10th FAI YAK52 World Aerobatic Championships

Tula, Russia August 3rd – 13th, 2017



Report of the Chief Judge

Overview

The Championship was completed with 3 programmes by 18 competitors from 6 countries. Whole event was influenced by bad weather.

Tula is located 180 km south of Moscow. Championship was held at the active military airbase. Box and all judging positions were located inside area of the airbase.



Facilities and equipment

Judges room and was located within the hotel where all teams and officials were accommodated. Driving distance was around 5-15 minutes depending on traffic. Same room was also used for briefings.

Official Judging video was produced using hand hold HD camera run by Mr. Timur Aliev. Due to small number of participants, half flying days only (due to weather) and no need for extensive video sessions, the video quality was sufficient and usable in all cases when needed.

Equipment of judging positions was standard and thus sufficient. Meals were provided in a lunch boxes to spare time when weather was usable or in the hotel otherwise.

Services

Scoring Office ran by Mrs. Elena Klimovich who made a tremendous job. She did perfect job considering that she was alone for the paperwork and scoring job, in addition working in the hotel room. Attached picture shows Scoring office located in tent at the airfield, but obviously occupied by the International Jury and other staff.

Transportation of judges between hotel and airport was provided by bus which was sometimes very late, but always finally reached destination.

I must also appreciate a way how participants were threated in times when flying was not possible due to weather conditions. Organizer arranged complimentary trips to Tula city, Yasnaya Polyana and other local museums.



Judges

The board of Judges consisted of

Judge	Assistant	Country
Vladimir Razhin	Lidia Leonova, Mikhail Molchaniuk	RUS
Tamara Dovgalenko	Galyna Suprunenko	UKR
Bernard Courtois	Guy Auger	FRA
Violetta Gedminaite	Vitautas Tautkevicius	LTU
Nick Buckenham	Leif Culpin	GBR

Judging seminar with a test has been done a day prior to the beginning of the event. Judges awarded 3 595 marks, of which 68 were HZ and 39 were PZ. Detailed judge's analysis is available at www.civa-results.com. Overall judge's analysis with RI is in following table

Judge RI
Vladimir Razhin 6,36
Tamara Dovgalenko 3,48
Bernard Courtois 8,07
Violetta Gedminaite 7,47
Nick Buckenham 10,16

Competition Flights

One pilot was disqualified due to G-overload in programme 1 (Free Known). No other unsafe situation was observed.



Congratulation to YAK52 World Champion 2017 Oleg Shpolianskii as well as to other programmes winners.

Conclusion

I would like to thank to Organizer for nice experience, good contest and effort invested into this Championship. Specifically thanks to Contest Director – Mr. Dimitry Motin, Flight Director - Sergey Tkhor, Warmup - Sergey Zaitsev and all the others. Even with a small number of participants I believe it is important that this category survives. Thanks goes also to all Judges and their Assistants as well as to my two Assistants Katerina and Jirka for their patience and approach to the job.

Vladimir Machula 26th October 2017 Prague, Czech Republic