



CIVL 2025 Plenary - Annexe 16

Paragliding Acro Committee - Season 2024 Report

Introduction

Throughout the 2024 season, 594 competition runs have been completed without any incidents or accidents to report. It is noteworthy that no reserve parachute deployments were recorded during this competition season.

After previous season's (2023) introduction of the over ground competition format (COG for Competition Over Ground), exclusively accessible to AWT pilots, France hosted again two competitions under this format, both of which were successes.

Building upon the successful introduction of the two leagues in 2022 (as a reminder, the AWT - Acro World Tour, featuring the top 12 pilots, and the AWQ - Acro World Qualifier, gathering other pilots), the 2024 season continued to follow the same format.

Most of the events were livestreamed on platforms such as YouTube, accompanied by live commentary from a dedicated speaker. In 2023, all of the Cat. 2 competitions were livestreamed, we believe that it is really enhancing acro competitions. From this point of view, it's a downgrade for 2024 season as some of the competitions didn't had the livestream coverage. This issue should be seriously considered for 2025.

Cat. 1 Competition

Turkey: Oludeniz World Championships September 9 – September 15. There were 3 Solo runs and 4 Synchro runs made at the event.

World Championships Results

- Solo
 - 1st Théo De Blic (FRA)
 - 2nd Luke De Weert (NLD)
 - 3rd Florian Landreau (FRA)
- Women
 - 1st Maud Perrin (FRA)
 - 2nd Gabi Fonk (DEU)
 - 3rd Jennifer Plöschberger (AUT)
- National teams
 - 1st France
 - 2nd Switzerland
 - 3rd Turkey
- Synchro
 - 1st Team Back2Back: Théo De Blic (FRA) and Luke De Weert (NLD)
 - 2nd Team Airbound: Roland Brunnbauer (AUT) and Norbi Winkler (GER)
 - 3rd Team Fusion: Raul Rodriguez (ESP) and Horacio Llorens (ESP)

Cat. 2 Competitions

- France: Saint Hilaire “Nest Games” (AWT COG) June 8 – June 9.
Marking the season's inaugural competition. Favorable weather conditions, despite a little rain in the morning, enabled the execution of three runs in a single day, just as scheduled.

- France: Allevard “Kings of the Box” (AWT COG) June 14 – June 16.
Very good weather conditions and impeccable organization. Three runs in a single day.

An issue with the registration of the competition made this event invalid as a Cat. 2 for FAI! Organizers should respect delays and procedures in the future.

- Switzerland: Brienz “Swiss Acro Tour” (AWQ + AWT) July 28 – July 30.
After last year first edition, the organization improved a lot. This time, AWT was also part of the event. Good weather enabled to execute the three planned runs.

(Noticeable accident not during the competition but just the day before: David Pache, a Swiss pilot took off with a knot in the lines, leading to a crash just after the take-off, he broke some vertebrae and is now tetraplegic. Reminding us the risk in the habits.)

- Italy: Lago dei Tre Comuni “Acromax” (AWT + AWQ + Italian championship) August 10 – August 14.
This event has a long-standing history of exceptional organization and consistently stands out as a masterpiece. Difficult weather conditions made the event challenging to execute. A thunderstorm ended the event with a forest fire handled by helicopters taking water in the lake.

- Switzerland: Villeneuve “Sonchoux Acroshow” (AWT + AWQ) August 16 – August 18.
Weather forecast was really bad but in the end, allowed pilots to perform two runs. A third run was supposed to be flown on the last day but some issues and delays made the organizer cancel it.

- Turkey: Oludeniz “World Acro Cup Superfinal” (AWT + AWQ + Turkish championship) September 2 – September 7.
Following the success of previous year's FAI category 2 events, the new Organizer orchestrated a remarkable final event for this AWT season. This superfinal has become a landmark event.

- France: Roquebrune “Roq’Acro” (French championships) October 18 – October 20.
With a forecast that almost made the event cancelled, the organizer believed it was possible and in the end we had decent weather allowing 4 runs to be flown.

Season Results

- AWT
 - 1st Théo De Blic (FRA)
 - 2nd Luke De Weert (NLD)
 - 3rd Bicho Carrera (CZE)
- AWQ
 - 1st Ismael Ortuzar (CHL)
 - 2nd Hugo Lami (FRA)
 - 3rd Pablo Eberhardt (CHE)
- Women
 - 1st Daniela Freutsmied (DEU)
 - 2nd Maud Perrin (FRA)
 - 3rd Jennifer Plöschberger (AUT)

Ismael Ortuzar, Hugo Lami and Pablo Eberhardt are promoted to the AWT for 2025 season.

In the 2024 season, Axel Coste, Andrès Vilamizar and Egor Hardcore did not participate in AWT competitions, leading to their relegation to AWQ.

Judges

Jérôme Loyet (FRA) played a vital role in the development, maintenance, and utilization of Acropyx. Furthermore, he took on the role of judge in nearly all competitions. In addition, for those where he was not directly judge, he remained actively engaged, providing valuable assistance and support on Acropyx and other organization matters.

Julien Grosse (FRA) demonstrated his commitment, judging every competition throughout the season.

Alexandra Grillmayer (HUN) judged the two AWT COG events, the Superfinal and lead French championships using her extensive experience to uphold fairness and maintain high competition standards.

Anastasiia Strokach (RUS) demonstrated her expertise by officiating in three competitions. Her performance confirmed her status as a certified judge for all FAI competitions.

Rolland Dorozhani (ALB) officiated in Acromax during the season and judged another high-level independent competition in India.

Committee members

This year, the Acro Committee members are :

- Cesar Arevalo Urrego (AWT Pilot)
- Maxime Casamayou (AWT Pilot)
- Théo De Blic (AWT Pilot)
- Alexandra Grillmayer (Judge)
- Julien Grosse (Judge & AWQ Pilot)
- Jérôme Loyet (Judge)
- Luke De Weert (AWT Pilot)

Théo De Blic and Alexandra Grillmayer are sharing the head of this committee.

Acropyx Scoring software

Jérôme Loyet (Judge and Acro committee member) has done the development of the scoring software. The live displayer which development started in 2022 is operational since 2023 season. He was available throughout the season for updates and fixing any bug or mistake from other users.

Proposal for modifications of Section 7B

Like each year, the acro committee discussed all modifications needed for the upcoming season and did a proposal for modification of section 7B that will be presented during the plenary meeting.

Main modifications are updated list of manoeuvres (tricks, criteria, coefficient, bonus...)

Upcoming Competitions for 2025 season

Cat. 2 Competitions

- France: Saint Hilaire "Nest Games" (AWT COG)
- France: Allevard "Kings of the Box" (AWT COG) ?
- Switzerland: Brienz "Swiss Championships" (AWT + AWQ + Swiss championships?)
- Switzerland: Villeneuve "Sonchaux Acroshow" (AWQ)
- Turkey: Oludeniz "World Acro Cup Superfinal" (AWT + AWQ + Turkish championships)
- France: Roquebrune "Roq'Acro"
- French Championships?