



Bulletin 2 - July 2024

FAI World Drone Racing Championship

Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China

Thursday 31th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024

Arrival on Wednesday 30th October - Departure on Monday 4th November

2024 WDRC websites:

<https://www.fai.org/wdrc>

<https://wdrc.fpvone.cn>

The present Bulletin must be considered as an additional document to the February 2024 Bulletin 1. So, this Bulletin only includes complementary information.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The organizer will arrange a free shuttle service from the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport (ATA code HGH) to hotels. The duration of the transportation is about 40 minutes.

A free shuttle service will be also arranged from the Hangzhoudong railway station (also named Hangzhou East railway station) to hotels. The duration of the transportation is about 20 mins.

Both free shuttle services will be organised on Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, 30th October.

Note: The bus shuttle will only serve the hotels which are recommended in the present Bulletin 2.

Similar free shuttle services will be arranged on the Monday 4th November from the hotels to the Hangzhou International Airport (HGH) and to Hangzhoudong railway station (Hangzhou East railway station)

Reservations for the shuttle services must be made no later than Thursday, 17th October. The reservation form may be downloaded on the following webpage: <https://www.fai.org/wdrc2024-documents>

The completed reservation form must be emailed to events@hangzhousports.com by putting wdrc2024@163.com in cc. A confirmation will be sent after the reservation form will have been received.

Note: The hotels proposed being very close from the competition venue, there will be no shuttle bus provided between the hotels and the competition venue.

SPORTING RULES

The 2024 WDRC Sporting Rules document had been amended on minor points. The amended version dated June 2024 is published on the FAI WDRC website.

REGISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

The registration of the national teams and payment of the entry fees must be on-line by using the eNavigator application. An invitation to register on eNavigator the national team had been emailed on 28th June to the contact person appointed by the NAC in the Preliminary Entry Form (PEF).

The deadline fixed to proceed the registration of the national teams with payment of the entry fees is 15th August.

Notes:

- For a NAC not having yet sent a PEF, it is possible to register subject to fill the PEF in order to appoint the NAC contact person who will be in charge to register the national team in eNavigator. The 2024 PEF may be downloaded on the following webpage: <https://www.fai.org/wdrc2024-documents>
- The registration of the individual competitors qualified to participate with a wild card will be proceeded after 15th August.

Entry fees received after that deadline may be subject to a penalty fee up to 20 % of the total amount of the entry fees to be paid. The fees will not be accepted on arrival except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior agreement with the organiser.

If a national team or a competitor withdraws after entry fees have been paid, a refund will be considered only in case of force majeure or exceptional circumstance.

REGISTRATION ON THE COMPETITION VENUE

The registration must be done by the team manager as soon as the national team is arrived on Wednesday, 29th October or Thursday, 30th October.

The registration desk will be clearly marked.

The team manager is requested to bring two national flags (size: 1 m x 1.5 m) at the registration. The flags will be given back to the team manager during the banquet at the end of the WDRC.

The team manager will get packages (badges, banquet and food tickets, souvenirs) for the participants concerned.

PARTICIPATION EXPECTED

Based on the Preliminary Entry Forms received, find below a table recapitulating the countries and the number of competitors expected to participate for their national team.

		Number of competitors
AUS	Australia	5
BEL	Belgium	4
BUL	Bulgaria	4
CAN	Canada	5
CHN	People's Republic of China	5
DEN	Denmark	4
EST	Estonia	4
ESP	Spain	5
FIN	Finland	4
FRA	France	4
GBR	Great Britain	5
GER	Germany	2
HKG	Hong Kong, China	5
HUN	Hungary	4
ISR	Israel	3
ITA	Italy	3
JPN	Japan	5
KSA	Saudi Arabia	3
KOR	Republic of Korea	5
LAT	Latvia	4
MAS	Malaysia	4
MKD	North Macedonia	1
NOR	Norway	3
POL	Poland	3
RSA	South Africa	4
SUI	Switzerland	7
SWE	Sweden	4
THA	Thailand	1
TPE	Chinese Taipei	5
TUR	Turkey	4
USA	United States of America	5
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPETITORS		124
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES		31

Note: This table does not consider the individual competitors who may participate with a wild card.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

The following schedule is given for information and may be subject to change.

Tuesday October 29		
14:00	18:00	Registration on the venue

Wednesday October 30		
08:00	18:00	Registration on the venue (<i>Continued and end</i>)
09:30	15:00	Model processing
15:30	17:00	Meeting for the FAI and organiser officials

Thursday October 31		
08:00	13:00	Model processing (<i>Continued and end</i>)
08:00	16:00	Official practice
16:00	16:30	Track Walking Through
16:45	18:15	Team managers Meeting
20:00	21:00	Opening Ceremony

Friday November 1		
09:00	12:15	Qualifying round 1
13:30	16:45	Qualifying round 2'
18:00	21:15	Qualifying round 3 - <i>Night session</i>

Saturday November 2		
09:00	10:45	Additional round 1
11:15	13:15	1st Elimination round <i>Races 1 to 16</i>
13:45	15:30	Additional round 2
16:00	17:00	2nd Elimination round <i>Races 17 to 24</i>
17:45	20:45	Double elimination sequence - <i>Night session</i> <i>Race 25 to 44</i>

Sunday November 3		
09:00	09:30	3rd Elimination round <i>Races 45 to 48</i>
10:00	10:30	Double elimination sequence <i>Races 49 to 54</i>
11:00	11:15	4th Elimination round <i>Races 55 and 56</i>
11:45	12:00	Double elimination sequence <i>Races 57 to 59</i>
12:30	12:45	5th Elimination round <i>Race 60</i>
13:15	13:20	Double elimination sequence <i>Race 61</i>
14:30	15:30	Finals (Junior - Women - Overall)
16:00	17:00	Award & Closing Ceremony
19:30		Banquet

HOTEL ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

HOTELS

Two hotels are proposed by considering their proximity with the competition venue:

- Holiday Inn Hangzhou CBD, which is 665 meters (about 10 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.
- Hangzhou Tianyuan Tower Hotel, which is 440 meters (about 7 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

See detailed information (room types and prices, photos, etc.) in the Appendix of the present Bulletin.

Note: Breakfast is included in all room prices.

For both hotels:

- Proceed the reservation with the hotel no later than 10 days before your desired date of stay.
- After receiving your request for reservation, the hotel will send a reply mentioning the payment method for your hotel booking.
- The confirmation of your booking information will be sent by the hotel within 3 days after the payment. In case you don't receive the confirmation in that delay, contact the hotel.
- In case of a change after booking, inform the hotel of the change no later than 3 days before your check-in time. If this deadline is not respected, the hotel will charge your payment even if the booking is cancelled or in situation of no-show.

For information on hotels and for reservations, email to Ms. Jia HUANG: huangj@hzslsf.com

MEALS

It will be possible to get on request meals on the venue from Thursday 31th October to Sunday 3rd November.

Information on menus and prices will be available at the arrival.

The reservation and payment of meals will be done at the registration on the competition venue of the national team. Chinese RMB and Visa/Master cards will be accepted for the payment.

BANQUET

The banquet will stand in the Hangzhou Tianyuan Hotel gala room.



Tianyuan Hotel gala room

The price of the banquet is 30 € per person.

The reservation and payment of banquet tickets may be done on the eNavigator application at the registration of the national team.

It will be possible to buy additional tickets at the registration on the competition venue provided that the capacity of the gala room in which will be located the banquet is not reached. Payment with Chinese RMB and Visa/ Master card will be accepted.

Special requests (Vegetarian, no gluten, etc.) must be mentioned by the team manager at the registration on the competition venue.

MONEY PRIZES

The organiser will award money prizes for a total of \$ USD 120,000 which will be shared as defined in the following table.

The money prizes will be paid by FAI to the competitors and national teams concerned as soon as possible after the WDRC.

Overall Individual Classification	
1	\$10 000
2	\$8 000
3	\$6 000
4	\$4 000
	\$28 000

Junior Individual Classification	
1	\$6 000
2	\$4 000
3	\$3 000
4	\$2 000
	\$15 000

Women Individual Classification	
1	\$6 000
2	\$4 000
3	\$3 000
4	\$2 000
	\$15 000

National Team Classification	
1	\$15 000
2	\$12 000
3	\$10 000
4	\$7 000
5	\$6 000
6	\$5 000
7	\$4 000
8	\$3 000
	\$62 000

OTHER TOPICS

INVITATION LETTER

For the participants who will need an invitation for their visa to enter China or for any other reason, please send the 2024 WDRC Invitation Letter Form as a team to wdr2024@163.com by August 15th, 2024 with electronic copies of the passport photo pages of the participants.

The 2024 WDRC Invitation Letter form may be downloaded on the following webpage: <https://www.fai.org/wdrc2024-documents>

The completed form filled must be emailed to wdr2024@163.com. The invitation letter(s) will be sent by email in a 2 weeks delay.

Note: It is recommended to take care as soon as possible of the visa process and delay to get visas.

TEAM MANAGERS WECHAT MESSAGING GROUP

A WeChat messaging group for the team managers will be activated to provide them daily information.

In that situation, all team managers including competitors also acting as team manager, are highly encouraged to download on their smartphone the WeChat application before arriving in China.

WeChat icon



Please click [here](#) to get information how to register on WeChat, or type the following link:

<https://help.wechat.com/cgi-bin/micromsg-bin/oshelpcenter?opcode=2&id=120813euejvf141023eqnajz>

The WeChat messaging group for the team managers will be activated on Thursday 31st October. Details how to connect to the team managers WeChat group will be provided during the Team Managers Meeting.

RACING CIRCUIT DESIGN & SIMULATION

The design of the racing circuit will be made public and published on the FAI WDRC website as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than one month before the WDRC as stated in the FAI WDRC Sporting Rules document.

In addition, the simulation of the track will be available on the EreaDrone simulator.

BATTERIES PACKAGES

6S batteries packages will be available for sale on the competition venue with different brands: TATTU, DOGCOM, GAONENG, STARMACH.

	Chinese RMB Price	Approx. USD Price
1350mA-160C-6S	¥208	\$29
1480mA-150C-6S	¥219	\$31
1480mA-160C-6S	¥239	\$33
1550mA-150C-6S	¥210	\$29
1850mA-150C-6S	¥299	\$42

Chinese RMB, US Dollars and Visa and Master card will be accepted for the payment.

Note: Currency exchange rate between USD and RMB may be subject to daily variation.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOOTING

Each competitor will be required for a photo shooting for sports presentation and media production purpose.

The photo shooting will be arranged before or right after the competitors will have proceeded their model processing.

The team uniform or proper dressing is recommended.

ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS

AERO SPORTS FEDERATION OF CHINA (ASFC)

Contact person: Mrs Ye LI (Elaine)

Email: yeatslee@126.com

Mobile phone: 0086-10-67051859

FOR QUESTIONS OR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HOTELS AND RESERVATIONS - Email: huangj@hzslsf.com

FOR QUESTIONS ON FREE SHUTTLE SERVICES - Email: events@hangzhousports.com

FOR INVITATION LETTERS FOR VISA PURPOSE - Email: wdr2024@163.com

– APPENDIX –

For information on hotels and for reservations, email to Ms. Jia HUANG: huangj@hzslsf.com

HOLIDAY INN HANGZHOU CBD



Holiday Inn Hangzhou CBD was opened in 2019, belongs to the IHG Hotel Group, is one of the official hotels assigned by the city government for serving the G20 Hangzhou Summit and the 19th Asian Games.

Location

The hotel is located at Hangzhou, close to the Mix Mall, the Raffles Square, and to the Grand Theater and International Convention Center.

665 meters (about 10 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

It also takes within 8-10 minutes walk to the metro station line 2/4 (D3 exit) and only 15-20 mins drive to the West Lake Hangzhou.

Parking for vehicles.

Address

No. 20 Qianchao Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou

Facilities

210 stylish rooms, 96 of which are suites equipped with kitchen, washing machine, dining table, refrigerator, and microwave oven, suitable for long-term guests.

Each family Suite has 2 bedrooms and can accommodate up to 4 guests. The rest of the room types have only 1 bedroom and can accommodate 2 guests.

Free WiFi.

Lounge restaurant for all day dining at the 1st floor + Gym with in-door swimming pool on the 3rd floor.

Room Type	Room Rate	Quantity	Size
Superior King Bedroom	540 RMB (about 70 Euros)	50	35-38 m ²
Superior Twin Bedroom	540 RMB (about 70 Euros)	50	35-38 m ²
Superior/Executive Suite	810 RMB (about 105 Euros)	40	63-69 m ²
Family Suite	990 RMB (about 128 Euros)	20	71 m ²
Deluxe Suite	1710 RMB (about 220 Euros)	2	105 m ²

* Currency exchange rate between Euros and RMB may be subject to daily variation.



Buffet Dinner/Lunch: Starting from RMB 158 (about 21 Euros) per person

HANGZHOU TIANYUAN TOWER HOTEL



Hangzhou Tianyuan Tower Hotel stands by the Qiantang River. The hotel offers a truly immersive experience in traditional Chinese culture.

Location

The hotel is located in Hangzhou, stands at the intersection of the Qiantang River.

440 meters distance (about 7 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

Parking fitting 300 vehicles.

Address: No. 20 Qianchao Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou

Facilities

60 rooms blocked at that stage for the national teams.

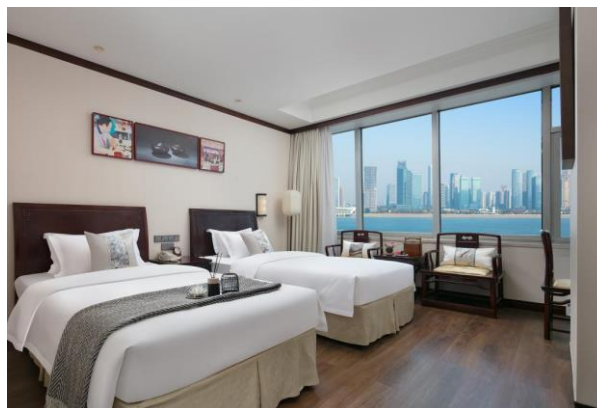
Note: All staff for the event and officials will be also lodged in that hotel.

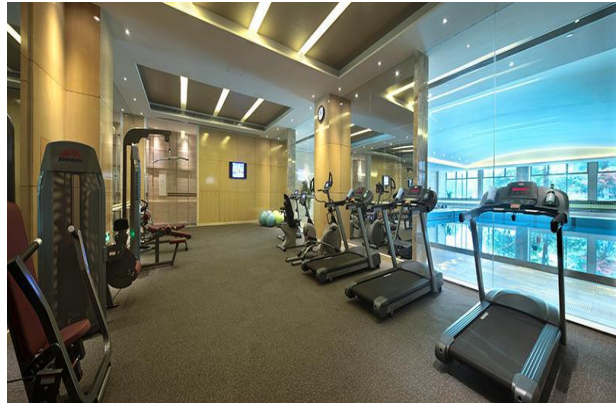
Free WiFi.

Other facilities: Indoor swimming pool - Fitness centre, sauna, spa - Chess and card - Barbecue space - Executive lounge.

Room Type	Room Rate	Quantity	Size
Deluxe Large Bed	660 RMB (about 85 Euros)	30	28 m ²
Double Bedroom	660 RMB (about 85 Euros)	30	28 m ²

* Currency exchange rate between Euros and RMB may be subject to daily variation.





Buffet Dinner: Starting from RMB 200 (about 26 Euros) per person