

REPORT ON 2018 F2 (CONTROL LINE) WORLD CUP (REV 2)

F2 World Cup competitions are flown in the classes F2A (Speed), F2B (Aerobatics), F2C (Team Racing) and F2D (Combat). All the World Cup F2 classes have perpetual trophies.

Over the four F2 World Cup classes this year, there was a solid recovery in the number of pilots against the decrease in 2017 with each of the four classes having more pilots: 609 compared to 566 in 2017.

A disturbing incident affecting the F2 World Cup (and World Championships) took place in June. I had been notified by FAMSU, the Ukrainian Aeromodelling Federation, that the FAI Licences of ten world-class Ukrainian competitors had been rescinded by FAMSU for alleged internal irregularities. Nine of these competitors were top-ranking competitors who competed in F2 World Cups and FAI F2 World & Continental Championships year-on-year. The summarily rescinded FAI Licences, based only on *unproven irregularities* meant that these valued competitors were sorely missed in these competitions and their exclusion from competition definitely, and detrimentally, impacted on the F2 World Cups.

Although there was a reasonable increase in the number of pilots, there were fewer competitor entries which were down by 1.4% compared to 2017. All four classes increased their competitor numbers and but only F2D increased its competitor entry numbers by a small percentage (1.5%) over 2017.

Overall, 609 competitors (pilots) (including six multiple teams in F2C Team Race) made 1,410 competitor entries over the 77 competitions that actually took place out of the 87 that were scheduled.

Junior participation varied from class to class with 65 juniors overall (two fewer than in 2017). F2D again had the highest number of juniors at 39, one fewer than last year, whilst F2B had the least at 7, five fewer than 2017.. F2A had 11 juniors, one more than in 2017. F2C had 8 juniors, three more than in 2017.

We know from the survey conducted two or three years ago that juniors come into the sport through a family member, generally a father, and there are a number of father/son & father/daughter competitors throughout the four classes. However it is unique for a father and his offspring to finish in the gold medal place in the Senior *and* the Junior classification of a class at the end of the World Cup Series but that has been achieved this year in the F2A (Speed) class by Alex Vashilev and his son, Ivan, both from the USA.

Overall there were 87 scheduled competitions, one less than last year. 10 competitions across classes F2A, F2B & F2C were invalid either because of no entries or because only one country participated. Compared to 2017, there were fewer invalid competitions..

There was major improvement in the timing of the results and Jury report submissions but one or two organisers still had to be chased. More time-consuming was the chasing that was necessary because the organisers either (a) submitted their results as pdf files rather than the Excel files or (b) used outdated Excel files. This still happens despite the annual email to all organisers at the beginning of the season with updated blank Excel files and an explanation of the submission procedure.

The individual competition full results and the Jury reports plus the cumulative results for each class were uploaded periodically to the F2 World Cup page of the CIAM website. Previous years' full results and Jury Reports going back to 2010 continue to be available on the same page and this makes a first-class archival facility.

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The Final Cumulative Results for classes F2A, F2B, F2C & F2D were uploaded to the website on 22nd November and sent to the FAI along with all the individual contest results on 23rd November. A revised F2D Cumulative Results was uploaded to the website and sent to FAI on 26th November. A revised F2A, and second revision of the F2D, cumulative results were uploaded to the website on 24th December and revised documents sent to CIAM & FAI.

Final Ranking Information

2018 Rankings REV			
Class	Competitor	Country	Score
F2A (Senior)	1. VALISHEV, Alex	USA	908.5 kph
	2. KALININ, Andrei	RUS	902.3 kph
	3. EISNER, Paul	GBR	901.2 kph
F2A (Junior)	1. VALISHEV, Ivan	USA	879.4 kph
	2. NOSKOV, Vasily	RUS	702.6 kph
	3. TYUTINA, Sophia	RUS	532.2 kph
F2B (Senior)	1. BURGER, Igor	SVK	82 points
	2. GAUTHIER, Alexandre	FRA	75 points
	3. SOLOMYANIKOV, Sergiy	UKR	75 points
F2B (Junior)	1. KURCHER, Mykola	UKR	42 points
	2. DOLOBAC, Patrik	SVK	36 points
	3. PAVLOVA, Nikol	BUL	20 points
F2C (Senior)	1. SAVCHENKO, Igor / LOBZIN, Maksym	UKR	84 points
	2. OUGEN, Thierry / SURUGUE, Roland	FRA	72 points
	3. DOZHIDAEV, Sergey / GRYGARTAS	RUS/LTU	62 points
F2C (Junior)	1. AKSENOV, Egor / GUZOV, Pavel	RUS	19 points
	2. SUYDA, Dominik / MUCHA, Jakob	POL	4 points
	3. LOBODA Dymtro / ZABARA Mykola	UKR	3 points
F2D (Senior)	1. DUSCHENKO, Dmitry	RUS	84 points
	2. RASTENIS, Audrius	LTU	69 points
	3. SHALAEV, Aleksander	RUS	66 points
F2D (Junior)	1. NEKHAI, Pavel	BLR	45 points
	2. POPOV, Konstantin	RUS	43 points
	3. BARANOV, Denis	RUS	36 points

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2018 F2 WCUP ANALYSIS										("Comps" = competitions)			
Class	Scheduled Competitions	Competitors/ Nations	Juniors	Juniors as % of Competitors	Entries	Competitions with Highest Entries	Competition with Least Entries	Invalid Comps (No results or no entries)	Comps with 10 or Fewer Entries	New Venues			
F2A	25	75 / 22	11	14.6%	168	21 (Landres)	2 (Valladolid)	3	19	2	Las Palmas (ESP for GBR) Lugo (ITA for GBR)		
F2B	22	158 / 27	7	4.4%	340	28 (Zarnovica & Hradoc Kralove)	6 (Valladolid)	4	3	2	Ulaanbaatar (MON) Lugo (ITA for GBR)		
F2C	18	94 / 22	8	8.5%	214	30 (Landres)	4 (Paris)	3	6	1	Lugo (ITA for GBR)		
F2D	22	282 / 28	39	13.8%	688	87 (Tula Alexin)	14 (Herning)	0	0	1	Lugo (ITA for GBR)		
Notes:													
F2A	The winning final speed for the overall classification was 908.5 kph. The Junior winning speed was 879.4 kph, placed 8th in the overall classification.												
F2B	There was a tie on 75 points for 2nd & 3rd places. The Junior winning points were 42, placed 16th in the overall classification.												
F2C	The 101 teams (competitors) included six multiple teams. The Junior winning points were 19, placed 24th in the overall classification.												
F2D	The winner had a solid lead over the other competitors. There was a tie on 45 points for 1st & 2nd places in the Junior results. This was resolved by the tie-break rules in the Sporting Code. The Junior winner placed 19th in the overall classification.												
Other:													
1	There were 87 competitions across the four F2 classes over 33 separate dates (46 dates in all) covering 26 countries although six of those countries hosted other nations' competitions as permitted by the F2 World Cup rules.												
2	Seven competitions were hosted by other nations: two for all four classes; two for F2A only; two for F2D only and one for F2A & F2B.												

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2018 F2 WCUP GENERAL ANALYSIS	F2A	F2B	F2C	F2D
Overall entries	Down by 3.5%	Down by 2.3%	Down by 7.0%	Down by 1.4%
Overall competitors	Up by 5.6% Juniors up from 10 to 11	Up by 7.5%; Juniors down from 12 to 7	Up by 11.9%; Juniors up from 5 to 8	Up by 6.8%; Juniors down from 44 to 39
Competitions	Decreased by 1	Increased by 8	Decreased by 2	Decreased by 2

This concludes the 2018 F2 World Cup Report.

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