



Jury's report

5th FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships

Date: 1st – 9th June 2023

Place: Bornos, Cadiz, Andalusia, Spain

Appendix A

We, the undersigned members of the Jury, declare that in our opinion the event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the rules for the event.
No protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been displayed.
The final results have been verified and are valid.

Appendix B

The Jury at the above event received no protests.

Appendix D

Event Details:

Title: 5th FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships

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Location: Bornos, Cadiz, Andalusia, Spain

Organization: Club Lijarsur, CAT Tourist Activities Center located in Bornos, Cadiz, Spain

Number of Tasks: 5

Number of competitors: 37

Number of Nations: 11

Event Personnel

Organisation Director: Francisco Sánchez (ESP)

Competition Director: Ramón López (ESP)

Chief Marshal: Francisco Setién (ESP)

Scoring and Classification: Mario Cano (ESP)

FAI Officials

President: Rob Hughes (GBR)

Member: Sultan Al ANAZI (KSA)

Member: Jana Bobkova (CZE)

Steward: Kamil Mankowski (POL)

Monitor: Krzysztof Romicki (POL)

Competition facts

Number of competition days: 6

Number of tasks flown: 5

Number of competitors: 37

PF1: 27

PL1: 10

Total 37 aircraft/competitors from 11 nations

Complaints and Protests

Number of Complaints: 2

Number of protests admitted: 0

Number withdrawn: 0

Number upheld: 0

Number rejected: 0

Amount of protest fees retained: 0

Venue

The competition site was the Lake Bornos, Cadiz, Andalusia, Spain.

The official website was at <https://www.paramotorslalom.com/spain.html>

The take-off and landing deck was located near the village Bornos by the lake Bornos. It was situated a few 100m from the lake, where the tasks were flown.



The take-off and landing area was close to the lake side, so it would allow safe and close flying to the course of the slalom stadium. Team tents and mobile toilets were nearby.

Accommodation

A camping site for organisers and some of the teams with accompanying facilities. Other teams were accommodated in the villages near Bornos. No special jury room was provided.

The FAI officials stayed in the hotel Arcos de La Frontera approx. 20 minutes drive by car to the Championship site.

Services

Catering was provided for the organisers and FAI officials in the restaurant Chiringuito close the camping site for lunch and dinner. Breakfast was available for the competitors, organisers and officials in the camping site.

Competitors could also eat other meals in the restaurant or in the camping site prepared by themselves.

A WIFI network was available in the camping site.

A WIFI connection network was also provided by the lake only for the purposes of the scoring system and the live streaming on the competition site.

Official communication of the 5th FAI WPSC was via a WhatsApp group.

A dedicated weather station was available on the competition site.

Competition staff

The competition organisation staff were all Spanish. Competition Director Ramón López spoke English. There were enough marshals at the take-off deck with orange vests to give a clear sign for the take-off with the system of the green and red flags. The marshals also checked life saving equipment before the pilots' take-off.

The scoring tent was on the lakeside, where the Competition Director and scoring personnel oversaw the takeoffs, checked the correct task flying, pylons, took time measurements, etc. A green/red light system was used to advise pilots when to start flying.

A very professional live streaming was provided by a media company. Some commentary was provided by Ramon Lopez and also Jury President Rob Hughes.



Safety

At the take-off area there was one ambulance car and the second ambulance car was positioned by the lake. Two lifeguard boats were on the lake, also preventing from the water mirror effect and also checking the position of entering into the timing gate. The response time in case of splash was fast in each case.

In general, the entire staff were very friendly, approachable and willing to help giving the

competition a positive feel.

Competition System

There was no official [physical] board with paper notices. All communication and publishing of take-off order, competition tasks, information and the results were published via WhatsApp group. General briefing was held on 3rd June 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening before the first competition day and one more briefing on 4th June 2023 at 12:30 p.m. For complaints there was a dedicated email address of the Competition Director Ramón López.

The timing system was provided by the high-resolution camera LYNX VisionPro High Sensitivity Color Camera - accuracy 20K line per second - time with 0.001 sec provided as a sponsorship from Qatar.

There was also a drone provided by Pawel “Lojak” Kozarzewski streaming the competition flying.

The organisers live-streaming <https://www.youtube.com/@ParamotorSlalom/streams>



Timing of the competition flying was by entering into the timing gate (two balls on the water level), where was the line for the camera to start taking the timing. As briefed at the general

meeting, it was informed that beginning of the timing will be taken at the point of the pilot's back and the cage. The scorer Mario Cano took the line at the beginning and at the end of the flight at this briefed point. The time was measured, Mario Cano informed the chief scorer Francisco Setién about the timing, he wrote down the timing and this time and position was displayed on the live streaming by the operator Jordi Camardons.

This procedure was presented to the Jury and it was used for all the competition time being. Then the provisional results were published on the WhatsApp group. In case of complaints solved out, the results became official.

Weather information was not given to the teams, they used their own weather app.

Recommendation for the future from Jury is to take the first contact flying through the timing gate in case of using such high-resolution camera LYNX.

Competition flying

The weather for the whole week was not kind to the event. There were nice weather conditions for the training tasks. It was nice weather for the Opening Ceremony on Saturday evening on 3rd June 2023.

Contest flying was on 4th, 5th and 6th June 2023 always from 8:00 a.m. until approx. noon, if the weather conditions would allow. From 7th June 2023 the weather changed by the strong wind and it started to rain on 8th June 2023 in the morning with windy conditions. Since that time the weather is not flyable.

Semi-finals and finals were planned for the morning on Friday dated 9th June 2023.

The Closing Ceremony planned for 1:00 p.m. the same day.

Participants

Registration of the teams and participants was administered on 1st June 2023 including the technical inspection with no significant issues being raised. The Jury President checked the FAI sporting licences before the event.

37 competitors

11 nations

2 valid classes (PF 1, PL 1)

Only three female pilots registered, two women from France and one from Finland, no separate class or awards are possible.

There were 3 big teams out of 11 (Czech, France, Qatar). Teams from some paramotor-active countries were missing.

Running the tasks

General briefing was held on 3rd June 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening before the first competition day and one more briefing on 4th June 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

The general briefing was performed on the Saturday before the opening ceremony. The expected take-off order and other procedures were explained. It was agreed that the selection rounds and final rounds will be flown on Friday morning, if the weather shall allow.

Scoring

Scoring was published via WhatsApp as provisional and official.

Publication of information on the internet

Publication of the material, briefings and scores was done online via WhatsApp group for all

team leaders and CIMA officials. The competition website was provided before the event with relevant information. The live streaming was published on Youtube.

Complaints and Protests

Two complaints were received and solved out by the Competition Director Ramón López. No protests were submitted.

Anti-Doping

None.

Media coverage

The live streaming was published on Youtube.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony was smart. Competition Director Ramón López and Jury President Rob Hughes had a speech. Mayor of municipality Bornos was present at the Opening ceremony. Jury President Rob Hughes formally declared the championships opened followed by FAI anthem at the end.



During the closing ceremony on Friday afternoon, the FAI medals were awarded to the valid classes.

Recommendations

Recommendations for the future from Jury is to take the first contact flying through the timing gate in case of using such high-resolution camera LYNX with the accuracy of thousands of seconds.

Conclusion

At the end it was a successful championship although the weather restricts the number of tasks, that could be flown in one week. It is easy to say that the championship overall was successful, the organising team worked well with good infrastructure in place to ensure the smooth running. Some of the unclarity of results and their reasons causes frustration by at least one team.

Results

Individual PF1

- 1- ALEX MATEOS, France
- 2- EISSA AL-HAJJAJI, Qatar
- 3- NAIF AL-BALOSHI, Qatar

Individual PF1f women – not valid

Individual PL1

- 1- ALEX MATEOS, France
- 2- EISSA AL-HAJJAJI, Qatar
- 3- NAIF AL-BALOSHI, Qatar

Team

- 1- FRANCE
- 2- QATAR
- 3- CZECH REPUBLIC

This report was agreed by all the jury members

Bornos, Spain, 9th June 2023

Rob Hughes
Jury President

Sultan Al ANAZI
Jury Member

Jana Bobkova
Jury Member

Attached:

Addendum to the local regulations

Protests

Complete signed results.

To be saved in a single PDF file and sent to:

Event Director.

FAI Secretary General.

CIMA President.