

CIAM FREE FLIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

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The 2007 Subcommittee has 20 members. Business is being carried out by email via the ciam-fl list, with all members now having email addresses. There has been some discussion of future rules but no proposals are submitted this year in view of the time in the rule cycle for the outdoor classes F1A F1B F1C. Topics discussed have included sporting behaviour with regard to timekeeping, concerning both the correct use of foreign timekeepers at the World Championship and interference with timekeepers at World Cup events. Other issues related to preparations for the 2007 Championships, including the reports of nuclear plant problems near the World Championships site, and the motor run to be used for F1P at the 2007 Junior European Championship. The rules for the Free Flight World Cup have been discussed. The cost of championships entry has recently been raised for discussion, particularly brought up as a result of the poor exchange rate of the US Dollar. Problems of planning have been identified with dates for championships not being announced sufficiently in advance. This year there was a clash of dates for Free Flight championships which might have been avoidable if planned dates had been announced earlier. Also, planning of open internationals is hindered if championships dates are not known. It is too late to wait until just before November 15 of the year preceding the championships, possibly championships dates should be announced by the time of the Plenary meeting of the year before the championships.