

Bulletin 1

2026 FAI F1ABPQ Junior World Championships for Free Flight Model Aircraft

2026 FAI F1ABCQ European Championships for Free Flight Model Aircraft

Prilep, North Macedonia
(26 July - 02 August 2026)

Website: https://worldeuchamp2026.prilepcup.info

ORGANISER AND LOCATION

Air Sports Association "Phil Phoenix" Prilep on behalf of Aeronautical Federation of the North Macedonia, in cooperation with the City Council of Prilep.

Contest Director: Zdravko Todoroski, North Macedonia
Timekeeper coordinator: Vladimir Shiloski
Technical support: Dimche Velkoski and Stanisa Petrovic

Location

Prilep is a city in the southwest part of the North Macedonia, GPS 41°20'40.00"N 21°33'20.00"E
Prilep very early became an important political, economic and cultural center. Connected by a large number of natural routes, which developed living connections from south to north, the Prilep area was exposed to various cultural and political influences that left their mark on its historical development.
https://maps.app.goo.gl/agi8bWBP9heDvzWy9, https://www.prilepinfo.mk/en/

Contest site: Is located 15 km southwest of Prilep on the road Prilep - Bitola near Veselchani village.
GPS 41°17′ 06.6″ N, 21°27′ 22.2″ E



Transport

Prilep directly can be reached by car, bus or train.
You can reach it by plane via the domestic airports in Skopje and Ohrid.

- The distance between Prilep and Skopje is 125 km, and to the airport in Skopje is 110 km;
- The distance between Prilep and Ohrid is 110 km. and to the Ohrid airport is 125 km;

The closest airport is in Greece - Thessaloniki (232 km), Bulgaria - Sofia (243 km) Serbia - Belgrade (432)

Prilep weather

Prilep has hot summers. The minimum temperature in July/August will range from 14 to 22°C, and the daytime temperature will range from 31°C to even 38°C.
The weather is ideal for organizing a free flight competition, but due to possible high temperatures, caution is required from participants.
The average hourly wind speed in Prilep is essentially constant during July, remaining within 1 to 3 meters per second throughout.
The average monthly rainfall for month July is low at 27 mm. These are usually short-lived summer rains.
In late July and early August in Prilep, sunrise is at 5:37 AM - and sunset is at 7:40 PM
For more information:
https://weatherspark.com/m/86784/7/Average-Weather-in-July-in-Prilep-Macedonia
https://www.weather2umbrella.com/prilep,41.3464,21.5544

Time zone info for Prilep

- UTC +1 Eastern European Time & From 29 March 2026: UTC +2 / Central European Summer Time

CLASSES

Junior World Championships:

F1A FF Gliders
F1B FF Wakefield
F1P Introduction Aircraft with Piston Motor
F1Q FF Electric Powered Aircraft

European Championships:

F1A FF Gliders
F1B FF Wakefield
F1C FF Aircraft with Piston Engines
F1Q FF Electric Powered Aircraft

RULES

FAI Sporting Rules

FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Volume F1 Free Flight Model Aircraft 2026
In addition, the following documents will be applicable by consulting the edition effective at the date of the event:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Aeromodelling CIAM General Rules Volume.
- FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume.
- FAI Code of Ethics.
- FAI Disciplinary Code.

Junior

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.1, a competitor is considered to be a junior up to and including the calendar year in which he attains the age of 18. So, a competitor will be considered for the championship(s) as being a junior as long he/she is born from the 1st January 2008.

FAI Sporting Licence

Every competitor and the team manager and assistant team manager of any national team must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence (Aeromodelling discipline) registered in the FAI database. An FAI Sporting Licence is not required for the helpers.
The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence may be required to produce, as proof of identity, an official document including his/her names, photograph and signature.

Complaint and protest (See FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume 6.2.2 & 6.3.2, and CIAM General Rules Volume C.20)
The purpose of a complaint is to obtain a correction without the need to make a formal protest.
At any time during a championship, a team manager who is dissatisfied with any matter must first ask the Contest director or the appropriate official for assistance.
Complaints may be made orally or in writing in English.
A complaint shall concern only one matter. In case of different matters, separate complaints must be made.
A joint complaint may be made, should multiple complainants have the same position on the matter concerned.
It is recommended that a complaint is made before submitting a protest.
Complaints must be made as soon as possible after the occurrence giving rise to the complaint, and shall be dealt with expeditiously.
If dissatisfied by the decision, the complainant(s) concerned must inform the Contest Director as soon as possible of the intention to submit a protest.
All protests must be presented by the team manager(s) in writing in English to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of 50 CHF (or equivalent amount for a different currency). In the case of a joint protest, every protesting team manager must pay the protest fee.

Note: *It is recommended to use the Contest Protest Form which may be downloaded from the 'DOCUMENTS' section of the CIAM website (https://www.fai.org/ciam-documents) by clicking on 'CIAM FORMS & OTHER DOCUMENTS' section, and then on 'World and Continental Championships'.*
A protest shall concern only one matter. In the case of different matters, separate protests must be made.
A protest against a decision of the judges or other contest officials or against an error or irregularity committed during the championship(s) by another competitor or team manager must be lodged as soon as the contest situation requires but not later than 60 minutes after the incident.

The same person is not permitted to present two consecutive protests on the same incident.
The deposit for a protest is returned only if the protest is withdrawn prior to the beginning of the effective treatment of the protest or if the protest is upheld.

Anti-doping statement
A competitor who needs for medical reasons to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) signed by FAI.
To access the current WADA prohibited list of substances and additional information regarding the TUE, see the FAI website with the following link: https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions.

UAV regulations
The Civil Aviation Agency of North Macedonia (CAA) implements the flight regulations adopted by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).
The application of the regulations to the Championships is being investigated and there will be further news in Bulletin 2.
In North Macedonia, it is allowed to fly a drone, but on condition that the pilot is registered and has a drone flying license issued by the Macedonian CAA or the Aviation Agency of any European country.
Every drone flight is announced to the national CAA.
It is forbidden to fly over crowds of people or densely populated areas.
https://www.caa.gov.mk/en/

Identification of the models
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.11.1, each model aircraft shall carry:
- The national identification mark followed by the FAI Unique ID number with letters and numbers at least 25 mm high.
- A model identification code with letters and/or numbers at least 10 mm high, clearly visible and different for each nominated model aircraft of the competitor.

Note: *A model aircraft must not carry a national identification mark, an FAI licence number or an FAI sticker which relates to any person other than the competitor.*

Model Aircraft Specification Certificate and sticker
According to the CIAM General Rules Volume C.12, each NAC shall process every model and shall issue for each model aircraft the Model Aircraft Specification Certificate provided by the FAI.
A sticker shall appear on each model aircraft.

Note: *The Model Aircraft Specification Certificate and the design of FAI sticker may be downloaded from the 'DOCUMENTS' section of the CIAM website (https://www.fai.org/ciam-documents) by clicking on 'CIAM FORMS & OTHER DOCUMENTS' section, and then on 'Events'.*
Model aircraft not properly processed by their NAC, with FAI certificate and sticker, must be processed by the organiser at a cost of 8 Euro for each model.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English and Macedonian.
English language always prevails concerning all elements of the competition, namely FAI documents, competition rules and Bulletins.

PARTICIPANTS

Junior World Championships
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.1, a competitor is considered to be a junior up to and including the calendar year in which he attains the age of 18. So, a competitor will be considered for the championship(s) as being a junior as long he/she is born from the 1st January 2008.

Every NAC may enter a team consisting of:
- A team manager.
- Assistant team manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three junior competitors (without gender requirement).
  Optionally, one additional junior competitor if at least one competitor is female
  Note: *So, a national team may include a maximum of four competitors with the optionally additional competitor.*
- Supporters, Helpers.

The reigning Junior Champions have the right (subject to the approval of their NAC) to participate in the class concerned if still eligible as junior. If they are not member of their national team, they will not be considered for the national team classification.

When a reigning Junior Champion is no more junior, he/she cannot participate in the Junior Championship, but is allowed as an individual in the corresponding Senior Championship

Reigning Junior World Champions are:

F1A Mart Valjamae of Estonia. He is not eligible as a Junior in 2026.
F1B Shalev Evroni of Israel. He is not eligible as a Junior in 2026.
F1P Yuangu Geng of China. He is eligible to defend his Junior Champion title in 2026.
F1Q Has not been flown at previous Championships.

Reigning Female Junior World Champions are:

F1A Kinga Szoke of Hungary. She is not eligible as a Junior in 2026.
F1B Uliana Kalenchuk of Ukraine. She is eligible to defend her title in 2026.

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.1.1, the competitors, helpers, and assistants must all be juniors. The team managers and/or their duly registered assistants and organising officials are the only seniors allowed in the starting area.

Senior European Championships

Every NAC may enter a team consisting of:

- A team manager.
- Assistant team manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three competitors (without gender requirement).
  Optionally, one additional competitor if at least one competitor is female.
  Note: *So, a national team may include a maximum of four competitors with the optionally additional competitor.*
- Supporters, Helpers.

The reigning Champions have the right (subject to the approval of their NAC) to participate in the class concerned. If they are not a member of their national team, they will not be considered for the national team classification. When a reigning Junior Champion is no more a junior, he/she can participate in the Senior Championship of the equivalent class on the same basis as the reigning Champion.

Reigning Senior European Champions are:

F1A Bostjan Bagari of Slovenia
F1B Iulian Tutelea of Romania
F1C Darijo Jermol of Croatia

Reigning Female Senior European Champions are:

F1A Daniela Seren of Germany
F1B Andrea Popesku of Romania

In addition

F1B Junior European Champion in 2025 was Cristian Tutelea of Romania. He will be too old to defend his title at the 2027 Junior European Championship and so may participate in this Senior European Championship as a defending champion.

F1P Junior European Champion in 2025 was Cristian Tutelea of Romania. He will be too old to defend his title at the 2027 Junior European Championship and so may participate in F1C at this Senior European Championship as a defending champion.

FAI JURY

- Ian KAYNES,	GBR	- President of the Jury
- Sotir LAZARKOV,	BUL	- Jury Member
- Dimko SPIRKOSKI	MKD	- Jury Member

- Zoran PELAGIC	SVK	-Jury Member Reserve
- Valentin SAVOV	BUL	-Jury Member Reserve

ORGANISER OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS

Dejan Prodanoski - Prilep Major, NAC officials.

CLASSIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

Individual overall classification

FAI gold, silver and bronze medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in the individual overall classification for the class concerned.

Individual Women classification

FAI gold, silver and bronze medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed females subject to at least six females competing in the class concerned. If the number of competitors is less than six, then only FAI diplomas will be awarded. The best placed woman earns the title of Women World or Continental Champion subject at least six females from four different nations are competing.

National team classification

FAI gold, silver and bronze medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed national team for the class concerned.

A medal and a diploma will be awarded to the team manager and to all competitors of each national team concerned.

CIAM Perpetual Trophies and holders

Junior World Championships:

F1A Junior Individual	Challenge Gabriel Robinet	Mart Valjamae, Estonia
F1A Junior Team	Ukraine Junior Challenge Trophy	Poland
F1B Junior Individual	Pyotr Balabuyev Memorial Challenge Trophy	Shalev Evroni, Israel
F1B Junior Team	Magnificent Mountain Men	USA
F1P Junior Individual	Ukraine Power Challenge Trophy	Yuangu Geng, China
F1P Junior Team	Ukraine Junior Challenge Trophy	China
F1ABP Junior Challenge	Junior Challenge France	Estonia

European Championships:

F1A Individual - Oleg Antonov Memorial Challenge Trophy	Bostjan Bagari, Slovenia
F1A Team - Ukraine Challenge Trophy	France
F1B Individual - Sergey Gorbik Memorial Challenge Trophy	Iulian Tutelea, Romania
F1B Team - Ukraine Challenge Trophy	Poland
F1C Individual - Kup Vazduhoplovnog Saveza	Darijo Jermol, Croatia
F1C Team - Ukraine Challenge Trophy	Ukraine
F1ABC Challenge - Jack North Trophy	Germany

Note: it is possible that some trophies may not be available to be awarded because of not having been returned by Russia after the 2018 Championships.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Friday, Saturday 24-25,		"Prilep Cup - Trophy of Prilep" - F1ABCPQ, FAI World Cup 2026				
Saturday	July 25,	Arrival Day for Junior World F1ABPQ and for European F1ABCQ Championships.				
Sunday	July 26,	Registration & Model Processing 09.00-16.00	Practice Day	TM meeting	Opening ceremony Town square	
		Junior World Ch	**European Ch**	16.00-17.00	18.30	
Monday	July 27,	F1P	F1Q	7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	F-off after 18.00
Tuesday	July 28,	F1A		7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	"
Wednesday	July 29,		F1A	7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	"
Thursday	July 30,	F1B		7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	"
Friday	July 31,		F1B	7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	"
Saturday	August 01,	F1Q	F1C	7 round x 65m	Break 10 m	"
Sunday	August 02,	Reserve Day		Prize Giving Ceremony - 19.30	Banquet 20.30	
Monday	August 03,	Departure Day				

General Rounds Schedule

1 round	2 round	3 round	4 round	5 round	6 round	7 round
07.00-08.05	08.15-09.20	09.30-10.35	10.45-11.50	12.00-13.05	13.15-14.20	14.30-15.35

ENTRY FEES

In accordance with 2025 Sporting Code Section 4 - Aeromodelling Article C 15.5.1 paragraph (d) of the, the basic entry fee for participation in a continental or world championship is 350 EUR.

€ 350 + € 12 = € 362 per Team Manager
€ 300 + € 12 = € 312 per Assistant Team Manager
€ 350 + € 12 = € 362 per Senior competitor,
€ 350 + € 12 = € 362 per Junior competitor,
€ 350 + € 12 = € 362 per Female competitor
€ 60 per Supporter, Helper

The entry fees defined above include the additional fee of 10 CHF (12 €) which the organizer must pay to the FAI for a team manager and a competitor.
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.4 Sanction Fees, this additional 10 CHF amount shall be paid together with the entry fee, and must be transferred by the organiser to the FAI at least 15 days before the published date of the championship(s).
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.15.5.1 i), a person serving in more than one position (team manager and competitor) will be charged only the highest entry fee of the positions to be served. Additional provision for multiple class championships: According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.15.5.1 j), a 50 % discount is offered on the second entry fee for a competitor competing in more than one class.

Banquet

The price of the banquet dinner is 50 for seniors and 40 euros for juniors and females. Diner includes: appetizers, green salads, combined dinner, dessert and unlimited drinks according to the wishes of the participants.
The price for the banquet is separate and is not included in the entry fee.

DEADLINES

Preliminary Entry Form (PEF)

Each NAC which plans to send a national team is requested to fill out the enclosed PEF, and to return it signed and stamped no later than ***February 28th, 2026*****.**
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.15.10, if after the deadline to submit the PEF the number of entries in a class or classes is low, it will be up to the organizer, in consultation with CIAM Bureau, to cancel the competition for the class or classes concerned.
Such decision will be taken after the deadline for the PEF and before the deadline for the Final Entry Form submission. This shall be announced together with the Bulletin 2.

Final Entry Form

Each NAC which plans to send a national team is requested to fill out the enclosed FEF, and to return it signed and stamped no later than **April 30th , 2026**.
Entry Fees should be paying no later than the **May 15 th ,2026**.
The person paying the entry fee must also pay the bank charges for the money transfer, with the indication "ours", which means that the bank fee goes to his account.
Otherwise, the bank charges must be paid upon arrival.

All fees have to be paid by bank transfer to the account listed below:

Recipient	Address of Bank	International Money Transfer
VSK "FIL-FENIKS" PRILEP "Naum Naumoski-Borche" nr. 1/5, 7500 Prilep, North Macedonia	KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD SKOPJE, BRANCH PRILEP Address: "Mice Kozar" nr.1, 7500 Prilep, North Macedonia	SWIFT ADDRESS: KOBSMK2XPRB CONT IBAN: MK07300701003241416 **TITLE: EUCH F1ABCQ ENTRY FEES** or **JWCH F1ABPQ ENTRY FEES**

- Payment is made to two separate accounts with the designation EUCH or JWCH.
- Entry fees will not be accepted at the arrival, except for an exceptional circumstance and subject prior agreement of the organiser.

- According to Sporting Code General Section 4.8.4, a competitor or a national team which withdraws after having had their entry accepted may be entitled to a full or partial refund of the entry fees paid.
- In case a participant or a national team withdraws after the entry fees have been paid, a full or partial refund of the entry fees will be considered only in case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

LODGING AND FOOD

Participants of the championship can find accommodation in private facilities and hotels in Prilep, but also in the nearby towns of Krushevo and Bitola approximately 14-30 km distances from the flying field.
There are also many smaller private accommodation capacities, which can be found on www.booking.com
The price range for private accommodation is from 15 to 25 euros for a shared room.
In hotels with breakfast, a triple room is from 75 to 105 euros, a double room from 25 to 39 euros for a double room per person, and for a single room is from 40-50 euros.
Full board costs + 55 euros at the basic price.

Lunch will provided at the event venue for everyone who registers at Entry Form.
With prior notice, lunch with special requirements can be provided (type of meat, vegetarians….).
The cost of lunch is 12 euros.

Meals
Prilep has several hotel and restaurant, and many café and pizza restaurant, with rich menu of the best traditional national food and specialties, excellent barbecue and lots of food from international cuisine.
The price of a dinner in restaurants is almost identical, and it mostly depends on what you order.
Basically, a normal dinner costs around 15 euros.

Camping: The field where the championship will be held does not have an organized infrastructure, but those who want to can camp there in a place designated by the organizer. The organizer will hire physical security on the night.

INSURANCE

The organizer will provide third party insurance for all participants during the competition for accidents involving injury to others and damage to property according to the host country legislation.
Participants are recommended to organise their own individual health and travel insurance before travelling.

VISA

For detailed information please follow the link to Ministry of Foreign Affair of the Republic Macedonia: https://mfa.gov.mk/en-GB/konzularni-uslugi/stranski-drzavjani
For European Union citizens' visa is not required. For another countries please check web.
Note : Invitation letters for the purpose of acquiring a travel visa can be provided by Organizer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The vehicle on the competition site: Participants of the competition can use on the field only two-wheel vehicles (bicycles and mopeds) for the retrieval of models.
Cars can only be used from the entrance to the airfield of the airfield to the parking lot and back.

Medical service: Medical services will be present on the field throughout the competition.

Press Access
The access on the flying site of press representatives, photographers, etc., will be free of charge and allowed only in the special designated area of the contest.

Car rentals
For competitors arriving at Skopje and Ohrid Airport, most major car rental companies are present in the arrival hall.

http://www.autoeurope.com/go/car-rental/macedonia
https://www.europcar.com/location/macedonia
http://www.avis.com.mk/
http://www.hertz.mk

Note: Based on previous experience, we must warn you that higher financial costs are possible, even doubling the price for renting a rental car outside North Macedonia.
"If you rent a car from another country, such as (Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia), the rental company may charge a significant fee for transporting the car in North Macedonia".

Power Supply

Electricity is 220 V / 50 Hz

Currency:
Denar is the official currency. Foreign currency exchange is possible in banks, exchange offices, post offices, hotels. All shops and services accept credit cards. The official exchange rate list is on the web side of the National Bank: http://www.nbrm.mk/kursna_lista-en.nspx

TOUR: During the free time, competitors can be visited lot of interesting ancient and modern places, museums and natural rarities in the city and country. https://macedoniafromabove.mk/

WORLD CUP EVENT:
The "Prilep Cup - Trophy of Prilep" will be organized one the July 24-25, 2026, www.prilepcup.info

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