

2009 FAI World Championship for RC Multitask Gliders (F3B)

Ivančice, Czech Republic

The 17th F3B World Championship was organised under the leadership of the Association of Modellers of Czech Republic by the RC Model Klub Brno.

Venue

The competition was organised in the new model flying site south of Ivančice near the village Budkovice. The new building near the RC model runway served as infrastructure of the event. For the F3B winch layout the organisers rented a part of the neighbouring corn field. The surface was not ideal but sufficient. The most exposed part the organiser covered with textile material which in light rain-showers prevented the ground from becoming muddy.

Organisation

The RC Model Klub Brno invited many helpers from other model clubs to join the organising staff. The flying part was efficiently and smoothly executed under the expert leadership of deputy contest director Roman Vojtech. Experienced F3B people from other model clubs of Czech Republic served as Flight Line Managers and Turn-around Judges. The organisers also rented the well-proven large scoreboard, brought by a team from the MC-Munich, Germany. Two big tents provided weather protection for pilots and models of all teams.

Entry

The Championship was entered by 52 competitors from 19 countries. A large number of supporters also participated.

Accommodation and catering

Most teams camped at the air field. Others used small hotels in the nearby villages, within 20 km. Breakfast was served in hotels or in the canteen at the airfield. The lunch was served at the same canteen. It was also possible to get refreshment and dinner on the airfield. All food was good and ample.

Weather

The weather changed during the week. Just before the first day of WCh competition a night thunderstorm damaged most tents on the airfield and also the signalling equipment deteriorated. Fortunately the tents for model storage resisted. A three hours delay was the consequence of this storm. On the second day some rain showers interrupted the flying. For the remainder of the competition the weather was more favourable. The only problem was the wind direction, the wind blowing across the launch course. But the best pilots were able to manage it. Unfortunately weaker pilots had difficulties.

Safety

The organisers defined very clearly the safety area and installed obstacles at some places to avoid dangerous overflying.

There was an accident caused by the crosswind. The model of the Spanish pilot turned to stall on the line and hit an Australian helper staying nearby. An emergency car was called immediately by the organisers and the Australian was taken to the hospital. They didn't find any serious internal injury and the man was back after two hours.

Processing

20% of winches were checked during the contest. All passed.

Protests

There was one protest submitted, connected with the starting procedure. A new working time was appointed because the model was not successfully identified by judges. This incident exposed the fact that the rule for identification of models doesn't conform to present practice. It would be necessary to lay some duty to the pilot, not only to the CD.

Conclusion

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, this was a very successful World Championship carried out in a friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

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Jury president