Oleskii Kosylo winning and Oleksandr Kozhukaru in third place behind Florian Jackel of Germany.

Yuan Gao won F1C, the first time that a Chinese flyer has won a Free Flight World Cup. His scores included a clean sweep of victories at the three USA events in February and two in Australia. Second and third places were taken by the Hungarian family Bauer with Balazs second and Soma third.

F1Q was won by Mihaly Varadi of Hungary, just ahead of Fabrizio Ceccarini (Italy) by bonus points. Rafal Wagner of Poland was third. F1Q junior was won by Franciszek Jedrysiak (Poland) followed by Lorant Buzas (Hungary) and Wojciech Bartel (Poland)

The winner in F1E was Tiberiu Furjes of Romania, second was last year's winner Jean Luc Drapeau and third was Eugeny Gorban (Ukraine). F1E Junior was won by Piotr Bryja (Poland) with Theo Laura (France) second and Leon Rink (Germany) third.

The number of events in F1D doubled from the two in the inaugural event last year, but still not enough events to be able to give medals to the winners. Brett Sanborn (USA) won and was the only person to score points at three competitions. Second was Tiberiu Furjes, the Romanian F1E winner, and third Emily Guyett (USA).

In F1D Junior the top three places went to junior winners of a single event each. The Romanians Alexandru Matei and Oliver Turjes both won a single event in Romania and since there were six juniors flying in both of these event there was no way to differentiate between them and so they a joint winners of the title. Third place went to Daniel Guo (USA) who had been the only Junior flying in an event in USA and so had fewer bonus points than the winners.

## ORGANISATION

The top three places in each event have been displayed on the FAI web site and updated frequently throughout the year at the address:

<https://www.fai.org/world-cups/f1-free-flight>

The detailed results have been uploaded to the coordinator's web site and there are links to this from the FAI web page for both the results of each class or the overall summary.

During the year the only competitions cancelled were in F1E, one due forecast of thunderstorms and one with a date that proved inconvenient for competitors.

Protests were received against the Salonta Cup at which no timekeepers were available for the second flyoff. When considering these it became apparent that some times from altimeters had been accepted and others rejected without a strict control of these times. After discussion in the CIAM F1 Subcommittee and Bureau that without reliable times for all competitors the second flyoffs should be disregarded and World Cup points awarded on the basis of ties for first place. This resulted in a counter-protest by the originally identified winner who provided documentation on his flight. Consideration of this by the Subcommittee and Bureau resulted in confirmation their previous decision to disregard the scored flyoffs, since while the documentation provided could validate this one flight there was no way of obtaining equivalent information from all competitors.

## F1N

During 2024 an unofficial World Cup was run for the class F1N. This was a test partly to feed data to the April Plenary meeting for consideration in conjunction with a proposal for a league for F1N flying. At the Plenary meeting Serbia amended their proposal to proposing World Cup status for F1N which was accepted and the class joins World Cup in 2025.

F1N is not included in the 2024 statistics section below, but the equivalent details for the class follow here

### Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points

|                                       | F1N | F1N-Junior |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Number of competitions                | 8   | 7          |
| Total number of entries               | 310 | 135        |
| Number of competitors scoring points: |     |            |
| in 1 event                            | 75  | 42         |
| in 2 events                           | 6   | 1          |
| in 3 events                           | 5   | 4          |
| in 4 events                           | 7   | 1          |
| in 5 events                           | 3   | 1          |

### Number of entries

| Number of competitors entering: | F1N | F1N-Junior |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------|
| 1 event                         | 147 | 65         |
| 2 events                        | 9   | 2          |
| 3 events                        | 13  | 7          |
| 4 events                        | 8   | 3          |
| 5 events                        | 10  | 3          |
| 6 events                        | 4   | 3          |

### Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

| F1N |    | F1N-Junior |    |
|-----|----|------------|----|
| SVK | 32 | SVK        | 21 |
| GRE | 21 | CRO        | 7  |
| SRB | 14 | SRB        | 7  |
| CRO | 13 | GRE        | 6  |
| POL | 6  | POL        | 4  |
| SLO | 5  | SLO        | 3  |
| HUN | 3  | HUN        | 1  |
| MKD | 2  | UKR        | 1  |
| UKR | 1  |            |    |
| USA | 1  |            |    |

## STATISTICS

There have been 59 competitions in F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q, 20 in F1E and 4 in F1D, with a total 3773 entries in these competitions (note that this number counts entries in the open events only and excludes the junior events since all juniors participate in the open events)

### Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

The “All” column is the number of individual people over all classes and this includes reductions for people who have flown in more than one class.

| A      | A Junior | B      | B Junior | C     | Q      | Q Junior | E      | E Junior | D      | D Junior | All classes |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|-------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|
| GER 24 | GER 7    | ISR 17 | ISR 7    | HUN 5 | GER 11 | POL 3    | ROU 21 | ROU 13   | ROU 10 | ROU 5    | GER 66      |
| ISR 22 | BIH 6    | USA 16 | CHN 5    | ISR 5 | USA 9  | HUN 2    | POL 19 | POL 9    | USA 6  | USA 1    | FRA 60      |
| FRA 21 | FRA 6    | FRA 15 | FRA 5    | USA 5 | HUN 6  | MGL 2    | GER 17 | FRA 4    | CAN 1  |          | USA 53      |
| HUN 19 | POL 6    | GER 14 | UKR 4    | CHN 4 | BUL 5  | GER 1    | FRA 16 | GER 4    | FRA 1  |          | ISR 51      |
| FIN 15 | SVK 6    | UKR 12 | GER 3    | FRA 4 | ITA 5  |          | CZE 11 | BUL 1    | HUN 1  |          | POL 50      |
| USA 15 | ISR 5    | CHN 7  | SVK 3    | MGL 4 | POL 5  |          | ITA 8  | CHN 1    | SVK 1  |          | ROU 34      |
| CZE 14 | SLO 5    | MGL 7  | MGL 2    | UKR 4 | FRA 4  |          | USA 6  | CZE 1    |        |          | HUN 32      |
| POL 13 | MGL 4    | POL 7  | USA 2    | AUS 3 | GBR 4  |          | BUL 4  | ITA 1    |        |          | CZE 30      |
| BIH 10 | CZE 3    | GBR 6  | CZE 1    | BUL 3 | ISR 4  |          | UKR 2  | SVK 1    |        |          | MGL 27      |
| SVK 10 | BUL 2    | AUS 5  | MKD 1    | GER 3 | MGL 4  |          | AUT 1  | UKR 1    |        |          | UKR 22      |

|     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  |     |    |
|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|--|-----|---|--|--|--|--|-----|----|
| NED | 9 | EST | 2 | CZE | 5 | POL | 1 | GBR | 3 | DEN | 3 |  | CHN | 1 |  |  |  |  | FIN | 20 |
| SLO | 8 | HUN | 2 | TUR | 5 |     |   | ITA | 3 | FIN | 3 |  | GBR | 1 |  |  |  |  | ITA | 20 |
| TUR | 8 | MKD | 2 | CAN | 4 |     |   | KAZ | 2 | NED | 1 |  | SVK | 1 |  |  |  |  | BUL | 17 |
| DEN | 7 | USA | 2 | FIN | 3 |     |   | LTU | 2 | SUI | 1 |  | SWE | 1 |  |  |  |  | CHN | 17 |
| MGL | 7 | NED | 1 | MKD | 3 |     |   | SRB | 2 |     |   |  | SUI | 1 |  |  |  |  | SVK | 16 |
| MKD | 7 | ROU | 1 | NOR | 3 |     |   | CAN | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | GBR | 15 |
| BUL | 6 | SWE | 1 | SVK | 3 |     |   | CRO | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | SLO | 14 |
| CRO | 6 | TUR | 1 | SRB | 3 |     |   | EST | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | TUR | 14 |
| SWE | 6 | UKR | 1 | BIH | 2 |     |   | FIN | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | BIH | 13 |
| CHN | 5 |     |   | CRO | 2 |     |   | MKD | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | AUS | 12 |
| UKR | 5 |     |   | DEN | 2 |     |   | POL | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | NED | 12 |
| SRB | 5 |     |   | EST | 2 |     |   | SLO | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | MKD | 11 |
| AUS | 4 |     |   | ITA | 2 |     |   | UZB | 1 |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | DEN | 10 |
| GBR | 4 |     |   | KAZ | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | SRB | 10 |
| ITA | 4 |     |   | LTU | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | CRO | 9  |
| LTU | 4 |     |   | NED | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | LTU | 8  |
| AUT | 3 |     |   | ROU | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | SWE | 8  |
| EST | 3 |     |   | SWE | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | CAN | 7  |
| ROU | 3 |     |   | SUI | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | EST | 7  |
| SUI | 3 |     |   | AUT | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | KAZ | 6  |
| KAZ | 2 |     |   | BUL | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | AUT | 5  |
| KOR | 2 |     |   | KOR | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | SUI | 4  |
| LAT | 2 |     |   | NZL | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | UZB | 4  |
| ESP | 2 |     |   | SLO | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | KOR | 3  |
| UZB | 2 |     |   | ESP | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | NOR | 3  |
| BEL | 1 |     |   | UZB | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | ESP | 3  |
| CAN | 1 |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | LAT | 2  |
|     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | BEL | 1  |
|     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |  |     |   |  |  |  |  | NZL | 1  |

### Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points

|                                       | F1A  | F1AJ | F1B | F1BJ | F1C | F1Q | F1QJ | F1E | F1EJ | F1D | F1DJ |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Number of competitions                | 59   | 45   | 58  | 30   | 49  | 44  | 14   | 20  | 17   | 4   | 3    |
| Total entries                         | 1670 | 331  | 918 | 137  | 276 | 307 | 24   | 509 | 124  | 53  | 13   |
| Number of competitors scoring points: |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| in 1 event                            | 109  | 26   | 58  | 14   | 25  | 27  | 4    | 49  | 15   | 13  | 4    |
| in 2 events                           | 62   | 13   | 42  | 9    | 16  | 12  | 1    | 22  | 13   | 6   | 2    |
| in 3 events                           | 28   | 10   | 22  | 5    | 6   | 14  | 2    | 17  | 7    | 1   | 0    |
| in 4 events                           | 21   | 4    | 18  | 3    | 6   | 4   | 1    | 9   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 5 events                           | 18   | 1    | 4   | 2    | 1   | 2   | 0    | 5   | 1    | 0   | 0    |
| in 6 events                           | 13   | 2    | 3   | 0    | 3   | 1   | 0    | 3   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 7 events                           | 11   | 2    | 5   | 0    | 0   | 2   | 0    | 4   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 8 events                           | 3    | 2    | 2   | 0    | 2   | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 9 events                           | 7    | 0    | 2   | 0    | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 10 events                          | 1    | 1    | 2   | 0    | 0   | 1   | 0    | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 11 events                          | 5    | 0    | 3   | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 12 events                          | 1    | 1    | 1   | 0    | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 13 events                          | 1    | 1    | 2   | 1    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| in 14 events                          | 2    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    |
| Totals                                | 282  | 63   | 164 | 34   | 60  | 65  | 8    | 110 | 36   | 20  | 6    |

## Top 3 in each class

The events marked \*\* are not eligible for World Cup medals, but CIAM Bureau has supported the award of diploma

### F1A

|   |                   |     |      |
|---|-------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Jaroslaw Jeziorny | POL | 2482 |
| 2 | Bostjan Bagari    | SLO | 2399 |
| 3 | Dusan Fric        | CZE | 2358 |

### F1A-Junior

|   |                 |     |      |
|---|-----------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Tomasz Jeziorny | POL | 2391 |
| 2 | Luka Najdoski   | MKD | 2266 |
| 3 | Franek Halicki  | POL | 2112 |

### F1B

|   |                    |     |      |
|---|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Oleg Kulakovsky    | UKR | 2418 |
| 2 | Stanislaw Skibicki | POL | 2255 |
| 3 | Adam Krawiec       | POL | 2202 |

### F1B-Junior

|   |                     |     |      |
|---|---------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Oleksii Kosylo      | UKR | 2011 |
| 2 | Florian Jackel      | GER | 1944 |
| 3 | Oleksandr Kozhukaru | UKR | 1747 |

### F1C

|   |              |     |      |
|---|--------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Yuan Gao     | CHN | 2190 |
| 2 | Balazs Bauer | HUN | 2016 |
| 3 | Soma Bauer   | HUN | 1920 |

### F1Q

|   |                    |     |      |
|---|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Mihaly Varadi      | HUN | 2111 |
| 2 | Fabrizio Ceccarini | ITA | 2096 |
| 3 | Rafal Wagner       | POL | 1926 |

### F1Q-Junior

|   |                      |     |      |
|---|----------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Franciszek Jedrysiak | POL | 2005 |
| 2 | Lorant Buzas         | HUN | 1501 |
| 3 | Wojciech Bartel      | POL | 1339 |

### F1E

|   |                  |     |      |
|---|------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Tiberiu Furjes   | ROU | 2343 |
| 2 | Jean-Luc Drapeau | FRA | 2253 |
| 3 | Eugeny Gorban    | UKR | 2075 |

### F1E-Junior

|   |             |     |      |
|---|-------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Piotr Bryja | POL | 1984 |
| 2 | Theo Laura  | FRA | 1512 |
| 3 | Leon Rink   | GER | 1300 |

### F1D \*\*

|   |                |     |      |
|---|----------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Brett Sanborn  | USA | 1483 |
| 2 | Tiberiu Furjes | ROU | 955  |
| 3 | Emily Guyett   | USA | 905  |

### F1D-Junior \*\*

|   |                 |     |     |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | Oliver Furjes   | ROU | 505 |
| 1 | Alexandru Matei | ROU | 505 |
| 3 | Daniel Guo      | USA | 500 |

### Test F1N \*\*

|   |                  |     |      |
|---|------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Darko Ozimec     | CRO | 2477 |
| 2 | Ivan Deorgievski | SRB | 2118 |
| 3 | Mirjana Ozimec   | CRO | 1829 |

### Test F1N-Junior \*\*

|   |                     |     |      |
|---|---------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | Mariano Tadic       | CRO | 2040 |
| 2 | Josip Resetar       | CRO | 1777 |
| 3 | Nikola Deorgievski, | SRB | 1529 |