

FAI World Championships for Electric Model Aircraft F5B and F5D.

KYIV UKRAINE September, 14th to 21st, 2008
Report by International Jury President Sandy Pimenoff

General

The Championship was organised by the Ukrainian Aeromodelling Federation.
Championship General Director: Victor Stamov
Manager of the Organising Committee: Henrikh Onhyrskyi

Venue

Large grass-covered field outside Kyiv. The site was well suited for the Championships. Plenty of room for the two classes to be flown simultaneously, no nearby obstacles, even surface.
There were tents for organisers and the participating teams.

Accommodation and catering

The competitors and officials were accommodated in a good quality hotel some 15km from the flying site.
Breakfast and lunch were served in a tent on the flying field. Dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Processing

This was smoothly accomplished in the hotel, and did not present problems. Additionally 20% of competitors' model aircraft were random checked during the competition.

Weather

The weather was exceptionally bad. In fact the Jury had to admit never having experienced such inclement weather at an international Championship.

The temperature was 7 to 9 degrees C throughout the event, there was continuous rain and strong wind. Additionally visibility was often bad enough to prevent flying especially in F5B, with low cloud and haze. The weather was completely out of the normal for the time of the year, which the Jury checked from weather statistics of 20 years.
It is fair to state that the contest management performed heroically in the almost inhuman conditions, and managed to bring the Championship to a successful conclusion.

Organisation of flying

Flight line manager for F5B was F5 Subcom Chairman Emil Giezendanner.
Flight line manager for F5D was Vladimir Gavrylko.
Both managers performed excellently in the very adverse conditions, as did the timekeepers and other officials.
A good number of heats were flown in F5D in spite of the conditions, but in F5B low cloud frequently prevented flying. In the end the required Championship number of flights were completed, and one additional, to complete the event in a satisfactory way.
It is in order to say that the competitors also performed excellently, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship in the trying circumstances.

Protests

There was only one protest, with a request for a reflight. The Jury upheld the protest, but the competitor decided not to use the opportunity.

Banquet

This was a most pleasant occasion, with a well run awards ceremony, ' good food and enjoyable music.

Conclusion

It is the unanimous opinion of the Jury that this was a well run Championship, successfully concluded in spite of abominal weather conditions.

A huge thanks is due to the Ukrainian Aeromodelling Federation.

The FAI Jury

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