

FAI World Championship for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft

FAI Jury Report – 2011

General

The Model Aircraft Association of Australia and the Bundaberg Aeromodeling Club produced a very successful world championship from August 10 thru August 14, 2011. The very nice flying site was located in Bundaberg, Australia. Two (2) father and son junior teams were present from Australia and Guatemala.

Information

Several bulletins containing worthwhile contest information were generated to the teams. The organizers were prompt in responding to questions generated by the teams.

Score sheets were immediately posted at the conclusion of each round. Individual competitor score sheets were generated at the conclusion of each heat. Team manager meetings were held at appropriate times throughout the competition.

Accommodation

Teams were accommodated at various locations of their own choosing. No complaints were mentioned. Adequate housing for the contest officials and jury was in a local motel. Breakfast was obtainable from the local motel for anyone interested. Lunch was provided at the field by the local Rotary Club. Dinners were at the discretion of the individual at numerous local restaurants.

Practice

Two sites were available to teams prior to the start of official practice. The official site was also open for practice at the conclusion of each official day. An official practice day was held with each team being allocated specific practice time.

Competition Site

The organizer had surveyed three different races courses on the official site. The different course layouts allowed the organizer the ability to change for various wind conditions. Adequate safety distances were maintained.

Model Aircraft Processing

The models were processed in accordance with the FAI rules. Sound tests were included in the processing. Some models required slight modification in order to pass processing.

Organization and Execution

The organizer is to be congratulated for conducting the championship in a very friendly professional fashion. The weather was superb with wind causing only one slight problem. No frequency impound was required as all contestants were on 2.4 spread spectrum. Although the competition was very close, very few crashes resulted. The pilots should be commended for their professionalism. Scoring was accomplished using a program created by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews. No known problems were created by this fine effort. It should be pointed out that some questions arose pertaining to the scoring of the junior contestants. These problems could be resolved with more specific direction generated by the CIAM.

The takeoff pad was large enough for all the competitors. The mowed landing area accommodated most landings. The entire field was mowed and allowed the competitor to over shoot the given landing area.

Public Relations

Two television stations covered portions of the meet. The local newspaper provided front page coverage of the opening. Spectators were adequately accommodated every day.

Conduct of Jury and Judges

All three members of the Jury were present during the entire contest. Due to the excellent contest management, no protests were filed. The judges appeared to be very knowledgeable and performed without question.

Ceremonies and Banquets

The opening and closing ceremonies were conducted in proper fashion. The opening ceremony included a local high school dance group performing various historical dances. Various snack foods were passed during the ceremony. The closing ceremony was held at the competition site. Medals were awarded. The closing banquet was held at a local hall. Awards included the perpetual trophy, diplomas, and very nice individual trophies produced by the organizer. Excellent appetizers and a buffet were served to all the participants.

Conclusion

The Australian Model Aircraft Association and the Bundaberg Aeromodeling Club should be commended for their fine effort at hosting the 2011 FAI World Championship for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft.

The FAI Jury:

Bob Brown, President, (United States of America)

Trevor Henderson (New Zealand)

David Axon (Australia)

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