

FAI JURY REPORT

26th International Criterion of Hainaut 2019

F3A World Cup competition



ORGANIZATION

The « International Criterion of Hainaut » was organized by the "Association d'Aéromodélisme Sud Hainaut" in Belgium on May 11th and 12th. 35 competitors from 9 nations were registered. Saturday morning because of low clouds it was not possible to fly before 10:40 am. Then the weather conditions were good in spite of a very strong and cold crosswind coming from the North. Sunday, flights began at 8:05 am after a warm up flight and always with a very strong and cold crosswind coming from the North.

ACCOMMODATION



The FAI judges were accommodated in the hotel "Grand Hôtel" in Maubeuge in approximately 20 km from the site of the competition. Saturday and Sunday morning a much appreciated breakfast was served at the hotel from 6:30 am. Lunch and dinner were provided at the flying field in a big tent. The organizer did a good job of providing food and drink and the banquet, Saturday evening, with the cooked pig on the brooch as every year, was a real success.

FLYING SITE

The contest took place on the A.A.S.H. Club flying field where the 2018 European Championship were organised. This site is perfect for a F3A competition with a very nice grass runway. The flight plan was slightly rotated relative to the runway to avoid the sun. The manoeuvring area was clearly marked by three poles but they were on a line 100 m in front of the competitor's position instead of 150 m. White lines, originating at the competitor's position marked the centre and extreme limits.

COMPETITION

On Saturday, the competition starts with a warm up flight at 8:45 am for the 10 judges and the first official flight starts at 9:05 am in front the judges' panel 1. We had to stop the flight of the second pilot because of low clouds. The flights have restarted at 10:40 am and from 10:40 am to 08:00 pm two rounds were run with two judge's panels. Every ten flights there was a change of judge's panel, panel one counting for round one and panel two counting for round two.

Sunday 12th from 07:55 am to 01:30 pm, after a warm up flight, a third round was run with ten judges. The three rounds were flown on schedule P-19 with the best two normalised scores counting to determine the ranking. After a break for lunch and a warm up flight on schedule F19 the top 5 competitors have an additional flight from 02:35 pm to 03:45 pm. The total of the two best normalised scores on schedule P19 and the normalised scores on schedule F19 counting to determine the ranking of the top 5 competitors. There was no protest during the competition and no flight incident. The TBL score tabulation system was applied on each round. The award ceremony took place at 04:15 pm.

Ten judges were in attendance:

Panel 1

Christian KONFORT (GER)
Francisco PINERO (ESP)
Henny VAN LOON (NED)
Marc WEYENBERGH (FRA)
Philippe MARQUET (BEL)

Panel 2

Bob ROMIJN (NED)
Gian-Luigi GIANNONI (ITA)
Roland GALLEY (SUI)
Alain CARAYON (FRA)
Jean-Yves CASTERMANS (BEL)

It appeared that all judges performed adequately and it is the writer's opinion that a fair and sporting result was obtained.

Jury members were:

Pierre PIGNOT (FRA) President
Kevin CATON (GBR) Pilot
Robert HIRSCH (GER)

The director of the competition was Gérard WERION, flight line director and time keeper was Yves VAN GOMPEL assisted by Alain LARUELLE and the Nautomatic system was managed by Jean-Michel COULON and his son Simon.

SUMMARY

As usual, this competition was very well organised and professionally executed in a fair and friendly atmosphere. We thank all the members of the A.A.S.H. Club and especially the FAI judges for their hard job during these two cold days.

Pierre PIGNOT
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