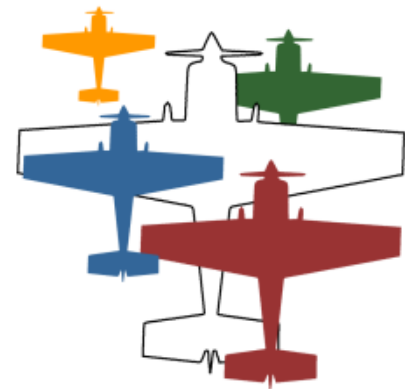


FAI Special Aerobatic Events Report

The bureau is not aware of any specific events outside the structure of CIVA's traditional championships planned for 2022. In the past these have included the World Grands Prix of Aerobatics (WGPA) that were run through the 1990's by Jean Louis Monnet with the help of several CIVA judges, and the Haute Voltige events that followed. More recently the short series of Sky Grand Prix in South Africa and the 2017 Formation Aerobatic Championship in China have provided the only examples of this type of event.

The CIVA Open Tour Series

During 2020 and 2021 the bureau has committed time and resources to create the basis for an exciting new series of short aerobatic events to be known as "COTS", using domestic contests adapted to meet the required structure. The results from all such events will be linked together to provide a unified ranking and identify a series winner based on an amalgamation of scores from the leading pilots.



The intention is to provide for Unlimited power pilots, possibly also for Advanced if the demand is clear, a new range of smaller events that pilots can readily fit into their annual flying schedules. This will maximise the range of championship-standard contests that are available each year to develop skills and maintain pilot currency at a high level.

In each COTS competition the following basic structure applies –

- The event will last a maximum of 4 days
- Entries will be limited to 10-20 competitors
- There will be no Warm-Up pilots
- The Jury will be the Chief Judge + one of the judges + a person from the organiser
- The panel of 4 judges will be invited by the organiser; 3 must have experience of judging at an international aerobatic event (or a major national competition) run under FAI rules
- Each judge must have an assistant able to call Aresti figures and record the judges marks
- The scorer and all administrative positions are selected by the organiser

The flight programmes to be flown (weather permitting) are -

- #1: The COTS Free Known Programme § (§ = Aresti sequence)
- #2: The first Free Unknown Programme §
- #3: The second Free Unknown Programme §
- #4: The third Free Unknown Programme (§ + a Freestyle figure section)
- #5: The Final Freestyle Programme

A complete set of COTS regulations is now available from the [CIVA News Document Store](#) and also from the [FAI > CIVA Documents](#) web page.



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The bureau of CIVA kindly requests that all national aero clubs should review the possibility of adapting part or all of one of their normal aerobatic competitions to meet the requirements of COTS, and discuss with CIVA how the schedule and regulations for their event can be published and promoted through the usual online channels.

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