



Report by the FAI Jury of the 2024 FAI F1ABCQ ASIAN-OCEANIC CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR FREE FLIGHT MODEL AIRCRAFT

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July 24th – 28th, 2024

Organisers:

The Organizing NAC of the Championships was the Mongolian Airsports Federation (MASF), and the Executive Organiser was the Mongolian Aeromodelling Sport Association (MASA).

Contest Director: Baasanjav AMARSAIKHAN (MGL)

FAI Jury: Zoran Pelagic (SVK) Jury President, Shigeru KANEGAWA (JPN), Jamsran ADILBISH (MGL)

Pre-contest Information:

Three Bulletins containing all necessary information regarding the championships were published. The first Bulletin was e-mailed to all CIAM Delegates by the CIAM Secretary as well as published on the Mongolian NACs Website. The second Bulletin was E-mailed to all preliminary entered countries' contact persons as well as published on the Championships Website. The third Bulletin was emailed and published on the website with final information for the attending competitors.

A Jury briefing, as well as the first Team Managers meeting, was held on the 24th of July at the local airfield "Sky friends", where the major aspects of the championships were discussed and explained.

During Contest Information:

The organisers had an information board at the flying field on the container, where the results processing happened. The preliminary scores were automatically processed and shown on a digital screen. During rain, all information present at the container's interior.

Participation:

The final entry for the F1ABCQ consisted of a total 40 competitors from 6 countries. The detailed numbers of participants for each class were: F1A – 11 competitors, F1B – 15 competitors, F1C – 10 competitors and F1Q – 4 competitors. The details for each participant and team can be observed in the final results.

Practice Flights:

The contest site was available from the 18th up to and including the 24rd of July for practice flights and getting acquainted with the field, as prior to the championships several world cup events were organized. As well in the morning and afternoon after competitions, the competitors were free to practice.



Accommodation:

Each Jury member was situated in a small, one room house at the Nisleg Center, which is a small airfield for gyrocopters located 30min of drive time from the contest field. Breakfast and dinner were provided to the Jury at the same place in a small restaurant situated few meters away from the accommodation. Depending on the national team, accommodation was chosen either in one of the cities nearby, or camping at the site was preferred.

Competition Site:

The pre-championship world cups and the championships were held at Darkhan Noyonii Khudag field, situated 50km away from Ulaanbaatar, and around 25km from Nisleg Center. The field itself had a size of at least 5x7km, with only smooth grass and no obstacles present. A canteen was established by the organizer in a container for refreshments to the Jury, contest officials and competitors. This served in case of need as a meeting room for the Jury. The Team Managers meetings and Judges briefings were held either at the Sky Friends center for the main briefing or at the results processing container for on-field meetings. Two porta-toilets were catered for the needs of the officials, judges and competitors at the flight line. A large, framed tent away from the flight line was used by the officials at breaks. To shelter them from the sun, all timekeepers and officials were provided with umbrellas.

Competitor and Model Processing:

The organizers ensured that all competitors and team managers were holders of valid FAI Sporting Licences in advance before the championships and during registration, the Jury checked and verified the list. All model specification certificates, competitors declaration forms and anti- doping declarations were collected during the registration of teams. They were also available as hardcopy for inspection by Jury. Model weights, dimensions and computed wing areas could be checked via the official scales and rulers before official processing. For F1A, the tow line length measure was place outside the processing room. Random checks were as well done during the contest, and all winners models were re-measured after the last flight in each class.

Scoring System:

The system was based on the long-used online software for free flight competitions, designed and used by MASA. This system is sophisticated and allows fast and reliable processing of results to the preliminary scoreboard. The timekeepers just needed access to the system and could enter the score via their cell phone. The official scores were recorded on paper and signed by the TM.

Weather Conditions:

The weather conditions varied from cool rainy and foggy to sunny and warm during the contest days. The wind varied from 1 to 7 m/s except for the F1A day, where the heavy rain and strong wind with fog delayed the final flights. Wind direction was stable during the whole contest, so only one flight line needed to be used. The contestants generally coped very well with the conditions.



Protests:

No protests, nor a complaint was submitted during the championships.

Social Events:

The closing Banquet for the previously held world cup contest served as well as the “get together party” for the attendees of the championships. This has proven to a good idea, as socialising with a wider range of people was present and everyone had a good time.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Championships:

The Opening Ceremony was held at the Sky Friends airfield building. Due to bad weather, the whole ceremony had to be moved to the inside of the main administration building. The teams and their supporters marched in the meeting hall when called up in front of their national flags. After brief welcoming speeches by Duma Namsrai, Secretary General of the Mongolian Airports Federation and other representatives and then the championships were declared open by the president of the FAI Jury Zoran Pelagic. The FAI flag was then raised during the playing of the FAI Anthem after which the assembly dispersed. The opening ceremony was followed by an excellent national artist show.



The Closing Ceremony was held on Sunday the 28th of July, one day after the final F1C and F1Q flights and the verification of the results by the Contest Director and Jury Members. The Jury President then announced that since the jury was satisfied that the event had been run according to all the applicable FAI rules, the results had been verified and published and no protests had been received, the prize giving may proceed.



FAI medals and diplomas were then handed out to the top three individual contestants and teams in all classes by the various officials assisting. The first placed individuals and teams also received their respective FAI perpetual trophies. The flags were raised, and the national anthems of the winners were played and time for photographs was allowed after each presentation.



The FAI flag was then lowered during the playing of the FAI anthem. The championships were declared closed by the CIAM President after he had received the FAI flag from the Contest Director.

Conclusion:

2024 FAIF1ABCQ Asian-Oceanic Championships for Free Flight Model Aircraft were a success of which the Mongolian Aeromodelling Sports Federation and the Mongolian Airports Federation may justifiably be proud of. On behalf of the FAI, we would like to congratulate the Organizing team, their always friendly Office Staff and all the Officials for a great job. The Competitors and their Team Managers as well as their Supporters acted in a smooth and fair manner with a true spirit of sportsmanship. The part that each group played is significant to make this event a smooth running and enjoyable one to remember with fond memories. The Jury concludes that with these Championships, the Organizer made a good first step towards making good organization of the 2027 World F1ABCQ Championships to be hosted at the same place.

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