

AGENDA ITEM 11.1

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT

26th World Aerobatic Championships Foligno, Italy

August 31 – September 10, 2011

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The 26th World Aerobatic Championships were held in Foligno, Italy, from 31 August to 10 September 2011. The airfield was open for practice flights by competition pilots for a number of days prior to the contest. The International Jury for the event included the undersigned, as acting President in the unavoidable absence of Mike Heuer, Robert Chomono of France and Lars-Goran Arvidsson of Sweden. The Jury was fully assembled in time for the first briefing and opening ceremony of the championships on 31 August.

The President of the Jury arrived on 29 August. Between that date and the first briefing, discussions were held with the Contest Director and advice given where necessary. It was apparent that most of the necessary pre-contest work had been achieved to a satisfactory standard.

The contest Main Briefing and Opening Ceremony were held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, 31st August, followed by dinner in the old city.

Programme Q

Flying of the qualification programme started on the morning of 1 September as planned; the first competing pilot to fly was Yoshihide Muroya of Japan. Programme Q was finished without incident by lunch time on 2 September, undisturbed by any adverse weather. Six pilots failed to meet the 60% qualifying standard. After lunch a briefing was held to determine all the figures to be nominated for Programmes 2 and 3. This was completed in 50 minutes.

The schedule for submission of proposals and choices for the unknown programmes was published and was well respected by most Teams.

The official results of Programme Q showed the highest scoring pilots to have been:

Mikhail Mamistov	RUS	79.00%
Philipp Steinbach	GER	78.71%
Nicholas Ivanoff	FRA	77.68%

Programme 1 - The Free Programme

Programme 1 was started just after 4pm on 2 September and flown in its entirety by the end of the contest day on 3 September. Thus the minimum amount of flying to determine a valid contest was achieved in 3 days, reflecting a great deal of credit on the organisation, especially on the excellent flight line staff under the direction of Christian Giorgetti.

The official results of Programme 1 showed the highest scoring pilots to have been:

Olivier Masurel	FRA	79.29%
Svetlana Kapanina	RUS	79.22%
Mikhail Mamistov	RUS	79.13%

Seven pilots failed to score 60% in Programme 1, and three of these were from the six Programme Q non-qualifiers. These three pilots with two "False Starts" were, regrettably, excluded from further competition under rule 1.3.1.1.c.

Programme 2 - The First Unknown

The Jury accepted eight sequence proposals for Programme 2. Of these, five were actually flown. Pilots from three nominating countries, therefore, chose to fly sequences designed by others.

Light rain delayed the start of the programme on 4th September. Flying started before lunch with the judges in the Easterly position and the wind from the south. Just nine competition flights in this programme were made before a significant thunder storm brought a close to flying in mid-afternoon. On 5th September the CD decided on a later briefing because of bad weather forecast. The forecast was wrong, however and good flying weather was lost during the morning. Then technical issues with the video camera brought flying to a premature close during the morning session. Altogether a bad start to the day.

The next day, 6th September fared much better and programme 2 was completed. The official results of Programme 2 showed the highest scoring pilots to have been:

Mikhail Mamistov	RUS	77.57%
Nicolas Ivanoff	FRA	77.09%
Olivier Masurel	FRA	76.74%

Programme 3 - The Second Unknown

The Jury accepted nine proposals for Programme 3, of which 6 were chosen by the eligible pilots. Wednesday 7th September was set aside by the organiser as a rest day. Flying resumed in excellent weather at 09:30 on Thursday 8th, the 11 lowest-scoring pilots from the aggregate of Programmes 1 and 2 having been removed from the starting order in accordance with the Sporting Code.

The last 7 flights of Programme 3 took place on the morning of 9 September, including two re-flights following technical issues the afternoon before. One of these re-flights was not

completed due to further mechanical problems and the pilot retired from the Programme.

The official results of Programme 3 showed the highest scoring pilots to have been:

Mikhail Mamistov	RUS	80.02%
Olivier Masurel	FRA	78.36%
Oleg Shpolyanskiy	RUS	78.12%

The Jury declared Friday afternoon to be non-contest time and permitted the Contest Director to authorise flights not strictly part of the contest. This gave all selected pilots the same option of a training flight, away from the contest site, prior to Programme 4. The intention of this was to reduce the risk of incident during the progress of Programme 4 due to any lack of recency in Freestyle figures.

Programme 4 - The Final Freestyle

The Jury selected 17 pilots to fly Programme 4, but these could include only one female pilot, from France. The two Russian lady pilots were withdrawn due to aircraft mechanical concerns, while the other two females in the contest did not opt to fly or were not selected due to low ranking in the previous programmes.

Programme 4 was completed without incident by 1300 on Saturday 10th September. The Chief Judge did make one "Land, Land, Land" call to a pilot whom the CJ considered to be flying below disqualification height. The call was acknowledged the second time it was made and the pilot then landed without further discussion.

As there was only one female competitor available for Programme 4, the Jury decided that the results of this programme would be determined on a mixed basis only and that no Ladies World Champion could be declared in the Final Freestyle Programme.

The official results of Programme 4 showed the medallist to have been:

Gold	Robert Holland	USA	81.98%
Silver	Martin Sonka	CZE	79.41%
Bronze	Jurgis Kairys	LIT	78.92%

The performance of Castor Fantoba, flying as a non-ranked independent, was notable in scoring 81.20%. This performance could not be ranked for the award of a CIVA Silver Medal because the pilot was not selected to represent his National Airsports Control.

Protests

No protests were lodged with the Jury at this championship.

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony and awards presentation was held in the grounds of the city museum in the centre of Foligno. The Aresti Cup and the Eric Müller trophy were awarded to Mikahil Mamistov, the Royal Aero Club shield to Svetlana Kapanina and the Nesterov Trophy to the



mixed gender Russian Team of Mamistov, Shpolyanskiy and Kapanina. After the presentation, the Aresti Cup and the FAI Challenge Trophy were returned to the custody of the French Team for carriage to Paris. The 26th World Aerobatic Championships were pronounced closed at 01.00am local time on Sunday 11th September 2011.

Proposals by the President of the International Jury

It has become apparent that the inclusion of moveable “arrows” in the requirement for marking of the aerobatic box serves no positive purpose. All pilots take off with a firm plan of action which reflects the currently published official wind direction. Nobody gets airborne without this information and a suitable plan. The need to change these box markings when the direction of the official wind changes puts an un-necessary logistical burden on the organiser and can lead to delay if done correctly or even to confusion if overlooked.

I propose that the requirement for these arrows be removed from CIVA Regulations.

Conclusion

The 26th WAC was concluded fully and without incident within the allotted time. I would express my thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the Championships for their co-operation and for their determination to meet the needs and desires of all attending. Principal among the organisation was, Dante Taddei, President of the Foligni Aero Club, along with Irene Pasini, Dario Costa and Christian Georgetti who formed the backbone of a very good working group of volunteers.

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