

World Air Games 2009

CIAM Events Selection Process

Turin (Italy) has been chosen to host the World Air Games 2009. The decision was announced by Pierre Portmann, President of the FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, at the Olympic Museum, Lausanne on June 1st, 2007.

The FAI Selection Committee reached its decision by a majority vote cast after the final presentations of the three bids on the selected shortlist - Moscow (Russia), Odense (Denmark), and Turin (Italy).

The Games are scheduled to take place during the period of 7th to 13th June 2009. The World Air Games is the biggest gathering of air sports in the world and brings together World Champions and top competitors in ten different air sport disciplines. The event showcases a week of tremendous competition and fills the sky with excitement and thrills for the public. Alongside the competition there will be plenty of opportunities for air shows, on-site demonstrations, and interactive activities for spectators.

Three exciting Aeromodelling events will be part of the Games:

- **Hand Thrown Gliders** (FAI Class F6D) are 1.5 metre radio controlled gliders thrown by hand to incredible altitude. Competitors go through a progressive elimination process until the last two remaining pilots compete for the title.
- **AeroMusicals** (FAI Class F6B) is an indoor aerobatics event in which competitors fly their lightweight airplanes to music and produce their personally designed routines allying grace and harmony with incredible mastery.
- **Artistic Aerobatics** (FAI Class F6A/C) is an outdoor aerobatics competition where airplanes and helicopters battle for the best and most impressive flights to music.

The top competitors from the whole World will be selected through National and International competitions beginning October, 2007. Selection will be independently made by Continent to ensure every part of the World is represented. The final list of competitors will be decided at the December 2008 FAI/CIAM Bureau meeting.

Selection will be made by continent (Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Europe & Oceania) with an equal number of places reserved for each continent, the remaining places being decided on a Worldwide basis according to points gained by competitors at selection competitions.

Selection competitions (which may be organised by any club worldwide) shall follow these guidelines:

A) International Contests

They shall be registered in the usual way for the FAI Contest Calendar (submitted before November 15th) as WAG Selection competitions with an international Jury according to CIAM rules.

The Jury shall, within 7 days of the competition, submit a report to the organiser's NAC and to CIAM. The report shall include the full detailed results with each competitor's name, nationality & valid FAI license number.

B) National Contests

Local contests involve only competitors from the organiser's nation. Such contests shall be approved by the National Governing Body (either the NAC direct or the aeromodelling governing body delegated by the NAC). Such contests shall be on the National contest calendar **and** registered to CIAM as WAG Selection competitions. Such contests shall be observed by at least one Official Observer delegated/approved by his NAC (or national aeromodelling governing body) who shall attest that the competition has been fair and run according to national and FAI rules. This Observer shall, within 7 days of the competition, submit a report to his NAC and to CIAM. The report shall include the full detailed results with each competitor's name, nationality & valid National license number.

In addition, National or International aerobatics contests (AeroMusicals & Artistic Aerobatics) shall include the judges names, full credentials and copy of the score sheets.

A special entry form will be posted on FAI website and contest organisers' websites as well as other websites whenever selection contests will be announced.

WAG Selection may preferably be run using, as local rules, the proposed, amended F6 rules that have been sent to CIAM for publication in the 2008 CIAM Plenary Agenda for use at WAG 2009.

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