



14th FAI WORLD HELICOPTER CHAMPIONSHIP
22-26 August, 2012 Drakino Airfield, Russia



BULLETIN No 1

1. EVENT

The 14th FAI World Helicopter Championship (WHC) will take place from 21st of August to 26th of August, 2012.

2. AIMS

The aims of the 14th FAI WHC are promotion and popularisation of helicopter sports, determination of the World Champions in Overall Individual and National Teams' competition and Event Champions, development of international aeronautical relationships, exchanging experience and improving flying skills, attraction of the public attention to aviation sports and role of helicopters in different areas including rescue operations.

3. ORGANIZERS

The event will be organized by the Federation of Helicopter Sport of Russia, Federation of Aviation Sports of Russia, DOSAAF of Russia and Moscow Regional Aviation Technical Sports Club, supported by the Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth Policy of Russian Federation, Moscow Region Government and Administration of the Serpukhov District under the auspices of Rotorcraft Commission, Federation Aeronautique Internationale (CIG FAI).

4. VENUE

The 14th FAI WHC will be held in Drakino Airfield. Location: N 54° 52' 25" , E 037° 15' 09", 100 km to the south from Moscow and 13 km to the south-west from the town of Serpukhov. No custom is available.

Airfield has a form of irregular polygon, 1660 x 1700 m, with a grass surface. Main runway 120°/300°, 800 m x 20 m. Field elevation – 125 m, magnetic deviation +8°.

There is a parking capacity for caravans on the airfield.

Weather conditions: average temperatures in August day/night 17°/13°C, average monthly precipitation 85 mm.

5. PARTICIPANTS

Invitations will be sent to all FAI members. The 14th FAI WHC will take place if there are entrants from 4 nations at least.

Each competing crew consists of 2 persons: a pilot and a crew member. Both must be in possession of a valid FAI Sporting License, issued by their own National Aero Club. Each crew may compete for the individual title of "Helicopter World Champion". A crew can be all-male, all-female or "mixed" - male and female. If there are more than 3 countries participating with all-female crews, an individual World Female Title will be awarded.

Each National Team will be composed of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 crews. Team crews must be declared and published not later than 12 hours before the competition starts. A National Aero Club being unable to enter a team of 3 crews, required for team classification, may enter individual crews.

All National Teams may include an unlimited number of pilots to compete in Free Style Event only.



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6. HELICOPTERS

Helicopters of any type with sufficient characteristics to execute FAI World Helicopter Championship events will be allowed to compete in the 14th FAI WHC. Participants may bring their helicopters by air or in trucks upon their own responsibility.

In case of international flight please start organization procedures not later than 2 months in advance. Your route may be the following: Saint-Petersburg (crossing the border, custom) – Tver – Serpukhov (Moscow region). Federation of Helicopter Sport of Russia will ensure necessary support.

A valid “Certificate of Airworthiness” or equivalent document and a Certificate of Registration issued by an appropriate Authority must be submitted to the Organizer for every competing helicopter.

Helicopters of the following types are available for renting in Moscow region: R-44 Raven1, R-44 Raven 2, R-22 (1 or maximum 2), Bell-407, Eurocopter AS 350 B2 and B3, Bell-206 and some others. Federation of Helicopter Sport of Russia will assist participants unable to bring their own competition aircraft in hiring helicopters on their request.

7. EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday-Tuesday, 18-21 of August Training Days

Tuesday, 21 of August	Arrival of Judges, Jury members till 14.00 Judges briefing
Wednesday, 22 of August	Arrival of crews and delegation members till 14.00 Registration and helicopter checks till 16.30 General briefing, Event briefing Opening Ceremony on the Airfield Judges briefing
Thursday, 23 of August	Precision Flying Event 10.00-14.00 Fender Rigging Event 16.00-18.00 Navigation briefing afterwards
Friday, 24 of August	Navigation Event from 9.00 Slalom briefing afterwards Thanks to judges in the evening
Saturday, 25 of August	Slalom Event 10.00-14.00 Free Style Event 17.00-18.00
Sunday, 26 of August	Helicopter Races (play-off) Air Show and Demonstration flights Prize giving and Closing ceremony
Monday, 27 of August	Departure

Changes may occur. Detailed schedule will be published in March, 2012 in Bulletin No 2.



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8. RULES

The 14th FAI WHC will be held according to the Rules of the FAI/CIG (2011 edition). The rules are published on FAI-CIG website.

Non-compulsory event – Helicopter Races (play-off system) for the best crews from all participating countries – will be held according to the World Air Games Rules (2009) with small amendments. The Rules will be published in March, 2012 (Annex to Bulletin No 2).

9. AWARDS AND PRIZES

Awards and prizes will be given in the following categories:

Teams

The Team Managers of the teams placed 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded gold, silver and bronze FAI medals and Organizer's prizes. Small FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to all members of the teams.

Overall Individual

The members of the crews placed 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded gold, silver and bronze FAI medals and Organizer's prizes. The crews placed 1 to 10 will be awarded FAI diplomas.

Females

The members of the all-female crews placed 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded gold, silver and bronze FAI medals and Organizer's prizes. The female crews placed 1 to 5 will be awarded FAI diplomas.

Event Winners

The members of the crews placed 1, 2 and 3 in 4 Events will be awarded FAI diplomas and Organizer's prizes.

Freestyle

The pilots placed 1, 2 and 3 in Free Style event will be awarded FAI diplomas and Organizer's prizes.

Novice Pilots

The pilots placed 1, 2 and 3 in the junior category (with less than 250 hours total time) will be awarded FAI diplomas and Organizer's prizes.

Non-compulsory Event (Helicopter Races)

The members of the crews placed 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded FAI diplomas and Organizer's prizes.

10. ENTRY FORMS, ENTRY FEES

Please send the official Entry Forms to the Organizer through the E-mail, fax or postal services. Forms for crews, judges and other delegation members are enclosed.

Closing date for official Entry Forms is 20th of June, 2012. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organiser.

Entry fee for pilots and crewmembers is 775 Euro per person (22-27.08.12, 5 nights).

Entry fee for judges/assistant judges is 670 Euro (21-27.08.12, 6 nights).

Entry fee for all other delegation members is 720 Euro (22-27.08.12, 5 nights).



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Accommodation in a single room will cost 25 Euro more per day per person.

The cost for the participation in the closing ceremony and dinner for additional guests is 50 Euro.

The entry fee covers the costs for accommodation in twin rooms, catering (3 meals per day, soft drinks), organized events, landing and parking fees for aircrafts, flight materials, official ceremonies, prizes and souvenirs, farewell banquet (drinks included), bus transfer (hotel/competition site) throughout the duration of the Championship for all delegation members.

Please transfer the entry fees to:

Beneficiary Customer: Federation of Helicopter Sport of Russia, 7733053327
Address: of.30, 88, Volocolamskoe shosse, Moscow RU
IBAN: 40703.978.0.00480000037
Account with Institution: SWIFT AVTBRUMMXXX
URALSIB BANK OAO
Bank address: 8, Efremova ul, Moscow RU
Purpose of Payment: Fees for 14th FAI World Helicopter Championship
(mention your country, name and/or number of persons)
Currency: Euro

We expect your Entry fees to be paid until 10th of July, 2012. Late entry fees may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizer.

All Entry fees will be refunded if the Championship does not take place.

11. ACCOMMODATION

Hotels and rooms will be booked by the Organizer.

There are 2 hotels and 16 cottage apartments directly on the airfield. Apart from these hotels, we will book another 3 in 15-25 minutes distance by bus from the airfield.

All who arrive before 22nd of August (morning) or depart later than 27th of August (morning) have to inform Organizer in advance in order to arrange optimal logistics.

12. FUEL

Standard fuel – AVGAS 100L and Jet A1 – will be available at the Drakino Airfield. The Organizer will not supply non-standard fuel, oil or lubricants. Fuel, oil or lubricants are not covered by the entry fee.

Fuel has to be paid in cash on spot (Roubles or Euro). Approximate prices (December, 2011): AVGAS 100L – 2,4-2,6 Euro/litre, Jet A1 – 0,6-0,7 Euro/litre.

13. INSURANCE

It is compulsory for each competing helicopter to have third party insurance policy for an amount of a minimum of 2,000,000 Swiss Francs (or equivalent), for the whole duration of the 14th FAI WHC including training days and the flights over the Russian territory to the competition site and back. Personal insurance of pilots and insurance of helicopters will also be necessary. Copies of insurance policies with confirmation of validity in Russian or English must be submitted by each competitor. All delegation members must carry individual health insurance.



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14. FLIGHT SAFETY

The competitors must observe and adhere to the Russian Flying Regulations, the FAI Regulations and the Competition Rules.

Pilots must be in the possession of a valid Pilots License completed with a valid Medical Certificate.

15. PROTESTS

A competitor or a team who is dissatisfied on any matter during the Championship should first ask the appropriate official for assistance. If still dissatisfied, a complaint in written form should be made by the team leader to the Championship Director. The purpose of a complaint is to obtain a correction without the need to make a protest. If the findings of an inquiry do not satisfy the competitor, his Team Manager may then lodge a protest. There will be a time limit of 2 hours in which a protest may be lodged. A protest will cost 600 SFr, and the deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.

16. CHAMPIONSHIP BODIES

Jury

Chairman – David Hamilton (New Zealand)

Members – Konrad Geissler (Germany), Jacques Escaffre (France)

Championship Director

Irina Grushina (Russia)

Board of Judges

Chief Judge – Wolfgang Perplies (Germany)

There shall be a maximum of 10 judges (including Assistant Judges) per country.

17. CONTACTS

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The web-site www.14whc2012.org is under construction now and will be opened on 05.02.12.

We are ready to answer your questions and to render any possible assistance.
Looking forward to see you in Drakino!!!

Irina Grushina

7th of January, 2012, Moscow



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