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Summary of Conclusions

from the Plenary Meeting of the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)

Held on
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November 2024
at the
Hellenic Air Force Academy in Athens

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CIVA President's introductory remarks

Bureau 2024:

Nick Buckenham	CIVA President
Matthieu Roulet	Vice President
Tamás Ábrányi	Vice President
Hanspeter Rohner	Vice President
Quintín Hawthorne	Vice President
Hanna Rähkä	Secretary
Carole Holyk	Secretary
Philippe Küchler	Treasurer

1. In Memoriam

Two minutes of silence was observed to remember the following friends and colleagues who passed away in 2023 and 2024.

Chris Cain, GBR	December 2023
Pierre Marmy, SUI	March 2024
Oliver Masurel, FRA/ESP	May 2024
Jerry Riedinger, USA	May 2024
Manuel "Coco" Rey, ESP	June 2024
Aidan Grimley, GBR	July 2024

2. Meeting Introduction

2.1. Roll Call of delegates

Present: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Poland, Portugal, Republic of South Africa, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States

The Following Proxy Votes were tabled:

Australia (AUS)	to	South Africa (RSA)
Japan (JPN)	to	Poland (POL)
Saudi Arabia (KSA)	to	Spain (ESP)
Netherlands (NED)	to	Switzerland (SUI)
Norway (NOR)	to	Sweden (SWE)
Slovakia (SVK)	to	Hungary (HUN)
Austria (AUT)	to	Czech Republic (CZE)
Brazil (BRA)	to	Portugal (POR)

TOTAL VOTES **28 (20 present, 8 Proxies). Absolute majority 15, 2/3 majority 19.**

No Apologies for Absence.

2.2. Minutes of the 2023 meeting

The Delegates unanimously approved the minutes of the 2023 plenary meeting.

2.3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2.4. Short test of the ElectionRunner voting system

The system was successfully tested.

3. Report from the President of CIVA

Nick Buckenham presented the President's report.

4. Report from FAI Secretary General

Markus Haggenny presented his report of FAI activities

5. Report on CIVA Finances 2024-2025

5.1. 2024 Financial Results (Philippe KÜCHLER)

5.2. 2022-2023 Travel Allowance Programme (Zuzana DANIHELOVA)

5.3. 2023 Budget (Philippe KÜCHLER)

5.4. The CIVA Sanction Fee (Nick BUCKENHAM)

Reports approved by CIVA.

6. Reports of the 2024 Championships

6.1. WGAC/WAGAC Jury President's Report (Vladimir MACHULA)

No report from Vladimir Machula.

6.2. WGAC/WAGAC Chief Judge's Report (Philippe KÜCHLER)

Report approved by CIVA.

6.3. WGAC/WAGAC Contest Director's report (Thomas von LARCHER)

Report approved by CIVA.

6.4. WAC Jury President's Report (Pierre VARLOTEAUX)

Report approved by CIVA.

6.5. WAC Chief Judge's Report (Quintin HAWTHORNE)

Report approved by CIVA.

6.6. WAC Contest Director's Report (Jerzy MAKULA)

Report rejected by CIVA.

6.7. EAAC/EIAC Jury President's report (Pierre VARLOTEAUX)

Report approved by CIVA

6.8. EAAC/EIAC Chief Judge's Report (Guy AUGER)

Report approved by CIVA

6.9. EAAC/EIAC Contest Director's Report (Vlad Alexandru POPESCU)

Report approved by CIVA

7. Reports of the other Committees and Working Groups

7.1. CIVA Judging Committee (Pierre VARLOTEAUX)

Report Approved by CIVA.

Philippe K uchler made a proposal of having a cooperation between the Judging commission and the Chief Judge and giving the concerned Chief Judge a way to intervene with a possible veto on the selection by the JC.

A vote was taken if the plenary accepts to put this proposal on the agenda. (requires 2/3 majority of votes)

Rejected

7.2. CIVA Catalogue Committee (Daniel GENEVEY)

Report Approved by CIVA.

7.3. CIVA Glider Aerobatics Committee (Pekka HAVBRANDT)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.4. CIVA Fair Play System (Nick BUCKENHAM)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.5. The Information and Communication Technology committee Report (Ringo MASSA)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.6. Strategic Planning Group Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)

It was noted that junior trophies were awarded in more competitions than indicated in the report. Nick confirmed that on receipt of updated information the report will be revised and republished.

Report approved by CIVA.

7.7. Safety Working Group Report (Hanspeter ROHNER)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.8. Contest Scoring Programme Report (Nick BUCKENHAM)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.9. FAI/Aresti Committee Report (Jim BOURKE)

Report approved by CIVA.

7.10. Contest Organization Working Group (Nick BUCKENHAM)

Report approved by CIVA.

8. Proposed CIVA Rule changes for 2025

8.1. Part 1 Proposals for Power – Section 6 Part 1

Matthieu Roulet presented the rule proposals for power aerobatics.

NP2025-1

Source: ESP #1
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Increase in the number of permitted figures in programmes 2, 3 and 4 in Unlimited

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-2

Source: ESP #2
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Increase in the number of permitted figures in programmes 2, 3 and 4 in Unlimited

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-3

Source: ESP #3
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Increase in the number of permitted figures in programmes 2, 3 and 4 in Unlimited

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-4

Source: ESP #4
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Increase in the number of permitted figures in programmes 2, 3 and 4 in Unlimited

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-5

Source: ESP #5
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Removal of Intermediate Category from Category 1 Championships

It was suggested to plenary the author should modify the proposal and return to this on Sunday.
 A vote was taken to ascertain if this should be done (2/3 majority required)

CIVA rejected

The proposal was then voted without revision.

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-20

Source: GRE #1
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Removal of Intermediate and Advanced Category from Category 1 Championships

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-6

Source: ESP #6
 Document: Section 6, Part 1
 Subject: Increase in the number of permitted figures in programmes 2, 3 and 4 for Unlimited

Matthieu Roulet advised plenary of an error in the proposal, it is intended **ONLY FOR FAMILY 1.**

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-7

Source: FRA #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Reduction of Number of figures in Free Unknowns
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-8

Source: FRA #2
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Reduction of Number of Free Unknowns and Duration of championships
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-22

Source: HUN #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Reduction of Championships duration
CIVA approved.

NP2025-25

Source: LUX #2
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Time Limit for Programme 1
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-9

Source: FRA #3
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Minimum real K of additional figures in Free Unknowns / Unlimited
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-10

Source: FRA #4
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Minimum real K of additional figures in Free Unknowns / Advanced
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-11

Source: FRA #5
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Excellence Category
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-12

Source: FRA #6
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Practice figures
CIVA approved.

NP2025-13

Source: FRA #7
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Safety manoeuvres
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-30

Source: SUI #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Safety half-rolls altitude
CIVA rejected.

NP2025-14

Source: FRA #8
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Safety half-rolls altitude

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-21

Source: GRE #2
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Competitors and Team Composition

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-23

Source: HUN #2
Document: Section 6, Part 1 / Part 2
Subject: Reduction of number of Jury members present on site

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-24

Source: LUX #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Time Limits

CIVA approved

NP2025-28

Source: NED #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1 / Part 2
Subject: Stall turn downgrades

CIVA rejected.

NP2025-31

Source: SWE #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1 / Part 2
Subject: Individual Entries

The Proposal contradicted the FAI Constitution and was dismissed,

RC2024-1

Source: **Follow-up** Proposal #1
Document: Section 6, Part 1
Subject: Final Freestyle Safety Communications and Deadline.

RC note: At the 2023 Plenary, Agenda item 8.3 / Safety, Expedited and Urgent proposals, discussion on Proposal #2 was not conclusive. The Plenary mandated the RC to elaborate an adequate version, which was proposed here for implementation.

CIVA rejected.

CC2025-26

Source: LUX #3
Document: Catalogue
Subject: K of rotations on top or bottom of loops

CIVA Rejected

CC2025-27

Source: LUX #4
Document: Aresti catalogue
Subject: New figures

Not voted.

8.2. Part 2 Proposals for Glider – Section 6 Part 2

Pekka Havbrandt presented the rule proposals for glider aerobatics.

NP2025-15

Source: FRA #9
Document: Section 6, Part 2
Subject: Glider rules, various

Part 1 CIVA Approved

Part 2 withdrawn

Part 3 CIVA Rejected

Part 4 CIVA Rejected

Part 5 CIVA Approved

NP2025-16

Source: GER #1
Document: Section 6, Part 2
Subject: Frequency of World Championships

CIVA rejected

NP2025-17

Source: GER #2
Document: Section 6, Part 2
Subject: Figures in programmes 2 to 6

CIVA approved

NP2025-19

Source: GER #4
Document: Section 6, Part 2
Subject: Figures in programmes 2 to 6

CIVA Approved

NP2025-18

Source: GER #3
Document: Section 6, Part 2
Subject: Figures in programmes 2 to 6

CIVA approved

8.3. Safety, Expedited, Urgent and President's proposals (SP, EP, UP and PP)

Proposal #1 – Early release of Flight Video Recordings

CIVA approved

Proposal #2 – CIVA should take over responsibility for the video operation

Withdrawn

Proposal #3 – Replace the Hard Zero in flick-roll and spin (not tail-slide) judgements with a fixed downgrade

A vote was taken first to check whether the HZ should be replaced:

CIVA Agreed

A vote was next taken with simple majority between options a) and b) as below:

- a) If the flick or spin judging criteria are not observed a fixed downgrade of 4 points shall be applied.
8 votes
- b) Ditto - the figure grade to be awarded should be 0.0
10 votes

As noted above there was majority agreement that the correct grade for an unacceptable flick-roll or spin should be 0.0

This proposal and result of voting was referred to the RC and JC for final review and recommendation.

Proposal #4 – Create a new World Champion Trophy for Unlimited Category events

Withdrawn pending further review of Aresti situation.

Proposal #5 - Luxembourg, Safety: To remove double negative loop figures from programmes 2, 3 and 4

CIVA approved

9. CIVA Elections

Officers of CIVA

Bureau 2025

<u>President</u>	
Nick Buckenham	Elected 2023 for 2024-2025
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	
Matthieu Roulet	Elected 2023 for 2024-2025
Quintin Hawthorne	Elected 2023 for 2024-2025
Hanspeter Rohner	Elected 2024 for 2025-2026
Tamas Abranyi	Elected 2024 for 2025-2026
<u>Secretaries:</u>	
Carole Holyk	Elected 2023 for 2024-2025
Hanna Rähkä	Elected 2024 for 2025-2026
<u>Treasurer:</u>	
Philippe Kuchler	Elected 2024 for 2025-2026

Committee Chairs and Members

Rules Committee 2025

Chair:

No nominations were received. Plenary agreed the elected RC must internally resolve this situation when required.

Members:

Hanspeter Rohner	Elected for 1-year period
Philippe Kuchler	Elected for 1-year period
Mike Gallaway	Elected for 1-year period
Steve Todd	Elected for 1-year period
Luca Andraghetti	Elected for 1-year period

Judging Committee 2025

Chair:

Pierre Varloteaux

Elected for 1-year period

Members:

Alex Moore

Elected for 1-year period

Philippe K uchler

Elected for 1-year period

Quintin Hawthorne

Elected for 1-year period

Madelyne Delcroix

Elected for 1-year period

Luca Andraghetti

Elected for 1-year period

Glider Aerobatic Committee 2025

Chair:

Pekka Havbrandt

Elected for 1-year period

Members:

Madelyne Delcroix

Elected for 1-year period

Ferenc Toth

Elected for 1-year period

Philippe K uchler

Elected for 1-year period

Eugen Schaal

Elected for 1-year period

Thierry Fraize

Elected for 1-year period

Information and Communication Technology Committee 2025

Chair:

Ringo Massa

Elected for 1-year period

Members:

Kari Kemppi

Elected for 1-year period

Thierry Fraize

Elected for 1-year period

Catalogue Committee 2025

Chair:

Daniel Genevey

Elected for 1-year period

Members:

Leone Gambardella

Elected for 1-year period

Igoris Lobanovas

Elected for 1-year period

10. CIVA Free Known power and Glider figure selections for 2025

Hanspeter Rohner introduced the reports and reminded plenary that comments were added recently by the safety committee. Plenary agreed to vote with country flags showing and not using a secret ballot.

10.1. Power Intermediate Free-Known Figures

Option A

10.2. Power Advanced Free-Known Figures

Option D

10.3. Power Unlimited Free-Known Figures

Option A

10.4. Glider Advanced Free-Known Figures

Option C

10.5. Glider Unlimited Free-Known Figures

Option A

11. Future FAI Aerobatic Championships

11.1. The 27th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and the 15th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships 2025

No bid

11.2. The 23rd FAI European Open Aerobatic Championships

No update from 2023 approved event.

11.3. The 16th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championships

No bid

11.4. The 4th FAI World Intermediate Aerobatic Championships

No bid

11.5. The 33rd FAI World Aerobatic Championships 2026

Batavia NY, United States, 22-31 August 2026

The bid was approved

11.6. The 27th World Glider Aerobatic Championships and 15th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships 2026

Fayance France, 2026, dates TBA

The bid was approved

Note: FAI classification numbers may change if 2025 events are later approved.

It was noted that if bids for 2025 championships are received in the coming weeks, they will be shared with delegates and voted for approval / rejection using the ElectionRunner system.

12. FAI Special Aerobatic Events (FSAE) For 2024

CIVA has received no bids for Special Events in 2025.

13. Appointment and Approval of Championships Officials

Contest officials were elected pending anticipated late bids for Championships to run in 2025.

13.1. The 23rd FAI European Open Aerobatic Championships 2025

<u>President of the International Jury</u>	Pierre Varloteaux
<u>Members of the International Jury:</u>	Luca Andraghetti Edward Waasdorp
<u>Chief Judge:</u>	Quintin Hawthorne

13.2. The 16th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championships 2025

<u>President of the International Jury:</u>	Philippe K�uchler
<u>Members of the International Jury:</u>	Madelyne Delcroix Luca Andraghetti
<u>Chief Judge:</u>	Quintin Hawthorne

13.3. The 4th FAI World Intermediate Aerobatic Championships 2025

<u>President of the International Jury:</u>	-
<u>Members of the International Jury:</u>	Edward Waasdorp -
<u>Chief Judge:</u>	-

13.4. The 27th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and the 15th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships 2025

<u>President of the International Jury:</u>	Philippe K�uchler
<u>Members of the International Jury:</u>	Madelyne Delcroix Ferenc Toth
<u>Chief Judge:</u>	Pavol Kavka

13.5. Other events sanctioned.

None.

13.6. Special events

None.

14. Diplomas and Awards

The CIVA Organiser of the Year Trophy

Nick Buckenham announced that the trophy was won in 2024 by Romania.

The Léon Biancotto Diploma

No nominations had been received for Leon Biancotto Diploma.

15. The CIVA Governance document

15.1. Report and update from Matthieu ROULET

As Matthieu had by this time left to travel home, his report will be published online.

16. List of FAI International Aerobatic Judges

16.1. Maintenance of the lists of CIVA International Judges

JC chair Pierre Varloteaux will contact delegates to ask regarding additions and removals of current judges to prepare for the selection of judges and assistants for 2025 championships.

17. Date and Place of Future Meetings

Place: France

Dates: To be established following confirmation of the 2025 FAI General Conference schedule at the forthcoming 2024 General Conference in Riyadh.

Summary submitted for approval by

Carole Holyk and Hanna Rähä
Secretaries of CIVA

List of Plenary Participants

Name	Abbr.	Representing	Position
Carole Holyk	CH	CAN	Delegate
Vilem Riha	VR	CZE	Alternate
Poul E Nielsen	PN	DEN	Delegate
Kari Kemppi	KK	FIN	Alternate
Matthieu Roulet	MR	FRA	Delegate
Jerome Houdier	JH	FRA	Observer
Madelyne Delcroix	MD	FRA	Observer
Thierry Fraise	TF	FRA	Observer
Eugen Schaal	ES	GER	Alternate
Leone Gambardella	LG	GRE	Delegate
Nikos Makrakis	NG	GRE	Observer
Tamás Ábrányi	TA	HUN	Delegate
Ferenc Toth	FT	HUN	Alternate
Daniel Genevey	DG	HUN	Observer
Maurizio Costa	MC	ITA	Delegate
Luca Andraghetti	LS	ITA	Alternate
Eltonas Meleckis	EM	LTU	Delegate
Igoris Lobanovas	IL	LTU	Observer
Cyrial Talon	CT	LUX	Delegate
Piotr Sieradzan	PS	POL	Alternate
Jorge Loureiro	JLO	POR	Delegate
Vlad-Alexandru Popescu	VAP	ROU	Alternate
Teodor Muntenau	TM	ROU	Observer
George Rotaru	GR	ROU	Observer
Quintin Hawthorne	QH	RSA	Delegate
Alex Moore Mayorga	AM	ESP	Delegate
Castor Fantoba	CF	ESP	Alternate
Pekka Havbrandt	PH	SWE	Delegate
Hanspeter Rohner	HPR	SUI	Delegate
Philippe K�uchler	PIK	SUI	Alternate
Steve Todd	ST	GBR	Delegate
Mike Gallaway	MG	USA	Delegate
Nick Buckenham	NB	GBR	President
Hanna R�ih�a	HR	FIN	Secretary
Markus Haggenev	MH	FAI	Secretary General of FAI