

F1 Ranking

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The Free Flight Ranking is a running assessment of the best-performing flyers in the 4 major classes F1A, F1B, F1C, and F1E which is updated every 2 months.

The ranking uses results from both World Cup and event and Championships. Points are allocated by applying the World Cup scoring system to all events. In addition performance points are awarded for a competitor's performance in an event compared to the relative position of other competitors in the ranking. For example, a competitor with a low ranking will receive performance points for beating people who are above him in the ranking. Conversely, a highly ranked competitor who finishes below other lowly-ranked people will be given negative performance points. ranking positions below him

According to the definition of the ranking, the scores from events in the last 12 months are counted in full. Events between 12 and 24 months have scores reduced linearly so that events older than 24 months make no contribution to the ranking. A total of 6 events can be counted to make the competitor's ranking score, except that all negative scores are counted.

As described above the ranking calculations normally operate on events over a period of 24 months. In view of the lack of competitions for 16 months from March 2020 to June 2021 the scheme has been adjusted temporarily to ignore that 16 month period, so that in the November 2021 ranking full points are scored for all events from July 2019 and for events before that the scores taper to zero for events in July 2018. This 16 month period will be maintained until a full 2 years of competitions have been held, that is until July 2023.

There is currently a total of 1279 competitors classified over the 4 classes. See the current F1 Ranking at <https://www.fai.org/page/f1-free-flight-rankings>