

# Jury report

## 16th FAI World Microlight Championships 2018

### **Event Details:**

Title: 16th FAI World Microlight Championships

Date: 11-18 August 2018

Location: Nagykanizsa, Hungary

Organising NAC: Hungarian Aeroclub

Organiser: Kanizsa Repülő Klub

Number of flights: 560

Number of Tasks: 14

Number of competitors: 65 pilots and co-pilots

### **Event Personnel**

Event Director: Ferenc Makar

Competition Director: Vince Ferenc

Deputy Chief Director: Krisztian Dolhay

Chief Scorer: Laszlo Varga

Chief Marshal: Peter Ferinc

Steward: None

Monitor: Vladimir Silhan (CZE)

### **FAI-Jury**

President: Wolfgang Lintl (GER)

Member: Vladimir Silhan (CZE)

Member: Rob Hughes (GBR) remote

### **Complaints and Protests**

Number of Complaints: 7

Number of protests admitted: 2

Number withdrawn: 0

Number upheld: 1

Number rejected: 1

Amount of protest fees retained: 50 EUR

### **Aircraft and Competitors**

AL1 6

AL2 11

WL1 7

WL2 8

GL2 7

Total 39 aircraft, 65 competitors from 10 nations.

No team from France and United Kingdom participated. Their absence without prior notice was a surprise for the organiser and FAI officials.

### **Venue**

The competition site was Nagykanizsa close to a small settlement and 4,5 km south of Nagykanizsa. Located south of the Balaton lake and close to the Croatian border. The airfield was large with plenty of room for camping, 2 decks, runway and quarantine area. It was near to a few houses and surrounded by flat farm land.

The airfield had several buildings including space for registration, scoring, briefing room, and a separate jury room. Toilets and showers were sufficient and all the time clean. A small canteen was open to competitors and marshals and offered breakfast, lunch and dinner in local style as well as drinks for a reasonable price. Hangar space was not available for the competitors.

Every competitor and ground crew member were provided with identity badges. Although the airfield was covered with a surveillance camera and although some team member were having a small party, in one night a thief was walking around the camping area and had stolen money from two competitors. Local police investigated the case.

### **Accommodation**

The campsite was at the airfield; a flat grass area with sufficient space and sufficient electricity supply for every team.

Both FAI officials stayed in a hotel 5 km in the town of Nagykanizsa. They were provided with a rental car.

### **Services**

Catering was provided for local marshals and FAI officials. The food was Hungarian style.

The Jury were provided with a simple room with table and chairs. Printing was done via USB -stick at the scoring office whenever needed.

A wifi network was installed to provide connection for the whole area. The access needs to be renewed after 10 – 15 minutes inactivity, to provide access to a sufficient number of users. The up- and download speed was sufficient and except some waiting from time to time to log in successfully. The WIFI network was fine.

### **Competition staff**

The competition staff were all Hungarian.

The Competition Director was an experienced competitor and CD for some years. For communication and briefing he uses his deputy as a translator.

Briefings were held with power point for team leaders and one team member. The task description was printed for every team, all additional information was given in the briefing and later available in printed form and on the competition website. All briefings were video recorded. In some cases, small modifications have to be done during the briefing.

In general, the staff were friendly, professional, efficient and helpful.

### **Competition System**

There was an official board with paper notices which was mirrored at the webpage.

Weather information was at the official board and verbal provided at briefings.

### **Competition flying**

The competition was affected by a forecasted thunderstorm at the beginning. One Spanish aircraft was turned over, some tent structure has been bended. The Spanish team was able to repair the damage.

One day with gusting winds was a kind of rest day and used to fly a fun task at late afternoon. Some non-competing visitors attend this task. It was a kind of bomb dropping (with sand sacks) into children swimming pools on the runway. Most of the pilots competed in this task.

The mix of tasks flown was good. Several navigation tasks were combined with precision tasks as spot landing or touch and go. The proportion of the tasks value were done as described in Sec. 10. Two tasks included a landing at another airfield. One was an airfield very close to Lake Balaton with the opportunity for a swim which was appreciated by most pilots.

Marshals were well briefed. Deck and airfield procedures were efficient. Quarantine, fuel weighing, and other activities went smoothly.

There were three minor damages during the championships, resulting in bended undercarriage.

At ball time during tasks, an emergency doctor was on site.

### **Running the competition**

There was a test task available for all participants on Thursday. The first task was flown on Saturday morning. To comply with the rules, the jury president opened formally the 16<sup>th</sup> FAI World Microlight Championships at the briefing.

The official opening ceremony was held on a central place in Nagykanizsa and all participants were transported by bus. The opening ceremony was short and simple, no local officials were present.

Question to the CD and announcements were made by the communication app "Viber".

### **Scoring**

Scoring was running very quick. After every flight the loggers were downloaded close to the quarantine area and maps with marked photos were checked. The competitor got his preliminary result as a print out immediately.

Every competitor got later access to his own flight track.

All results had been published very soon after the task. The small number of complaints might be evidence for a well-developed scoring system and experienced scorers.

At one point the scoring system, used last year during the EMC, was not able to cover one Sec.10 changes (4. 34. 9) from the last plenary. The CD need to change some calculation and provided the teams with the requested leg distance.

### **Complaints and Protests**

There were 7 complaints and 2 protests; one was rejected, and one was upheld. To work with a remote jury was ok, but it would be better, to have all three officials on site. There were some disputes about the speed leg in last task. The speed was scored at the first leg. Start point was clearly defined and the first turn point was made by competitors procedural turn. Problem was, the start point had a center (church tower) and 500 m circle around. Time was measured from the crossing of circle, but distance was measured from the center. This fact was briefed. Some competitors made turn in very short distance, so the speed 391 km/h was evaluated for WL2. No complaints were put, but lot of discussions and disputes about fair play.

### **Anti-Doping**

None.

### **Media coverage**

None was obvious.

Neither at the airfield or in the city no sign or reference to the WMC was visible.

### **Ceremonies**

The opening ceremony at a central place in Nagykanizsa was simple but ceremonious and short. No local or Hungarian Aero Clubs representatives were present. The speeches by the competition Director and the jury president were accompanied by a short gymnastic show. Thereafter all participants were invited to a dinner at a local restaurant.

At the end, the championship was formally declared open by the president of the jury.

During the closing ceremony at the airfield all FAI medals and certificates were awarded to the winner classes. At this time some regional and local aero club representatives were present

### **Recommendations**

As discussed during a meeting with some team leaders, CD and jury it was recommended, to distribute the final task description well in advance. Only details like t/o procedures should be briefed before the task. With other words: The task catalogue should be a "task sheets catalogue" and should be published in the frame of Local Regulation.

### **Conclusion**

Overall this was a successful and enjoyable championship.

This report was agreed by all jury members present at Nagykanizsa.

Nagykanizsa, 18. August 2018

(Wolfgang Lintl)  
Jury President