

Report from the Scale Subcommittee 2012.

The Scale subcommittee have at present 22 members and all with an E-mail address, which makes sending out information and discuss matters of interest much easier. We have had three E-mail letters circulating to the Subcommittee regarding necessary changes in the balance of K-factors in static for the class F4H. Since 2013 is not a year with a scale technical meeting we have not discussed any F4C rules for proposals to the Plenary meeting, only rule changes for the coming championship class F4H as we work to finalise the rules, we have some proposals to the coming Plenary that will be discussed in the Subcommittee and presented to the Plenary as a Subcommittee proposal for the rules.

This year Spain was the host of the World Scale Championship and the venue was the town of Jaca 400 Km north west of Barcelona and approximately the same distance north of Madrid. Before the start of the World Championship, the Spanish organisers invited the Judges and all others interested in discussing the Scale Rules to a Scale seminar on one whole day. Several topics were discussed, but the main emphasis was on the F4C rules as this was the World Championship class. We thank the Spanish organisers for their effort in making this seminar possible, this is the only way we can get international judges together without too much expenses and it is really needed.

This was a very successful run championship and we had no protests. In this F4C Championship there were 16 nations with 36 competitors, a really disappointing low entry, and we were made painfully aware of the problems with transporting models overseas, as the entry from outside Europe was very low only the two "A", Argentina and Australia was present representing the rest of the world. The competitors from Australia had to spend more money on transporting their models than for their own air ticket, we really do need the FAI to get us some sort of agreement with the airline industry to lower the cost of model transport.

We have had some heavy rumours about a few competitors violating the builder of the model rule and the pilot's declaration form in the classes F4C & G. To get rid of these rumours and trying to find out what the truth is, the Chairman would like to bring these rumours out into the open and allow the accused to defend themselves and to get rid of the rumours going on around the world one way or the other.

Concurrently with the F4C World Championship, the Spanish organisers also run an International contest in the classes F4G & H and some of the competitors competed in two of the classes. The preliminary entry in class F4G was up to 35 and forced the organisers to plan on starting that class a few days before the World Championship proper. This resulted in too many dropouts and only 9 competitors from 5 nations competed, a really disappointing turnout, and in class F4H 9 nations participated with 22 competitors total, also a rather much lower entry than the preliminary of 37.

Since Scale is not having a Technical meeting in 2013, we only have some minor, but important proposals to change the F4H rules before the class will become a Championship class. We will then use the time up to the Plenary meeting in 2013 to discuss all other scale matters that might be on the Plenary agenda to give the Plenary an input from the Subcommittee on the matter and the Scale Subcommittee Chairman will then present the results of the Subcommittee discussion to the Plenary Meeting when the proposals are up for voting.

We have one voluntary person, who is not a member of the Subcommittee, who wants to make a complete rewriting of the Scale part of the Sporting Code to clean up the mix between rules and guides. We have accepted this offer and on the condition that this rewriting will be

done in close cooperation with the members of the Subcommittee so that we all can agree on the result and avoid any late discussion or protests when the product is completed that might result in the rejection of the complete offer.

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