

Report from the junior World Championships Held at the Fields outside Valchitran, Pordim, Bulgaria 25 - 30 July.

The model processing and registration took place in the Valchitran municipality hall for the 14 nations participating. All went smooth and the schedule was held according to plan with 30 min slots for all teams. At 16:00 the meeting for the timekeepers was held. Most of the timekeepers was already experienced, so the meeting took only 40 min. The TM meeting started at 17:00 with some clarifications of the rules about numbers of people at the start line. Some more clarifications followed specific for junior Championships just as reminders. A few questions were asked by some of the team managers, the CD together with the jury could answer them without any problems. The lottery for the start positions finished the TM meeting. We had 14 nations competing in class F1A, 12 nations in class F1B and 5 nations in class F1P. In all the meeting ended quite early after just 40 min. The opening ceremony followed in the centrum of Pordim. It was well organized outdoors and followed all procedures. Price giving for Bulgaria Cup and then some performances with folk music and dancing ended the ceremony. The whole program took a little bit more then 1 hour.

During the world cup event, Bulgaria Cup, we had quite a lot of challenges with high temperatures and on one of the days strong winds. With the shifting winds we had to move the start line quite often. With this in mind the start line for the F1A event was set up in the middle of the Field. The forecast for F1A was good with low varying wind.

26 of July

The organizers did a good job setting all up in the morning, so all was ready with clear announcements of time 15 min before the start of the first round. The first round started at 8:00 with a 4 min max. Also, the second round was flown to a 4 min max. Duration of all rounds was 65 min with a 5 min break. The extra 10 min from the usual 55 min was good because we had some teams using the new rule with a fourth female competitor.

We flew two more rounds before the lunch break, both with a 3 min max, low winds but turbulent thermals. At 14:00 the fifth round started with a bit more wind and even more turbulent than before the break. Only a handful competitors was with full score at this point. The two last rounds finished in the same way but with a little bit less turbulent thermals in the last round. Processing of models and lines was going on all day and the organizer processed much more models and lines then the 20 % needed.

Only three competitors made 7 maxes. The female classification was ready after the seventh round. Also, the team classification was ready after the last round.

According to the schedule the 6 min flyoff started at 18:30. A big thermal passed so all three competitors made the max. Flyoff nr two started at 19:35 with an 8 min max. This flyoff decided the top three places.

27 of July

Again, the organizers did a good job setting up the start line in time. We were now flying from the end of the field. The wind was strong 30 min before the start of the round, close to the limit of 9 m/s, but it calmed a little before the contest started at 8:00. The organizer decided together with the jury to set the maxtime to 3 min, we suspected that 4 min would take the models to the village. Also, in round 2 we changed the maxtime to 3 min instead of 4 min.

The wind was about 7 m/s in average with gusts over 9 m/s. At least one model landed in the village, it landed after 6 min flying in strong thermal when making the dt.

The same weather continued in round 3, now with even stronger thermals. Some more models landed in the village, but it was after long flight time after dt at high altitude in strong thermals. Most models landed in the field.

After a 35 min break round 4 started. The average wind was going down, still in the gusts after thermals it was up to 7 m/s. During the day all three models from the F1A flyoff were processed, all models and lines was according to the rules.

After the lunchbreak the fifth round started at 14:00, wind about 4 m/s. Processing of models and rubber went on all day and a bit more then 20 % of the competitors was checked. At this point 5 competitors had full score. For round 6 and 7 the wind dropped more, in periods it was flat calm. Also, this day the temperature went up close to 40 degrees centigrade.

After the 7:th round 4 competitors still had full score. The female and team classification were decided after the 7:th round.

For the flyoff we had to move the start position, so the start was delayed until 19:15. We had 4 competitors in the flyoff. Only one competitor dropped in the 6 min flyoff so 3 competitors proceeded to the eight min flyoff that started 20:30. This became the last flyoff because no one made the eight min. After the flyoff the rubber for the top three pilots was processed without any remarks. Model processing followed the next day.

28 of July

Again, the organizes set up the start line in good time so the first round with a 3 minute max was opened at 8:00. The wind was low, but changed direction during the round, so we moved the start line after the first round. The weather stayed the same all day, a bit cooler than the previous days. Early in the contest it was clear that we would not have anyone with 7 maxes.

After round 7 the two Ukrainian boys in top finished with the same score so we still needed a flyoff to decide the winner. The seventh round finished at 17:20 and we decided to make the flyoff at 17:30 because some dark clouds appeared, and we suspected that we might get a storm later on. Only one flyoff was needed to decide the winner.

After round 7 the team score was decided, and the same with the female classification. In F1A and in F1B we have for the first time female world Champions, for F1P this is not the case because we had only pilots from two nations competing.

During the day we processed all three models on the podium in F1B and after the flyoff in F1P the first models was also processed, all without any remarks.

29 of July

In the morning we checked the results to make them official. No complaints were made so this was also included in all reportage that will be sent to the office.

In the evening we had a very nice banquet. Because some of the winners had to leave early we made an improvised price giving in class F1A during the banquet.

30 of July

At 11:00 we had the full price giving at the centrum of Pordim, all according to the rules. A very nice ending of a very well organized Championships, the organizing team and the NAC of Bulgaria must be thanked again for a great job ! In all it was three hot and challenging competition days on the field. The winners are all worthy the titles !

Some questions were asked that CIAM must discuss.

Processing of the models for the female pilots on the podium. Should we Also process those models ?

A female champion, will she be able at next Championships to defend her titel ?

Some clarifications could be made in the sporting code about this.

Pleven, 30 of July 2022, Per Findahl head of the FAI jury