



# **Naming of FAI Competitions**

## **Policy for FAI Air Sport Commissions and Competition Organisers**

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## INTRODUCTION

### General

The Policy, first adopted in 2004 by the FAI Executive Board and the Presidents of the Air Sports Commissions, has been developed in accordance with the FAI Strategic Plan and in close cooperation with the FAI Air Sport Commissions.

The primary objectives of this Policy are to:

- Standardise the structure of the names given to FAI-sanctioned Competitions.
- Ensure that these Competitions are properly branded.
- Enable Title Sponsors to feature clearly in the names of Competitions.

### Scope of this policy

According to Statute 1.6.2, Commissions are responsible for setting up bidding guidelines that align with FAI Statutes, By-Laws, and the Sporting Codes.

First Category-events are defined in the Sporting Code General Section; chapter 4 (current version of 01.01.2025).

These events are covered by an Organiser Agreement (BL 1.2.2) produced as per FAI By-Laws (BL 1.2.7 – 1.2.10).

### Changes

Commissions must inform the Secretariat whenever a change is requested. Sharing this information solely through meeting minutes or attachments to plenary meetings is not sufficient.

### Direct link

FAI Constitution (Statutes, By-Laws etc)

[www.fai.org/documents](http://www.fai.org/documents) (*Note: current versions are applicable*)

## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Contexts in which Use of this Policy is Mandatory

The use of the present Policy is mandatory in the following cases:

- a. In all communications on the events issued by the FAI Secretariat, FAI Commissions and Event Organisers.
- b. For all Press Releases.
- c. In all FAI historical archives.
- d. In any official documents or websites issued or controlled by the organising NAC, the Event Organiser, and on all promotional items and merchandise mentioning the event name.
- e. In all event related communication (jury reports, participants list, results list etc.)

### 1.2 FAI Branding

The inclusion of “FAI” in the event title indicates only that the event is sanctioned by FAI; FAI is never the organiser of the event. To reinforce the FAI brand and foster solidarity among the global Air Sports community, the FAI logo shall always be placed near the event title in accordance with the FAI On-Line StyleGuide.

- <https://www.fai.org/event-organisers-space>
- File name: FAI Branding (Styleguide, Logos, Rules on advertising)

## 1.3 Title Sponsor

A Title Sponsor (or Presenting Sponsor) is a sponsor, either from the Organising Committee or FAI, who covers a significant portion of the competition cost.

A title sponsor may have their name included in the competition title, but only one Title Sponsor is allowed per event.

## 1.4 Formal Approval of the Name of Competition

To maintain consistency, competition names and logos must be proposed by the Organiser and Air Sport Commission to the FAI Secretariat for formal approval and inclusion in the FAI Sporting Calendar.

Logos should include the full competition name as per this policy. Exceptions are possible for events where multiple competitions occur simultaneously. For branding-related inquiries, contact the FAI Communications Manager at <communication@fai.org>.

Since this Policy allows sponsor names in FAI competition titles, sponsors' names must be carefully evaluated to ensure decency, ethics, and legal compliance (for example restrictions on advertising tobacco, alcohol etc).

A special agreement must also be concluded between the Organiser and the FAI according to the Organiser Agreement.

## 2 POLICY FOR NAMING OF COMPETITIONS

### 2.1 FAI World and Continental Championships (First Category Events)

For a definition of "First Category Events" refer to Sporting Code General Section chapter 4.5, specifically 4.5.2.

The Policy for Naming World and Continental Championships is as follows:

#### 2.1.1 Events WITHOUT Title Sponsor

In these cases where there is no Title Sponsor,

- a. Competitions must be named according to the Standard Structure in Annex A.
- b. The FAI logo must be prominently displayed in accordance with the FAI styleguide (see 1.2).

#### 2.1.2 Events WITH Title Sponsor

In cases with a Title Sponsor:

- a. Competitions should be named according to the Standard Structure in Annex A, followed by "...in association with XYZ".
- b. If this is not acceptable to the Title Sponsor, the name should consist of a "main title" per Annex A, and a "sub-title" with the sponsor's name Examples:

*16th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship and Coca Cola Challenge*

*9th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship and Soft Drink XYZ Trophy*

*4th FAI World Air Games and IBM Aeronautikon*

The FAI logo must always be prominently displayed in accordance with the FAI StyleGuide.



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## 2.2 Second Category Events

For a definition of “First Category Events” refer to Sporting Code General Section chapter 4.5, specifically 4.5.3.

The competition name must always clearly identify the Air Sport involved and be ethically acceptable. The FAI logo should appear in all communications.

Second Category Events shall not use the title “World Championship” nor any designation implying a multi-national scope, such as “[Multi-Country Name] Championship,” where the name refers to a group of countries.

For example:

- A National Airsport Control (NAC) may organise a “Brazilian Paragliding XC Championship” (national scope).
- However, event titles such as “North American Championship” or “South American Championship” are not permitted under this provision, as they imply participation from multiple countries.

Event titles may either adopt the Standard Structure outlined in Annex A or consist of a main title incorporating the name of a Title Sponsor, as introduced under rule 2.1.2.

## 2.3 Exceptions

In exceptional cases, the FAI Executive Board may permit deviations from this Policy, particularly for reasons of tradition, history, or branding that, if not considered, would affect the event’s substance, image or credibility.

## 3 ANNEXES

### 3.1 Annex A: Standard Structure for FAI World and Continental Championships

Number	FAI		Category	Region	Sport/Class/Event	Name
C	C		O	C	C	C
3rd 2012	FAI		Women's Junior Senior Open	World European Asian Pan-American Oceanic Asian-Oceanic North American South American African	Gliding Hot Air Balloon Formation Skydiving Rally Flying Advanced Aerobatic Hang Gliding Paragliding Helicopter Microlight Paramotor  <b>See also “Disciplines” below</b>	Championship Championships

Legend: C = Compulsory/Mandatory  
O = Optional

#### 3.1.1 Examples

7th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championship

4th FAI Women's World Gliding Championship

#### 3.1.2 Location and Dates

In order to simplify and shorten the names of FAI Competitions, the location and dates of the events are not part of the official name of the competition. In any case, location and dates are automatically published in the FAI Sporting Calendar (see for example: <http://www.fai.org/events/events-calendar-and-results?id=34877&EventCalendarId=8020>).

If, for any reason (press release, leaflet, information bulletin, etc.), the location and dates of the event need to be added to the name of the event, it is recommended to use one of the following examples :

- 7th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championship, Radom (POL), 2006
- or
- 7th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championship, 3 to 13 August 2007, Radom (POL)

#### 3.1.3 Disciplines

When this standard structure does not offer the required flexibility to describe an event (single- or multidisciplinary events), please refer to Annex C, which provides a more comprehensive list of names available.



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### 3.2 Annex B: Aeromodelling Specificity

Feedback/confirmation: 22 Oct 2024, CIAM President

Valid for events after 01 Jan 2025.

All elements of the main title are mandatory.

YEAR	FAI	CIAM CLASS CODE	DESIGNATION <small>(where appropriate)</small>	REGION	TYPE	CATEGORY					
2025	FAI	F1ABCQ	Junior	World European Asian- Oceanic	Championship Championships	for Free Flight Model Aircraft					
		F1ABPQ									
		F1D				for Indoor Model Aircraft					
		F1E				for Free Flight Slope Soaring Gliders					
		F2				for Control Line Model Aircraft					
		F3A				for Aerobatic Model Aircraft					
		F3B				for Model Gliders					
		F3CN				for Model Helicopters					
		F3D/F3E				for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft					
		F3F				for Model Gliders					
		F3J				for Model Gliders					
		F3K				for Model Gliders					
		F3P				for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft					
		F4				for Scale Model Aircraft					
		F5B				for Electric Model Gliders					
		F5J				for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders					
		F9U				WDRC (World Drone Racing Championship)					
						for Space Models					
		Optional sub-titles (only for Bulletins)									
		(Class Name/s & Description/s) (For Seniors and Juniors) (For Seniors and/or Juniors)									
Mandatory sub-title (only for Bulletins)											
From - To			Year	Venue		Country					



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## 3.3 Annex C: Disciplines

### 3.3.1 Ballooning (CIA)

Feedback/confirmation: 23 Oct 2024, CIA Vice President

3rd	FAI	Women's Junior	World European South American	Hot Air Balloon Hot Air Airship Gas Balloon	Championship
67th			Coupe Aéronautique	Gordon Bennett	
			CIA introduced the <u>additional</u> sub-title "FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship" in connection with the title "Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett"		

### 3.3.2 Amateur Built & Experimental Aircraft (CIACA)

To be added once competition formats have been determined.

### 3.3.3 Rotorcraft (CIG)

3rd	FAI		World	Helicopter	Championship
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### 3.3.4 Microlight & Paramotor (CIMA)

Feedback/confirmation: 22 Oct 2024, CIMA President

3rd	FAI		World European Asian-Oceanic	Microlight Paramotor Paramotor Slalom Paramotor Endurance	Championships
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### 3.3.5 Aerobatics (CIVA)

Pending Feedback/confirmation: 22 Oct 2024, CIVA President

3rd	FAI	(Open)	World / European	Aerobatic Advanced Aerobatic Glider Aerobatic Advanced Glider Aerobatic YAK 52 Aerobatic Intermediate Aerobatic	Championship Championships
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### 3.3.6 Hanggliding & Paragliding (CIVL)

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3rd	FAI	Women's Junior	World European Asian Pan-American Asian-Oceanic	Hang Gliding Class 1 Hang Gliding Class 2 Hang Gliding Class 5 Hang Gliding Sports Class Hang Gliding Hang Gliding Aerobatic Paragliding Paragliding Accuracy Paragliding Aerobatic Hike & Fly	Championship Championships
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### 3.3.7 General Aviation (GAC)

Feedback/confirmation: 23 Oct 2024, GAC P

3rd	FAI		World European	Rally Flying Precision Flying Air Navigation Race	Championship
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### 3.3.8 Gliding (IGC)

Feedback/confirmation: 25 Oct 2024, Patrick Pauwels

3rd	FAI	Junior Women's	World European Pan-American	Gliding 13,5M Class Gliding Virtual	Championship Championships
3rd	FAI		World	Sailplane Grand Prix	Championship



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### 3.3.9 Skydiving (ISC)

Pending Feedback/confirmation: 22 Oct 2024, ISC President

3rd	FAI	Junior	World European Asian Oceanic North American South American African	Canopy Formation Formation Skydiving Canopy Piloting Canopy Piloting Freestyle Artistic Events Style and Accuracy Landing Parachute-Ski Wingsuit Flying Speed Skydiving Indoor Skydiving – Dynamic and Artistic Events Indoor Skydiving – Formation Skydiving	Championship Championships
3rd			World Cup	of	Canopy Formation Formation Skydiving Canopy Piloting Canopy Piloting Freestyle Artistic Events Style and Accuracy Landing Parachute-Ski Wingsuit Flying Speed Skydiving Indoor Skydiving – Dynamic and Artistic Events Indoor Skydiving – Formation Skydiving
	FAI		World	Skydiving Championships	Mondial + Year + Venue
<p>Example: FAI World Parachuting Championships Mondial 2012 Dubai / FAI World Parachuting Championships Mondial 2020 Tanay</p> <p>Replace 'Parachuting' with 'Skydiving' in future MONDIAL's</p>					

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