



2013 CIVL Plenary – Annex 11

Review of the 2012 and 2013 Championships

Reports from Jury and Stewards are available on request to the Bureau.

i) 3rd FAI Asian Paragliding Championships, Linzhou, China.

Date: May 26 to June 2, 2012.

Meet Director – Han Zhaofang.

Safety Director – Zhang Wei.

Steward – Dennis Pagen (USA).

Jury – President: Agust Gudmundsson (ISL). Members: Victor Pinto (POR) and SP Kaytal (IND).

54 pilots from 6 nations, 4 valid tasks.

Individual – 1: Kamiyama Taro (JNP) – 2: Lim Moonseob (KOR) – 3: Hiraki Keiko (JNP).

Team – 1: Japan – 2: Korea – 3: India.

Women – 1: Hiraki Keiko – 2 Di Wang – 3 Igawa Emi

In general, this meet was well organized, reflecting the fact that they have run several competitions at this site including a PWC and other international meets with essentially the same team and officials. The entire area is supportive of these competitions, so there seems to be no serious organization problems such as traffic control or airspace issues.

China is developing its competition organization with very good governmental support. Live tracking was working well for organization and safety of the competition. The quality and quantity of officials and helpers were good.

Overall a good Continental championship.

ii) 1st FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championships – Wai-ao, Chinese Taipei.

Date: June 12 to 18, 2012.

Meet Director – Jon-Sheng Lee.

Steward – Violeta Masteikiene, (LIT).

Jury – President: Roman Pogacar, (SLO). Members: Wesley Hill, (AUS) and Davor Novak (CRO).

39 pilots from 7 nations, 12 valid rounds.

Individual – 1: Yoshiki Oka (JPN) – 2: Ardi Kurniawan, (INA) – 3: Ke Yang Lin (TPOE).

Team: – 1: Indonesia – 2: Japan – 3: Chinese Taipei.

Women – 1: Mizuho Tohbu (JPN) – 2: Plaifha Thongdonpum (THA) – 3: Milawati Sirin (INA)

The Championship was very well organized with strong spirit of friendship among pilots of all nations. Organizer and Officials did their job professionally, high skilled with full authority. The competition's atmosphere was competitive but fair and friendly. The 1st FAI Asian PGA Championship can be regarded, in all respects, a successful FAI Category 1 event.

iii) 3rd FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships – Ohrid, FYR Macedonia.

Date: July 1 to 8, 2012.

Event Director – Gjogji Manceski

Meet Director – Zlatko Spirkoski

Steward – Nikki Spencer-Bodill (GBR)

Jury – President: Andrew Cowley (GBR). Members (remote): Roman Pogačar (SLO) and Louise Joselyn (FRA).

77 pilots from 15 countries, 12 valid rounds.

Individual – 1: Dimitar Ralev (BUL) – 2: Goran Gjurovic (SRB) – 3: Matjaž Sluga (SLO).

Team – 1: Slovenia (SLO) – 2: Czech Republic (CZE) – 3: Serbia (SRB).

Women – 1: Milica Marinkovic (SRB) – 2: Jolanta Romanenko (LTU) – 3: Barbora Smutná (CZE).

The event was very well organised. Registration was efficiently run. Apart from the practice day, when conditions were not ideal, the weather during the competition was good. The competition was stood down at lunchtime on some days due to unusually hot and thermic conditions creating some rough air and variable wind directions. There were a couple of minor incidents. The Judging team performed well, and there were no protests.

iv) 18th FAI European HG Class 1 Championships – Kayseri, Turkey.

Date: August 26 to September 8, 2012.

Meet Director – Hakan Cici.

Safety Director – Murat Baycora.

Steward – Claudia Meija (COL).

Jury – President: Flip Koetsier (NDL). Members: John Aldridge (GBR) and Davor Novak (CRO).

66 pilots from 17 nations, 9 valid tasks.

Individual – 1: Alessandro Ploner (ITA) – 2: Dan Vyhalik (CZE) – 3: Primož Gricar (SLO).

Team – 1: Italy – 2: Slovenia – 3: Spain.

It was a well organized event with a lot of work involved. The support from the authorities and from the group of enthusiastic volunteers was invaluable. Also, excellent infrastructure and enthusiasm. However the lack of experience in hang gliding and frequent delays diminished the quality of the event.

This event however, was deemed successful, providing pilots with many tasks and extra free flying days. Moreover, because it was a new flying site in a “far away country”, it was an enriching personal experience for everyone there; the scenery, food and Turkish hospitality were fantastic.

v) 12th FAI European Paragliding Championships – St-André-les-Alpes, France.

Date: August 31 to September 15, 2012.

Meet Director – François Gerin.

Safety Director – Chris Burn.

Steward – Ali Gali (FRA).

Jury – President: Dennis Pagen (USA). Members: Fabio Loro (ITA) and Nikolay Yotov (BUL).

132 pilots from 26 nations, 6 valid tasks.

Individual – 1: Yassen Savov (BUL) – 2: Xevi Bonet Dalmau (SPA) – 3: Russell Ogden (GBR).

Team: – 1: Austria – 2: Spain – 3: Switzerland.

Women – 1: Nicole Fidele (ITA) – 2: Kirsty Cameron (GBR) – 3: Regula Strasser (SWI)

The competition was very well-organized and very-well run. The experience of the organization crew was apparent. Safety was one of the foremost guiding principles. Live trackers were working well throughout the event, enhancing the competition for 'virtual' spectators. The incidences and accidents that occurred were not deemed to be due to organiser decisions.

vi) 19th FAI World HG Championships, Australia.

No report yet. Championship to be run from January 5 to 18, 2013.