

# CIAM FAI

## Report of the RC Soaring Subcommittee Activities from April to November 2024

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has fourteen members. All matters were discussed by e-mail. There were no severe problems to deal with. Only during the F3F World Championship did the FAI Jury discover a slight uncertainty in the Sporting Code connected with the penalisation of overflying the safety plane. The Subcommittee then prepared a modification considering the original intention of the rule change proposal and covering the penalisation of overflying the safety plane, sounding clear. Since this is a simple clarification, which does not change the meaning of the rule and could help with correct interpretation, it would be reasonable to include this proposal on the agenda of the 2025 plenary meeting.

Also, during the F3K European Championships, two situations appeared where the Sporting Code didn't offer a definite direction on how to deal with the re-fly procedure. The Subcommittee discussed the different possibilities and selected the right steps by voting. Two small clarifications were, therefore, addressed to the plenary meeting.

### F3B

This year was designated for the hosting of the continental championships, but no organiser bid to run such a championship.

This class is far from as popular as earlier because some modellers have switched to the F3G class, which does not require a problematic transportable winch. Still, the eight competitions appearing in the FAI events calendar are a good standard. Unfortunately two competitions had to be cancelled. One for bad weather, the second for insufficient registered competitors. Still, with six valid competitions the World Cup winner is decided.

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Germany	5	3
Belgium	1	1
Chile		1
Czechia	1	1
Switzerland	1	1
Sweden		1
Denmark	1	
Total	9	8

### F3F

The 2024 FAI F3F World Championship for Model Gliders was successfully organised in France, near the city Limoux, in the region Occitania. It is a pity that no juniors as well as no women participated.

Otherwise this class is in full strength. And the World Cup could be evaluated.

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Autriche	2	2
Spain	3	2
France	2	2
United Kingdom	2	2
Czechia	1	1

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Denmark	1	1
Poland	1	1
Slovenia	1	1
Slovakia		1
Island	1	
Total	14	13

### F3G

This class has relatively new rules, so it has a provisional status. Until now, there have been no rules for organising a World Cup. The last CIAM plenary meeting approved the World Cup rules for this class so that the World Cup can be organised next year..

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Germany	1	2
Belgium	1	1
Czechia		1
France	1	1
Total	3	5

### F3J

This class lost much of its previous popularity. Still, the 2024 FAI F3J World Championship took place in Norway at the Starmoen Airfield, which is situated near Elverum City. The World Championship for juniors could not occur because only two were registered. They were, therefore, competing together with senior competitors. Even the participation of senior competitors was low, and the organiser made a second phase of registration (wild cards), which brought an additional six competitors to the field. A pleasant surprise was the relatively high number of female competitors, but one more female would be necessary to award the title of Female World Champion.

The following table shows that the World Cup evaluation can't take place due to the low number of competitions.

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Germany	2	1
Norway		1
Switzerland	1	1
Netherland	1	
Total	4	3

## F3K

The table with the number of competitions shows that the F3K class is popular. The FAI F3K European Championship for model gliders 2024 was also organised this year. It took place in Poland near the town of Woclawek. A sufficient number of young modellers registered made it possible to run the 2024 FAI F3K European Championship for juniors. Unfortunately, no women participated in the European Championship this time.

Due to the sufficient number of competitions, the World Cup was also of a high standard.

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Germany	3	5
Poland	1	2
Slovakia	2	2
Croatia	1	1
Czechia	1	1
Denmark	1	1

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Italy	1	1
France	1	1
Latvia	1	1
Romania	2	1
Switzerland	1	1
United States		1
Total	15	18

## F3L

This class was introduced with its simplicity to attract young people to aeromodelling. In some countries, the teachers use the rules for local events only and don't support extending the activity to high-level competitions. In some other countries, advanced modellers took the opportunity to use the rules of a new class, even for competitions on a higher level. This trend is visible in the increasing number of competitions appearing in the FAI Sporting Calendar. We can expect to raise the class to a higher level in a short time.

Country	Competitions	
	2023	2024
Slovakia	1	2
Turkey	1	2
Autriche	1	1
Czechia	1	1
Total	4	6

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