

FAI 2002 WORLD ELECTRIC FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS
Classes F5B & F5D in WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND
Report by the FAI Jury

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DATES: July 14th - 21st, 2002

PARTICIPATION: F5B 41 competitors from 14 countries
F5D 17 competitors from 6 countries

ACCOMMODATION:

Participants were accommodated in small hotels of good standard in the neighborhood. A camping site was available close to the flying field. Breakfast and dinner was served in the hotels, lunch in a canteen at the flying site. The food was good and ample.

FLYING SITE:

The competition was flown on a grass-covered runway with ample room for simultaneous flying of both classes. The field, normally used for fullsize gliding, was well suited for the event.

WEATHER:

Rain on the 17th prevented flying on that day, otherwise the weather was fair, and excellent during the two last competition days.

PROCESSING:

All models were fully processed, and this proved to be a wise decision by Contest Director Emil Giezendanner.

One F5B and two F5D models did not conform to corresponding FAI specification although they were OK according to the certificates.

Two teams had no certificates at all, and some models were found to be alarmingly close to specs limits, and quite a number of pilots with ready-bought models were totally unaware of specification requirements.

The NACs of the sinners will be informed.

COMPETITION

The field organisation was smooth, with the officials clearly knowing their tasks and performing them well. The competition was executed in a relaxed atmosphere. Timekeeping and flight line management were professionally done.

The spectators were less well taken care of, there was no public address system to inform them of the proceedings.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES:

These were both performed on the field. FAI and national flags were hoisted. National anthems of the winners were played, medals and diplomas awarded.

COMMENTS:

Small size and high speed, over 300kmh, makes the Pylon models difficult to follow and time. New rules will slightly improve this.

Several NACs must significantly improve model certificate discipline of their teams and specification adherence supervision..

CONCLUSION:

This was a well run, successful World Championships. The organisers are to be congratulated for an excellent effort.

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