



Report of the Contest Director for the 25TH FAI WGAC AND 13TH FAI WAGAC

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1 - OVERALL

The 25th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championship 2023 (WGAC 2023) and 13th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championship 2023 (WAGAC 2023) were organised by the Pomeranian Aero Club, the member of Aero Club of Poland. The two above mentioned Championships were held from 26th July to 5th August at the airfield in Toruń (EPTO), Poland. 50 competitors of 10 nations were registered in the Championships: 36 for Advanced and 14 for Unlimited.

4 Programmes of Unlimited Category and 3 Programmes of Advanced were conducted.

The WGAC and WAGAC 2023 were conducted according to the following rules:

- Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA);
- FAI Sporting Code - General Section;
- FAI Sporting Code Section 6 - Part 2;
- FAI Antidoping Rules;
- Local regulations.



2 - OFFICIAL RESULTS

UNLIMITED RESULTS

Contest Results: Overall

1. Maciej POSPIESZYŃSKI, POL
2. Charly LEVY LOUAPRE, FRA
3. Michael SPITZER, GER

Contest Results: Teams

1. Poland: Maciej POSPIESZYŃSKI, Mirosław WRZEŚNIEWSKI
2. Germany: Michael SPITZER, Wolfgang SCHIECK
3. France: Charly LEVY LOUAPRE, Marc DE BOUVIER DE CACHARD

ADVANCED RESULTS

Contest Results: Overall

1. Thibaut FROMANTIN, FRA
2. Agata PORĘBSKA, POL
3. Tomas MICHALEK, CZE

Contest Results: Teams

1. Czech Republic: Tomas MICHALEK, Jan ADAM, Marek VESELY
2. Germany: Richard MUZBERGER, David TEMPEL, Lars CZERNEK
3. Poland: Agata PORĘBSKA, Paweł MAZUR, Piotr Sieradzan

See more results at:

https://civa-results.com/2023/WGAC_23/indexpage.htm

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3 - KEY POINTS

CONTEST DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Jurek MAKULA, POL - Contest Director
Janusz ROSOŁEK, POL - Organiser
Andrzej PAWLICKI, POL - Flight Director
Stanisław KOGUT, POL - Technical Director
Ewa RACZKOWSKA, POL - Administrative Director
Dariusz WARCHOCKI, POL - Assistant

PANEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

Philippe KUCHLER, SUI - President
Madelyne DELCROIX, FRA - Member
Ferenc TOTH, HUN - Member

PANEL OF JUDGES

Vladimir MACHULA, CZE - Chief Judge
Luca ANDRAGHETTI, ITA
Maciej BIAŁEK, POL
Andrew CUNNINGHAM, GBR
Violeta GEDMINAITE, LIT
Steff HAU, GER
Remy LOUVEL, FRA
Galyna SUPRUNENKO, UKR

ASSISTANTS:

Paolo STERMIERI, ITA
MICKI GOTZ, GER
Jerzy WIŚNIEWSKI, POL
Christophe TREBUCHON, FRA
Steve HARDY, GBR
MARASHOWA, UKR
Juozas VALIVONIS, LIT

>> See: Judging Committee report for more details.

REGISTRATION

Registration was made using one of the following communication channels:

- Ordinary mail (sent to the Pomeranian Aero Club);
- Electronical email (wagac2023@gmail.com - registrations valid after confirmation from the Organizer).

Registration was also made in the Contest Office from 24th July. No registration problems were observed.

Entry Fees were specified as follows:

- Competitor: EUR 850;
- Other Team Members: EUR 100.

The Entry Fee covered welcome reception and closing party, any program arranged by the Organizer and the CIVA Sanction Fee, EUR 200 per Pilot.



GENERAL INFORMATION: AVAILABILITY

Official working hours of the Contest Office and Organisers were from 8 am until 30 minutes after the landing of the last competitor or 7 pm (19.00) whatever came later. These hours were valid for any official inquiries or information or deposit of claims/protest concerning the Contest during the Contest's period. All times were stated in the local time.

The below mentioned information was available in the following places: The Info Point, the panel on the apron or the WhatsApp application group:

- Briefing time;
- Current wind;

- Breaks, Pilots' numbers;
- General Order of Flights;
- Schedule;
- Provisional and Final Results, etc.

OFFICIAL FREE TRAINING FLIGHTS

Official free training period was from 24th July until the morning of 26th July 2023. The competition box was marked for training days.

JUDGES' GENERAL BRIEFING

The Chief Judge's Briefing took place on 26th July. The organisation of the Championships as well as the latest amendments to the Sporting Code Section 6 Part 2 were revised for the Panel of Judges.



OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony took place on 26th July at 6 pm (18.00) in the hangar at the airfield in Toruń. It was officially opened by Jerzy Wiśniewski, the Chairman of the Pomeranian Aero Club. There was a warm welcome to Participants and Guests, ending with a dinner party and a commemorative photo.



GENERAL BRIEFING

The General Briefing was arranged by the Chief Judge on 26th July at 2.30 pm (14:30). The organisation of the Championships and flights was introduced to the Competitors as well as all safety procedures were revised. The flying order of Programme #1 was drawn and the drawing of the unknown figures for Programme #2 was carried out afterwards.

FLIGHTS ORDER / SHARED AIRCRAFT

The initial flights order and the next ones were rearranged by the Contest Director and the Jury.

WARM-UP PILOTS

There was one Warm-Up Pilot: Eugen SCHAAL, GER. Some warm-up flights were performed by Ferenc TOTH, HUN.



CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - FLIGHTS

Day	Date	Remarks
#0	26/07/2023	8 am - Team Managers' Briefing 10.00 am - 1.00 pm (13.00) - Gliders Aerobatics Committee Meeting 2.30 pm (14.30) - General Briefing and Chief Judge's Briefing 6 pm (18.00) - Opening Ceremony
#1	27/07/2023	9.00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 6 pm (18.00) - Briefing
#2	28/07/2023	10.30 am - Briefing No flights due to bad weather conditions
#4	29/07/2023	8.00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 14.00 - Briefing
#5	30/07/2023	8.00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS
#6	31/07/2023	10.00 - Briefing FLIGHTS 6.30 pm (18.30) - French Evening
#7	01/08/2023	No flights due to bad weather conditions 6 pm (18.00) - German Evening
#8	02/08/2023	9.00 - Briefing FLIGHTS 7 pm (19.00) - Polish, American and Japanese Evening
#9	03/08/2023	1.45 pm (13.45) - Briefing No flights due to bad weather conditions Austria and Czech Republic Evening
#10	04/08/2023	10.00 am - Briefing FLIGHTS 1.05 pm (13.05) - Team Managers' Briefing 7.01 pm (19.01) - The Competition was over due to an accident
#11	05/08/2023	4 pm (16.00) - Closing Ceremony

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - OFFICIAL WIND

The Official Wind was decided in cooperation with the Jury and the Chief Judge. The information was announced during briefings, on the flight line noticeboard and via the WhatsApp application.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - PROPOSALS FOR F.U.

All proposals for the Free Unknown (Programmes # 2, 3, 4) had to be sent according to the rules of Sporting Code Section 6 Part 2.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - PROTESTS

Two protests were submitted simultaneously by the Czech Team to the International Jury via the Administrative Office, however only one Fee of EUR 100 was paid. The Organiser sent a request to pay the full amount for the two protests or choose one protest to be considered. Such a solution was not accepted by the above mentioned Competitors. As a result, the two protests were rejected due to the lack of meeting the formal and legal requirements stated in official FAI and CIVA documents.

#	Date	Pilot / NAC	Reason	Verdict
1	29/07/2023	Milos Ramert Premysl Vavra Miroslav Cervenka	Marking of figure 2	Rejected on the level of the Administrative Office
2	29/07/2023	Milos Ramert Premysl Vavra Miroslav Cervenka	Marking of figure 2	Rejected on the level of the Administrative Office

All results were validated after a minimum of a two-hour period for the protests and were definitive.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - DISQUALIFICATIONS

On 29th July 2023 two Czech Pilots were disqualified due to unsportive conduct. The two Competitors left the Championships.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - MEDICAL PROBLEMS

There was no necessity to provide first aid owing to the lack of medical indications. However an ambulance with a medical paramedic was provided throughout the Championships.

CONDUCT OF FLIGHTS - SAFETY

On 4th August 2023 an accident took place during the 4th competition of Unlimited Category. The incident occurred shortly after the rope was unhooked from the glider. The glider belonging to the Italian Team was destroyed and the tow plane landed at the airfield safely. There were no injured people. At present this case is being investigated by the Local Air Accident Investigation Committee.

VIDEO RECORDING

>> See report of the Chief Judge.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

The official language during the WGAC and WAGAC 2023 for written and spoken forms of communication as well as briefings was English.

The communication was also conducted via a WhatsApp application where all current and official information was sent by the Organisers.

JUDGE PAPERWORK, SCORES ENTRY, RESULTS PUBLICATION AND WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

Scoring Office was very efficient which resulted in the Competitors' satisfaction. All the scores were put into the system and published immediately after a given flight by the Scoring Director, Paweł Szczepanowski whose effort in conducting administrative tasks deserves special recognition.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The following attractions for the Competitors and Judges were organised during the Championships: Visits to the observatory, evening tours of the old square, supper in the city centre.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing and Medal Ceremony took place on 5th August 2023 in the hangar at the airfield in Toruń. Special attractions had been arranged by the Organisers: an old cars exhibition, a brass band performance, a concert and a banquet.

4 - CONCLUSIONS

The organisation of the Championships was successful. The Administrative Office under the supervision of Ewa Raczowska, and the Check Point worked very effectively. All current problems were solved immediately.

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