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CIAM DRNE SPORT SUBCOMMITTEE

2021 REPORT ACTIVITIES

In 2021, the Subcommittee (S/C) was composed of 38 members including the Chairman, from 37 countries.

The Basecamp 'CIAM Drone Sport Subcommittee) project have been used to inform the S/C members about impact of the Covid-19 on the FAI Drone Sport events. In addition, there had been some exchanges to discuss rules improvements or clarifications.

Volume F9 Drone Sport

The 2021 Edition of the Volume F9 Drone Sport effective 1st January 2021 has been published on December 22, 2020.

The update concerns a modification of the Subclass F9A-B to increase the weight of the drone ball to 300 g instead 200 g before.

Drone Sport events

The Drone Racing World Cup (F9U class) is effective from 2016. From 2019, a new event format 'FAI World Drone Racing Championship' has been introduced. This format is based on a World Cup with two Series of events (Challenger and Masters), completed by the World Championship Grand Final hold at the end of the year.

The 2021 year has been strongly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic such as it had been already the case in 2020.

On February 6, 2021, CIAM Bureau unanimously agrees to extend to suspend the suspension of World Cup events until May 10, 2021.

On June 5, CIAM Bureau decided to allow the World Cup events to happen after July 1st July if possible and if feasible. Organizers have been requested to inform participants of the local Covid procedures in place for their event in compliance with the national restrictions applicable.

13 F9U World Cup events were planned from July up to end 2021.

Most of them had been finally cancelled due to Covid restrictions in the host country or due to the fact that no foreign competitors were expected.

Finally, three planned World Cup events had been held.

Finally, only one had been considered as a valid World Cup event: Drone Extreme Racing (ID 14323) in Bela Crkva (Serbia) on August 14 and 15 with 22 competitors from 4 countries.

It had not been the case for the two other events because only competitors from the organizing country had participated:

- F9U World Cup Italy (ID 14752) in Magreta (Modena) on September 4 and 5.
- FAI Hadong Drone Race World Cup (ID 14322) in Hadong Citizens Stadium (Korea) on November 13 and 14.

In addition, the Hong Kong Drone Race World Cup (ID 15082) held in Hong Kong on December 11 and 12 had been mid November on request of the organizer renamed FAI Hong Kong Open Drone Racing Championship and converted as Non World Cup considering there will no foreign competitors in situation to participate.

In that situation, the 2021 F9U World Cup cannot be considered as being valid.

Regarding the World Drone Racing Championship (WDRC) Grand Final, it has been agreed with Aero Sport Federation of China that the edition 2021 will not be hold.

The World Games 2022

The World Games are led by the International World Games Association (IWGA), a non-profit organization composed of 37 International Sports Federations and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The World Games 2022 (TWG 2022) will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, USA from July 7 (Opening Ceremony) to July 17 (Closing Ceremony).

FAI will participate with two discipline events: Drone Racing (CIAM) and Canopy Piloting (ISC).

The Drone Racing event will be based on the F9U FAI class with 32 athletes (20 men and 12 women) selected and a unique event and classification for men and women.

CIAM is responsible of the athletes' selection. After being approved by CIAM Bureau, the general information and selection rules document had been sent on July 18 by email to all NACs and CIAM Delegates.

The men and women reference ranking lists will be established considering the results of the 2019 World Drone Racing Championship (WDRC) Grand Final and of the F9U World Cup contests held in 2019 and in 2021. Based on the reference ranking lists, one athlete maximum for each gender (male and female) may be selected per country.

Communication

The FAI Drone Sport mini-site (<https://www.fai.org/drone-sports>) has been updated as necessary.

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