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## **CIAM DRONE SPORT SUBCOMMITTEE 2020 REPORT ACTIVITIES**

In 2020, the Subcommittee (S/C) was composed of 39 members including the Chairman, from 38 countries.

The Basecamp 'CIAM Drone Sport Subcommittee) project have been used to inform the S/C members about impact of the Covid-19 on the FAI Drone Sport events. In addition, there has been some exchanges to discuss rules improvements or clarifications.

### **Volume F9 Drone Sport**

The Volume F9 Drone Sport have been published mid January 2020 to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

The update mainly concerns:

- Introduction for the F9A (Drone Soccer) class two subclasses F9A-A (400 mm diameter) and F9A-B (200 mm diameter).
- Limitation to 4.25 V of the voltage of each cell of the battery pack for a safety reason.
- Limitation to 100 mW of the 868 MHz / 915 MHz modules output power to avoid interference on the standard 2.4 GHz RC equipment.

### **Drone Sport events**

The Drone Racing World Cup (F3U class) is effective from 2016. From 2019, a new event format 'FAI World Drone Racing Championship' has been introduced. This format is based on a World Cup with two Series of events (Challenger and Masters), completed by the World Championship Grand Final at the end of the year.

The 2020 year has been strongly impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

Mid March, CIAM Bureau decided to suspend all events which were included on the calendar and scheduled to happen until 20 April.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, due to local legal restrictions in place in almost all countries where CIAM events are planned, CIAM Bureau has decided to extend the suspension until May 31, 2020, and that World Cup rankings and awards will not be applied for 2020.

Nevertheless, organizers were authorized to hold Non World Cup Open International events after 1<sup>st</sup> June, as long as they consider to be feasible regarding the restrictions applicable in their country.

The 2020 Race of Drones Oulu hold 13 March in Finland have not been affected by those restrictions except it have not been finally considered as a World Cup event.

In addition, two F9U events registered on the FAI Calendar have been hold, both on September 5 and 6:

- F9U Open International Italy in Modena,
- Pam Cup in Plovdiv (Bulgaria).

No foreign competitors have been in situation to compete due to Covid restrictions still applying.

Considering we will have no World Cup ranking for 2020 and that all CIAM 2020 Category 1 events (World and Continental Championships) have been cancelled or postponed to 2021, it has been

agreed that, for the year 2020, a World Drone Racing Championship (WDRC) Grand Final will not be hold.

### **Communication**

The FAI Drone Sport min-site (<https://www.fai.org/drone-sports>) has been updated as necessary. In addition, some news concerning Drone Sport have been published on the FAI website.

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