

## **F2B Concours d'Elégance**

(Extract from the SC F2 tech. meeting minutes)

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### **4.2.16 Concours d'Elégance**

At F2B Continental and World Championships the organiser may arrange a contest for registered F2B pilots competing in F2B with own-constructed Class F2B model airplanes. The winner is awarded the FAI Concours d'Elégance Diploma.

#### **4.2.16.1 Construction of the model by the pilot; Definition**

"Constructed" by the pilot is to be interpreted as the action required to complete a model starting with no more prefabrication than acquiring one of the two main structures preassembled prior to merging and finishing. The two main structures are considered to be: 1) the wing and 2) the fuselage. Flaps, rudders, elevators & horizontal stabilizers are not considered main structures, therefore there are no limitations on level of their prefabrication, and only the finish portion of this rule applies to them. In unconventional stunt designs, such as a multi-engine wing with engine nacelles, or a flying wing, they are to be considered as multiple merged structures, so no level of prefabrication is allowed, and on multi wing planes, the wing total counts as one structure, but the pilot must be the one who joins and aligns the multiple wings together. In the case of take-apart models, the take-apart hardware must be installed by the pilot. The pilot must be the person who applies the finish to the plane, to "finish" meaning the pilot fills the surfaces and applies the covering and finish to the completed model where covering and finish is applied. Whereas on the surface of the main structures, moulded structural surface underlayment's including but not limited to moulded fiberglass, or carbon fibre that are filled or coloured as a result of the manufacturing process that may show as part of the final finish may be used, as long as this surface underlayment is applied, filled and coloured by the pilot. Control systems such as but not limited to the bellcrank, control horns, pushrods, etc. may be purchased but must be installed by the pilot. Other accessories and hardware may be purchased or otherwise obtained for their function such as, but not limited to: engines, tanks, wheels, canopies, airframe take-apart hardware, and have no bearing in the way "main structures" are counted.

a.) At time of official models processing a competitor wishing to enter the Concours d'Elégance must register his airplane into a list to be prepared by the organiser. By registering his airplane the competitor bindingly confirms the personal construction of the model as per article 4.2.16.1. For the Concours d'Elégance alone, one model per competitor may be registered.

b.) Models processed and registered for the Concours d'Elégance must be marked by suitable means, such as an easy to remove sticker, indicating the pilot's name and the year of the competition.

#### **4.2.16.2 Appearance Judging**

Registered models for the Concours d'Elégance must have flown in at least one F2B qualification round of the ongoing F2B Championship before entering the static display for appearance judging.

a.) After the qualification rounds and before the beginning of the fly-off rounds all of the Concours d'Elégance registered model airplanes shall be put on display, arranged side by side and with sufficient space for the judges for to walk around.

b.) The self-constituent panel of appearance judges consists of three members who shall be:

- At two circles contests: the F2B Contest Director plus the two F2B Circle Marshals.
- At single circle contests: the F2B Contest Director plus the F2B Circle Marshal plus a third person holding an official position within the contest organisation or within FAI/CIAM.

Members of the F2B judges panel must not be part of the panel of Appearance Judges.

c.) Appearance judging for all models on display shall not take longer than two hours. While it takes place, public, other officials, and team members must not be present near the models to be judged. With approval from the appearance judges media representatives may be allowed in.

c.) The panel of appearance judges jointly defines the winner of the Concours d'Elégance based on criteria such as elegance of outlines and shapes, visible building and finish quality, colour scheme and complexity and further non-technical aspects contributing to the overall impression of elegance and beauty, while strictly observing article 4.2.16.1. The panel communicates the winner's name and nationality to the organiser. No individual ranking is published and the winner shall be kept secret until the end of the WCh.

d.) Related to the Concours d'Elégance no formal protest can be filed.

#### **4.2.16.3 Awards**

The F2 Subcommittee will arrange for a suitable FAI diploma to be generated.

a.) The Diploma will be awarded to the winner at the banquet concluding the event.

b.) Illustrated with a high quality picture of the winning model airplane and its pilot constructor, the organiser communicates the winner of the FAI F2B Concours d'Elégance Diploma to the media.

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