

Annual report of the CIAM Control Line Models Subcommittee for 2024

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Basic information

CIAM F2 Subcommittee is currently composed of 17 members and covers also four Working Groups. The S/C usually convene regularly at least once a year, if possible, in the year of current first-class event (WCH or ECH). In current year we had intense correspondence due to preparation of the 2024 World Championships and due to the fact, there is unfortunately no organizer of the 2025 European Championships. The reasons of the later are quite complex and part of the communication is discussion about the possible concept of how to organize first class events for Control Line models in the future. When the discussion is finished and conclusions are known, the final concept will be presented.

First class events

The 2024 FAI World Championships for Control Line models were held in Munsie (Indiana – USA) on a great venue in size of 40 Acres (nearly 16 Ha), preceded by World Cup events for part of the classes. Both – the preceding World Cup and World Championships were very successful and well prepared and well organized. There were minor communication problems in aftermath, the direct conclusion of which should be a rules modification concerned the official's reimbursement requirements.

I wish to express the appreciation to the personal support and effort of all the volunteers, helping the organisation and of course – thanks and appreciation to the host of the event, the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

For the future, we hope to have (find) organisers willing and able to organise further First Category events despite well known difficulties.

World Cup

World Cup series for Control Line models is also successfully concluded, however with two topics. The serious one is the ongoing war conflict, that didn't allow to run two events in the Ukraine (request for another postponing is to be expected) and we had a minor health issue on one of the events in Germany, without any serious outcome or consequences (more details in the World Cup report). Due to lower number of events also a lower participation was observed, however the introduction of class F2G (electric speed) is very positively welcome by the community and a hope to win more young pilots as we similarly saw after the introduction of electric propulsion in the F2B class.

There are signals from new organisers interested in organising World Cup events abroad European continent, in Mongolia and in China.

Rules

Based on the new unified template for FAI rule books, the Control Line rules book is right now under modification and the new paragraphs or amendments were incorporated. As part of the rule's modification a model of simplification of the rules set is ongoing, where the Annexes will be detached in separate document and only the technical part and the Judges Guides will be the main rule book. As mentioned above, the detached Annexes will be available for download at the FAI website (<https://www.fai.org/page/ciam-code>) and reference placed in the main rules.

Working Groups

The subclasses Working Groups are significant help and support in the Control Line Subcommittee. One alternation is ongoing from beginning of January 2025, the change in the position of the F2B W/G Chairman. Long year very active W/G Chairman Mr. Peter German (SUI) has resigned from office and his successor was elected – Mr. Keith Renecke (RSA).

On this place, I would like to express my thanks and appreciations for all the work and contributions done by Mr. German and wish him further success and all above sound health so we can still see each other on the flying fields.