



2025 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEXE 11A CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

CHAMPIONSHIPS

17th FAI European Paragliding Championships, Spain

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pg-euro-2024>

FAI Jury: Bill Hughes, Cristiano Pereira, Ivan Lukanov

FAI Steward: Goran Dimiskovski

Meet Director: Inigo Redin

Safety Director: Cristina Ortega

- Well-organized event.
- Very experienced organizer and staff
- Decent opening and closing ceremonies
- Good task setting
- Closing ceremony held on the final day.
- No complaints or protests

May 21 - Jun 1, 2024

Pegalajar, ESP

11 days, 10 tasks, 1 rest day.

135 participants

Overall Maxime Pinot FRA, Juan Sebastian Ospina Restrepo GBR, Tilen Ceglar SLO

Women: Constance Mettetal FRA, Elisabeth Egger AUT, Anca Tabara ROU.

Nations: Great Britain, France, Slovenia

2nd FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Championship, Korea

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pg-asian-oceanic-2024>

FAI Jury: Andy Cowley, Igor Erzen, Cristiano Pereira

FAI Steward: Bill Hughes

Meet Director: Goran Dimiskovski

Safety Director: Han Yun Jo

- Well-organized event.
- Superb opening and closing ceremonies
- Local press coverage
- The only issue was a lack of sufficient out-landing spots, although all official landing sites were thoroughly checked by the Jury and Steward.

Jun 5 - Jun 16, 2024

Mungyeong, KOR

9 days, 7 tasks, 2 cancelled days

110 participants

Overall: Chigwon Won KOR, Gareth Carter AUS, Peter Slade AUS

Women: Keiko Hiraki JPN, Kari Ellis AUS, Hyunhee Kim KOR
Nations: Korea, Australia, China

1st FAI Junior World Paragliding Championship, Slovenia

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/1st-fai-world-junior-paragliding-championships>

FAI Jury: Andy Cowley, Fabio Loro, Matjaz Klemencic

FAI Steward: Jamie Shelden

Meet Director: Igor Erzen

Safety Director: Uroš Leban

- Well-organized, with highly motivated and well-behaved pilots.
- The only issue was the wrong place of the opening and closing ceremonies due to a mistake by the town hall.

Aug 18 - Aug 31, 2024

Tolmin, SLO

11 days, 7 tasks, 1 rest day, 3 cancelled days

76 participants

Overall: Marcelo Sanchez Vilchez ESP, Adrien Raison FRA, Dusan Surina Jr. SVK

Women: Constance Mettetal FRA, Celine Lorenz GER, Capucine Deliot FRA

Nations: France, Spain, United Kingdom

8th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Albania

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pgga-euro-2024>

FAI Jury: Andy Cowley, Thomas Senac, Ivan Lukanov

FAI Steward: Igor Erzen

Meet Director: Zlatko Spirkoski

Safety Director: Alket Islami

Chief Judge: Kong Yong Park

- Excellent opening and closing ceremonies with strong media coverage.
- Good competitive atmosphere.
- The scorer lacked sufficient qualifications.
- The closing ceremony felt empty as many pilots had already left.
- Numerous objections to the knockout system, particularly regarding the limited six rounds for teams.
- Poor communication with the judging team.
- A spare winch was not available as required.

Oct 4 - Oct 12, 2024

Gjirokaster, ALB

5 days, 12 rounds

96 participants

Overall: Ivan Pavlov SRB, Linus Schubert GER, Migjen Shala KOS

Women: Marketa Tomaskova POL, Spela Krnc SLO, Pilar Montero Gonzalez ESP

Juniors: Linus Schubert GER, Lennard Schubert GER, Flavio Funiati FRA

Nations: Czechia, Kosovo, Slovenia

4th FAI World Paragliding Aerobatics Championship, Turkey

Website solo: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pg-acro-worlds-2024>

Website synchro: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pg-acro-worlds-2024-synchro>

FAI Jury: Andy Cowley, Thomas Senac, Jamie Shelden

FAI Steward: Fabio Loro

Meet Director: Artun Bayrak

Safety Director: Dora Göksal

Senior Judges: Julien Grosse, Jerome Loyet, Alexandra Grillmayer

- Concerns were raised about Theo de Blic acting as CIVL Committee Chair, event organizer, and gold medal winner.

Sep 9 - Sep 15, 2024

Oludeniz, TUR

Solo:

5 days 3 runs

24 participants

Overall: Théo De Blic FRA, Luke De Weert NED, Florian Landreau FRA

Women: Maud Perrin FRA, Gabi Fonck GER, Jennifer Plöschberger AUT

Nations: France, Switzerland, Turkey

Synchro:

5 days 4 runs

9 teams (18 participants)

Overall: Luke De Weert and Théo De Blic, Roland Brunnbauer and Norbi Winkler, Raul Rodriguez and Horacio Llorens

6th FAI Pan-American Paragliding Championship, Brazil

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pg-panam-2024>

FAI Jury: Bill Hughes, Igor Erzen, Cristiano Pereira

FAI Steward: Goran Dimishkovski

Meet Director: Vinicius Matuk

Safety Director: Zenilson Rocha

- Overall, a well-run event, but there was a noticeable lack of staff, particularly for safety management.
- Language barriers among staff caused communication difficulties.
- The takeoff area was good, but a fenced-off launch entrance should be implemented in future events.
- A better-acoustically designed room should be used for team leader briefings.

Sep 15 - Sep 22, 2024

Andradas, BRA

7 days 5 tasks 2 days cancelled

118 participants

Overall: Rafael Moraes Barros BRA, Hernán Pitocco ARG, Ronnie Koerich BRA

Women: Marcella Pomarico Uchoa BRA, Daria Krasnova ECU, Isabela Sales BRA

Nations: Brazil, Argentina, USA

TEST EVENTS

Test event of Sport Class Hang Gliding Worlds 2025, Italy

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pre-hg-sport-worlds-2025>

FAI Steward: Jamie Shelden

Meet Director: Fabio Loro

Safety Director: Francesco Rinaldi

- Well organized test event that combined open and sport classes.
- Weather conditions weren't ideal, so tasks were difficult to set at times.
- Primary issue was defining what is a "sport class" pilot. But, organizers have developed a detailed definition of "sport class" and "team captain" pilots.
- The newly developed selection process will allow Class 1 pilots to serve as team captains. These pilots definitions and the new selection process will apply to this event only and has been incorporated into the local regulations for the Category 1 event.

Jun 1 - Jun 8, 2024

Laveno Mombello, ITA

6 days 4 tasks 2 cancelled days

38 participants

Overall: Manfred Ruhmer AUT, Mario Alonzi FRA, Damien Zahn SUI

Test Event for the Hang Gliding Worlds 2025, Spain

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pre-hg-worlds-2025>

FAI Steward: Jamie Shelden

Meet Director: Juaki Sanchez

Safety Director: Nuria Moreno

- Well organized event with very good weather conditions for challenging tasks.
- Organizers should use the CIVL safety briefing template.
- Issues with ordered launches, as some pilots did not follow launch staff instructions.
- The task committee was competent and knew the site very well, but there were complaints that Class 1 and Class 5 tasks were always the same.
- Multiple accidents, one with serious injuries. More care should be taken in task setting to avoid areas with poor landing options. And, there was an issue with goal coordinates on one task that could have been a contributing factor in the accident with serious injuries.
- Recommendations for tracker placement in pilot harnesses should be added to the local regulations template.

Jul 21 - Jul 27, 2024

Àger, ESP

6 days 6 tasks

Class 1 – 110 participants

Class 1 Overall: Mario Alonzi FRA, Robert Kulhanek CZE, David Brito Filho BRA

Only 2 women participated: Françoise Dieuzeide-Banet FRA and Corinna

Schwiegershausen GER

Class 5 - 27 participants

Class 5 Overall: Christopher Friedl AUT, Benito Miguel Rodriguez Gonzalez ESP, Carlos Punet ESP

Test event of PGA Worlds 2025, Turkey

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/13th-fai-world-paragliding-accuracy-test-competition>

FAI Steward: Andy Cowley

Meet Director: Hakan Ergençoğlu Djuma

Safety Director: Hamit Şek

Chief Judge: Maja Karas

- an experienced / knowledgeable scorer must be used
- a recommendation that the event should be brought forward from November getting longer days to allow more flying time and less likelihood of inclement weather.

Oct 31 - Nov 3, 2024

Alanya, TUR

3 days 6 rounds

40 participants

Overall: Kerem Dincer TUR, Ali Yılmazoğlu TUR, Ali Zaimoğlu TUR

Women: Bayaraa Bolormaa MGL, Kübra Cengiz TUR, Erdenezul Jargalsaikhan MGL

Test event Pan-American Paragliding Championship 2026, USA

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/red-rocks-wide-open-2024>

FAI Steward: Bill Hughes

Meet Director: Logan Walters

Safety Director: Justin Grisham

- The organizer for the 2026 Pan-American Paragliding Championship has resigned after the Test event, so the Bureau took the decision to move the event to Castelo Brazil. A new test event for Pan Am 2026 will be made.

Aug 30 - Sep 6, 2024

Monroe, USA

7 days 3 tasks 4 cancelled days

89 participants

Overall: Mike Lester USA, Bill Belcourt USA, Matthew Dadam USA

Women: Violeta Jimenez USA, Alexia Fischer USA, Bianca Heinrich USA