

14th World Championship F3B 2003
August 1st to 9th 2003 at Kirchheim unter Teck, Germany

Report by the FAI Jury

General

The World Championship F3B was organised by German Aero Club. At the organisation participated the Modellsportclub Kirchheim u. T. and Fliegergruppe Wolf Hirt Kirchheim u. T.

Pre-contest information

The organisers sent three Bulletins. All necessary information for the competitors and supporters was included. In addition the organiser prepared a set of well arranged web pages.

Participants

73 competitors from 25 countries took part in the competition.

Accommodation and catering

Participants were lodged in several hotels in the vicinity of the competition site. The standard was high. Breakfast and dinner was served in the hotels. It was also possible to camp on the airfield.

For midday meal there was a restaurant opened up in one of the hangars on the airfield. The food was good and there were sufficient beverages available, which was very important at the prevailing weather.

Contest site

The competition was run on a grassy airfield Hahneweide of the local aero club. The launch course was possible to lie out only in two directions but it did not cause problems for the competitors.

Contest organisation

Before the Championship an open international contest was organised. This open contest allowed also other pilots to compare their skill with top pilots from the whole world. It also dealt as training opportunity to all the timekeepers and other staff so that zero round was not necessary.

The competition was well organised and smoothly executed. There were sufficient number of officials for all tasks. A total of 8 rounds, a very good figure, were flown. The organiser prepared a sophisticated electronic scoreboard with fourteen display fields which informed the competitors and spectators about current flying times, working times and laps. In addition a video camera was trained on the scoreboard at all times in case of disputes at a later date.

Weather

The temperatures during the whole championship were very high, around 40°C. The sky was mostly without clouds. It was a great credit to the organisers that the extreme temperatures did not disrupt the competition. On the other hand the sun activity allowed some excellent sporting achievements.

Opening and closing ceremonies, prize giving

Both ceremonies were conducted on the field, with teams parading behind their national flags, anthems for winners on the podium and a closure in a friendly atmosphere.

Banquet

The banquet was organised in the City hall of Kirchheim. It was an evening to remember. Display of indoor flying was a gem to the finish of successful championship.

Technical Meeting

It was expected to hold a technical meeting of the RC-Soaring Subcommittee at this championship. Unfortunately the flights on the airfield took all the available time and the technical meeting had to be cancelled.

Protests

There was no protest submitted during the whole contest.

Conclusion

In the opinion of the FAI Jury this was an excellent championship. The Organiser is to be congratulated to a successful event and thanked for their effort and work involved in hosting this event. The information equipment brought new standards for future championships.

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