



Bulletin 2 - September 2025

2025 FAI World Drone Soccer Championships

Xuhui District, Shanghai, China

Saturday 15th to Tuesday 18th November 2025

Arrival on Friday 14th November - Departure on Wednesday 19th November

FAI website: <https://www.fai.org/wdsc>

Host website: <http://2025faiwdsch.intellisports.cn/>

Note: The present Bulletin must be considered as completing the April 2025 Bulletin 1. So, the present Bulletin only includes additional information.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The organizer will provide free pick-up services for the participants staying at the recommended hotels listed in the present Bulletin.

Arrival transfers

The pick-up service will be available on Thursday November 13 and Friday November 14 from the following locations:

- Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) - Approx. 60-minute drive
- Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport (SHA) and Railway Station - Approx. 30-minute drive
- Shanghai Railway Station - Approx. 20-minute drive

Departure transfers

The pick-up service will be available on Wednesday November 19 from the hotels to Shanghai Pudong Airport (PVG), Shanghai Hongqiao Airport (SHA) and Railway Station, and Shanghai Railway Station.

During the competition

No pick-up service will be provided between the hotels and the competition venue by considering the venue is within close walking distance from the hotels.

Walking time is typically between 5 to 15 minutes depending on the hotel. Please refer to the hotel information section for specific details.

Closing Buffet Dinner

A pick-up service will be provided on Tuesday November 18 evening between the hotels and the location of the Buffet Dinner.

Pick-up reservation for the arrival and departure

Reservations must be made by Friday November 7 by emailing the following information:

- National team country.
- Contact Person (Names - Email - Mobile phone number).
- Arrival day/time with the flight number / train number and arrival location.
- Departure day/time with the flight number / train number and departure location.
- Number of participants to transport.

Email for the reservations: 342659780@qq.com with copy to luhaidong@smg.cn

An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the booking request.

PARTICIPATION EXPECTED

Find below a table recapitulating the countries having proceeded their registration or supposed to finalise it soon which are in italics and marked 'To Be Confirmed' (TBC).

| | | Number of F9A-A teams | Number of F9A-B teams |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| China (People's Republic of) | CHN | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Colombia (TBC)</i> | <i>COL</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Spain | ESP | 1 | 1 |
| France | FRA | | 1 |
| Germany | GER | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Hong Kong, China (TBC)</i> | <i>HKG</i> | 2 | 2 |
| Japan | JPN | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Kazakhstan (TBC)</i> | <i>KAZ</i> | | 2 |
| Republic of Korea | KOR | 1 | 1 |
| Macau, China | MAC | | 1 |
| Malaysia | MAS | 2 | |
| Singapore | SIN | 1 | 2 |
| Türkiye | TUR | 1 | 1 |
| Chinese Taipei | TPE | 1 | 2 |
| <i>United Arab Emirates (TBC)</i> | <i>UAE</i> | | 2 |
| United States of America | USA | 1 | 2 |
| 16 countries | | 15 teams | 23 teams |

In that situation, it is planned to organise the group stage as follows:

- F9A-A subclass - 4 groups with 3 drone soccer teams - The two best placed teams will be qualified for the quarter finals.
- F9A-B subclass - 8 groups with 3 drone soccer teams - The two best placed teams will be qualified for the round of 16.

Note: 2 rounds of matches will be organised for each group in both subclasses.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

By considering the number of drone soccer teams expected to participate in each subclass, the provisional schedule had been updated as follows. It may be still subject to changes.

Thursday 13th November - Registration on the venue for national teams arrived earlier

Friday 14th November

- Arrival and registration on the venue
- Model processing for national teams arrived earlier
- Meeting for the FAI and organiser officials

Saturday 15th November

- Model processing (*Continued*)
- Flight practice session
- Training session for the referees
- Team managers meeting
- Opening Ceremony

Sunday 16th November

- Group stage 1st round F9A-A subclass
- Group stage 1st round F9A-B subclass

Monday 17th November

- Group stage 2nd round F9A-B subclass
- Group stage 2nd round F9A-A subclass
- Round of 16 for the F9A-B subclass

Tuesday 18th November

- Quarter finals up to finals F9A-A & F9A-B subclasses
- Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony
- Closing Buffet Dinner

Wednesday 19th November - Departure**OFFICIALS**

FAI Jury:

Bruno DELOR (France) - President
Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (Greece)
Zhuoyue YANG (People's Republic of China)

Event Director: Sijia LIU (People's Republic of China)

FAI Competition Manager: Eric LI-KOO (Great Britain)

Model processing & Preflight checking Judge: Hengzhi XIAO (People's Republic of China)

Main Referee: David ROBERTS (USA)

Deputy Main Referee: Jianqing LAI (People's Republic of China)

Match Referees:

Sotir LAZARKOV (Bulgaria)
Frédéric THEUREL (France)
Shizhao WANG (People's Republic of China)

Scoring Referees (People's Republic of China):

Liang CHEN
Yang CHEN
Yangjie CHEN
Zhixiang CHEN
Yunyi GU
Mrs. Jiling TANG
Mrs. Min WU
Mrs. Caixia ZHA
Rujia ZHOU

Note: In addition, participants from national teams other than People's Republic of China, especially those appointed on the F9A Referees CIAM list, will be asked to act as Scoring Referee in matches for which their national team will not be concerned.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

HOTELS

The following hotels are recommended for their proximity to the competition venue:

1. Radisson Blu Hotel, Shanghai Stadium - 350 m from the competition venue (5-minute walk)
2. Jianguo Hotel Shanghai - 990 m from the competition venue (15-minute walk)
3. Jinjiang Metropolo Hua Ting Guest House - 770 m from the competition venue (12-minute walk)
4. Chillax Hotel, Shanghai Xujianghai Stadium - 1000 m from the competition venue (15-minute walk)

For detailed information (room types, rates, photos, etc.), please see the appendix of this bulletin.

Contact person for booking information and reservation: Mr. Eryun Feng

Email: 342659780@qq.com - Mobile: +86 139 1699 4283

A booking confirmation will be sent by email within 3 days after payment is completed. If you do not receive it, please email to the contact person.

Take care to proceed the booking of your rooms **no later than 10 days prior to check-in**.

Any change on your reservation must be communicated to the contact person **no later than 3 days before your check-in date**. Otherwise, charges will apply even in the case of a no-show.

MEALS

It will be possible to get on request meals on the competition venue from Saturday November 15 to Tuesday November 18. The price for each meal is 12 € per person.

Information on menus will be available at the arrival.

The reservation and payment of meals will be done at the registration on the competition venue of the national team. Chinese RMB and Visa/Master cards will be accepted for the payment.

The meals must be booked by email no later than November 5 by specifying any special dietary requirements.

Contact person for meal reservation: Mr. Eryun Feng

Email: 342659780@qq.com - Mobile: +86 139 1699 4283

A confirmation of the meal reservation will be sent by email. Payment with Chinese RMB and Visa/ Master card will be accepted at the registration on the venue.

CLOSING BUFFET DINNER

The place is a surprise. The price for the Closing Buffet Dinner is 50 € per person.

The reservation and payment of tickets may be done on the eNavigator application at the registration on the competition venue.

It will be possible to buy additional tickets at the registration on the competition venue provided that the capacity of the place in which will be the banquet is not reached.

Special requests (Vegetarian, no gluten, etc.) must be mentioned by the team manager at the registration on the competition venue.

MONEY PRIZES

The organiser will award money prizes for a total of \$ USD 80,000 which will be shared as defined in the following table.

| F9A-A Classification | | F9A-B Classification | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | \$12 000 | 1 | \$12 000 |
| 2 | \$8 000 | 2 | \$8 000 |
| 3 | \$6 000 | 3 | \$6 000 |
| 4 | \$4 000 | 4 | \$4 000 |
| 5 | \$2 500 | 5 | \$2 500 |
| 6 | \$2 500 | 6 | \$2 500 |
| 7 | \$2 500 | 7 | \$2 500 |
| 8 | \$2 500 | 8 | \$2 500 |
| \$40 000 | | \$40 000 | |
| TOTAL MONEY PRIZES AMOUNT | | \$80 000 | |

The money prizes will be paid by FAI in Swiss francs (CHF) currency to the different countries about one month after the WDSC.

OTHER TOPICS

INVITATION LETTER

For the national teams needing an invitation for their visas to enter China or for any other reason, the NAC contact person or the Team manager must contact the Shanghai organizing committee.

Contact person: ZeKai Lu

Email: 562233472@qq.com - Mobile: +86 135 0163 2666

Note: It is recommended to take care as soon as possible of the visa process and delay to get visas. In addition, the passport must be valid for at least 6 months after entering in China.

TEAM MANAGERS WeCHAT MESSAGING GROUP

A WeChat messaging group will be created for the team managers to share daily information.

All Team managers, including the players also acting as Team manager, are strongly advised to download on their smartphone the WeChat application and to register on WeChat before arriving in China.

WeChat icon



Please click [here](https://help.wechat.com/cgi-bin/micromsg-bin/oshelpcenter?opcode=2&id=120813euejvf141023eqnajz) to get information how to register on WeChat, or type the following link:

<https://help.wechat.com/cgi-bin/micromsg-bin/oshelpcenter?opcode=2&id=120813euejvf141023eqnajz>

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOTING

All participants will be required to take part in an official photoshoot. The photos will be used for event showcases and media purposes.

The photoshoot will be scheduled either immediately before or after the model processing. We recommend wearing your team uniform or formal attire.

VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE NATIONAL TEAM

For pre-promotion purposes, the organiser will appreciate that each national team provides approximately three minutes of video footage including:

- Brief introduction of the national team.
- Drone soccer team(s) expectation for the WDSC in each subclass.
- Footage of usual training sessions.
- Other relevant content

Please send the material to ZeKai Lu - Email: 562233472@qq.com - Mobile: +86 135 0163 2666

RECAP ORGANISER CONTACT EMAILS

FOR HOTELS AND MEAL ON THE VENUE RESERVATIONS: 342659780@qq.com

FOR FREE PICK-UP SERVICES RESERVATIONS - 342659780@qq.com (with copy to luhaidong@smg.cn)

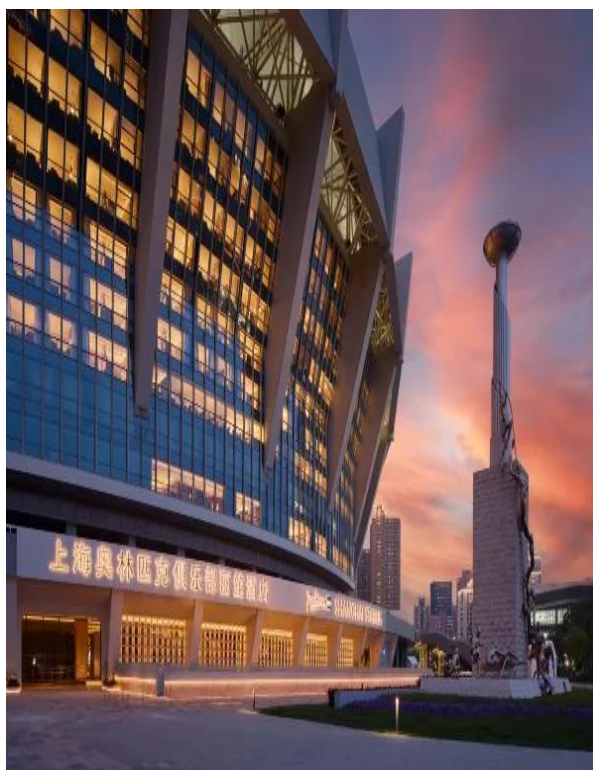
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- APPENDIX -

Four hotels are proposed by considering their proximity with the competition venue.

Note: Currency exchange rate between Euros and RMB used below may be subject to variation.

1- Radisson Blu Hotel, Shanghai Stadium



The hotel rooms and suites are located on the 6th to 12th floors of the Shanghai Stadium. The overall design ingeniously combines the spirit of sports with the elegant and refined travel concept of the Radisson brand. Rooms facing Xujiahui Sports Park offer a pleasant view of the urban oasis.

Why choose this accommodation? An unbeatable location. Situated directly inside the stadium, with some rooms overlooking the competition field, it is the ultimate choice for an immersive event experience. The hotel also features a gym and an indoor swimming pool.

Location - No. 666-66, Tianyaoqiao Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, China

350 meters (about 5 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

Hotel facilities

The hotel has 208 rooms and suites (ranging from 38 to 200 m²).

Rooms are equipped with modern amenities, including smart speakers, smart room controls, and free high-speed internet.

An indoor swimming pool and gym are available.

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| Indoor swimming pool Free | Executive lounge | Gym Free |
| Private parking Free | Priority airport pick-up Additional charge | Bar |
| 2 Restaurants | Priority airport drop-off Additional charge | Station pick-up service Additional charge |
| Conference room | Multi-function room | Secretarial services |
| Service robots | Currency exchange | 24-hour front desk |
| Wi-Fi in public areas Free | Luggage storage | |

Available rooms: 100 Twin Rooms & 100 King Rooms

Rate: RMB 1200 per night (about 145 Euros) breakfast included



2- Jianguo Hotel Shanghai



The hotel is located in Xujiahui commercial shopping center and Xujiahuiyuan scenic spot at the intersection of Caoxi North Road and Nandan Road, adjacent to Ganghui Henglong Plaza, Oriental Commercial Building, Meiluo City and other business buildings and shopping centers as well as Xujiahui Catholic Church, a few minutes away, is a bustling area of business, dining, culture and entertainment.

Location - No.439 Caoxi North Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, 200030, China

990 meters (about 15 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

Why choose this accommodation? It offers a perfect balance of convenience for competition, shopping, and sightseeing. Its proximity to major subway lines makes exploring the city effortless.

Hotel facilities

The hotel offers a variety of standard rooms and suites, equipped with flat-screen TVs with satellite channels, private safes, and smoke detectors.

A gym is available for guests.

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| Executive lounge | Gym | Private parking Additional charge |
| 24-hour front desk | Luggage storage | Cardroom Additional charge |
| Restaurant | Taxi booking service | Car rentals |
| Station pick-up service | Currency exchange | Conference room |
| Business center | Multi-function room | Wake-up call |
| Wi-Fi in public areas Free | | |

Available rooms: 60 Twin Rooms & 50 King Rooms

Rate: RMB 480 per night (about 61 Euros) breakfast included.



3- Jinjiang Metropolo Hua Ting Guest House



Located West Road and Caoxi North Road, adjacent to the bustling Xujiahui commercial center;IKEA, Xujiahui Sports Park, and Shanghai Tourism Distribution Center are within easy reach, and the Everbright Convention and Exhibition Center is convenient for commuting.

Location

No.2525 Zhongshan West Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, 200030, China

770 meters (about 12 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

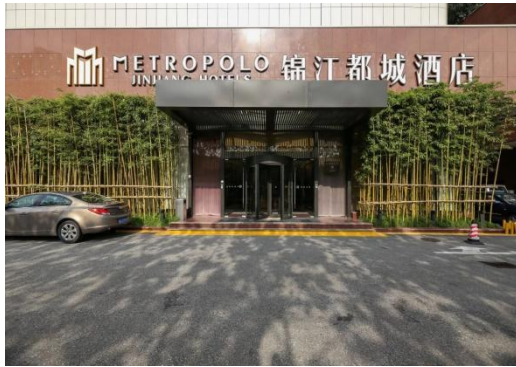
Why choose this accommodation? Excellent value for money. This hotel offers a great balance of affordability and convenience, remaining within comfortable walking distance of the venue. It is an attractive option for teams or individuals looking for a cost-effective stay without sacrificing accessibility.

Hotel facilities

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|  24-hour front desk |  Luggage storage Free |  Bar |
|  Restaurant |  Cafe |  Taxi booking service |
|  Service robots |  Conference room Additional charge |  Secretarial services |
|  Multi-function room |  Wake-up call |  Wi-Fi in public areas Free |
|  Laundry room | | |

Available rooms: 70 Twin Rooms & 100 King Rooms

Rate: RMB 400 per night (about 50 Euros) breakfast included.



4- Chillax Hotel



Located close to the Xujiahui CBD, in convenient proximity to the Shanghai Stadium, Longhua Temple, the Everbright Convention and Exhibition Center and Caoxi Road station on Line 1 of the Shanghai Metro.

Location - No.515 Longhua West Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, 200232, China

1000 meters (about 15 minutes walking distance) from the competition venue.

Why choose this accommodation? The most budget-friendly option. With the lowest price point, this hotel provides unparalleled access to public transportation, making it ideal for budget-conscious travellers who want to explore the city easily.

Hotel facilities

Guestrooms in this Shanghai hotel feature flat-screen TVs, in-room safes, air-conditioning and mini-bars.

Wi-fi is available in public areas.

Complimentary gym access.

Spa services are available for an additional fee.

 Spa Additional charge

 Luggage storage

 Cafe

 Wake-up call

 Gym Free

 Tea room

 Conference room Additional charge

 Wi-Fi in public areas Free

 24-hour front desk

 Restaurant

 Business center

 Laundry room

Available rooms: 80 Twin Rooms & 50 King Rooms

Rate: RMB 380 per night (about 49 Euros) breakfast included.

