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THE WORLD GAMES 2025 - DRONE RACING EVENT

The World Games is an international multi-sports event held every four years, in the year following each Summer Olympic Games.

The World Games are administrated by the International World Games Association (IWGA), a non-profit organization composed of 39 International Sports Federations and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation recognized by IOC, is part of IWGA.

TWG 2025 GENERAL INFORMATION

The 12th edition of The World Games -TWG 2025- will take place from Thursday 7th to Sunday 17th August 2025, and the host city will be the mega-city Chengdu, Sichuan, People's Republic of China.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in Chengdu will support IWGA for the organization.

For the 2025 TWG, the air sports will be represented by the Drone Racing discipline (FAI/CIAM).

The World Games website: <https://www.theworldgames.org/>

Official TWG 2025 website: <https://www.theworldgames2025.com/en/?lang=en>

Official digital platforms:

Facebook: @The World Games 2025

Twitter: @twg2025

Instagram: @twg2025

TikTok: @twg2025

COSTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

There will be no entry fee to participate in TWG 2025.

In-country costs (transportation, accommodation and catering) will be covered by the organizer for all the accredited athletes from the arrival day to the departure day defined for the Drone Racing event.

Costs to be covered by the athletes will be their travel expenses from/to their residence place to/from Chengdu and personal expenses.

Additional participants (helpers, supporters, etc.) must support all their costs including in-country costs (transportation, accommodation and catering).

DRONE RACING EVENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue: Secondary stadium at Dong'an Lake Sports Park - N° 909 Beiquan Road, Longquanyi District, Chengdu

Format

- 32 athletes quota including, wherever possible, 8 to 10 women.
- Mixed men and women event with a single classification.

Sporting rules

The sporting rules will be based on the F9U (Drone Racing) class rules effective 1st January 2025 stated in the Volume F9 Drone Sport of the FAI Sporting Code Section 4 - Aeromodelling.

Based on the athlete's quota, the scenario with 32 athletes qualified for the elimination sequence from the qualification rounds will be applied by including the double elimination sequence.

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>

Schedule *(To be confirmed)*

- Monday 11th August: Arrival day
- Tuesday 12th August: Acclimatisation
- Wednesday 13th August: Model processing - Pilot's track walking through - Competitor's meeting - Official practice
- Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th August: Competition
- Sunday 17th August: Reserve date
- Monday 18th August: Departure date

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The quota places are allocated to individual athletes by name (nominal qualification). But, each FAI Member (NAC) concerned will be asked to approve their athlete(s) qualified for the TWG 2025.

The qualification system is supposed to conform to the rules of The World Games, the Olympic Charter and TWG Qualification System Principles.

According to the TWG Qualification System Principles, the qualification system must give an equitable opportunity for the best athletes to participate through a fair and transparent process, as well as to ensure global representation. The last shall be reflected in the qualification system through representation from as many continents as possible.

By qualifying the athletes, FAI shall seek to achieve a satisfactory balance between competitors' positions on world ranking lists and the fair representation of as many as possible of its member nations from at least three different continents.

According to IWGA principle, only existing events sanctioned by FAI will be used for qualification.

To be accredited to participate, every athlete must possess a valid FAI Sporting License (discipline Aeromodelling and Spacemodelling).

Reference ranking lists

The men and women reference ranking lists will be based on the results of the following FAI events:

- 2024 World Drone Racing Championship in Hangzhou, China (WDRC)

Note: If a WDRC is not held in 2024 for any reason, the 2023 WDRC held in Namwon, Republic of Korea will be considered as an alternative.

- Drone Racing World Cup events for the 2024 calendar year.

The two reference ranking lists (men and women) will be established by considering the points obtained by the competitors participating in the above events.

For each competitor:

- Only one Drone Racing World Cup event per organising country will be considered (higher number of points for any organising country in which the competitor has scored in two events).
- The total score considered to establish the reference ranking list will be the sum of his(her) best three event's results (numbers of points) including, where appropriate, the WDRC.

In the situation of a tie for any placing in a reference ranking list, the place in the World Cup ranking will be considered to split the tie, and then if necessary, the best result (number of points) obtained in a World Cup event.

Allocation of points for the events

Points will be allocated as follows in compliance with the Drone Racing World Cup rules. The points allocated will depend on the number (N) of competitors who have effectively flown in the event.

a) $N > 40$

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	.....	40 and after
Points	40	39	38	37	36	35	.....	1

b) $N = 40$ or $N < 40$

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	.....	N-1	N
Points	N	N-1	N-2	N-3	N-4	N-5	.....	2	1

In addition, bonus in points will be awarded as follows for the best placed competitors.

Bonus applicable for the WDRC

- 1st place = 16 points
- 2nd place = 14 points
- 3rd place = 12 point
- 4th place = 10 point
- 5th place = 8 points
- 6th place = 6 points
- 7th place = 4 points
- 8th place = 2 points

Bonus applicable for each Drone Racing World Cup event

- 1st place = $N/5$ rounded up to the nearest whole number with a maximum of 8 points
- 2nd place = $N/8$ rounded up to the nearest whole number with a maximum of 5 points
- 3rd place = $N/13$ rounded up to the nearest whole number with a maximum of 3 points

Qualification of the athletes

The following provisions will be applied for the qualification of the athletes.

First stage

- One (1) athlete for each gender (male and female) will be qualified per country.
- Will be qualified the best ranked competitors from the men and women reference ranking lists by respecting restriction to one athlete per country for each gender.

Note: Regarding the men reference ranking list, only the 50 higher placed competitors will be considered for the qualification. This number may be, where appropriate, increased.

- The qualification of each athlete will be official as soon as the athlete confirmed his interest to participate, NAC concerned has approved the participation, and subject the athlete hold a FAI Sporting License valid for the TWG 2025 period.
- In case a qualified athlete is finally not in situation to participate for any reason, the next best ranked competitor on the reference ranking list concerned will be retained for the qualification subject to respect for each gender the restriction to one athlete per country.

Note: According to the previous provision, when a qualified athlete is not in situation to participate, the reserve athlete who will be considered for the qualification will not be necessarily from the same country.

Second stage

In case the provisions defined for the first stage do not permit to qualify the required number of athletes, a second male gender competitor from a same country will be qualified by following the ranking of the 50 higher placed competitors in the reference ranking list. If this is not still sufficient, a third male gender competitor of a same country will be then qualified in same conditions.

The possibility to qualify a second female gender competitor from a same country will be eventually considered by taking into account the women reference ranking list. Another possibility will be to reallocate the slot(s) for male gender competitors.

Wild cards

People's Republic of China being the TWG 2025 host country, Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) may propose one male and/or one woman athlete to participate with a wild card subject no athlete for the gender concerned may be considered for China with the qualification provisions stated above.

CIAM may offer a wild card to three countries not represented with the qualification process stated above.

Milestones for the qualification process

Date	Milestone
December 31, 2024	End of the qualification period.
February 1, 2025	Publication by FAI of the men and women reference ranking lists with information of the NACs concerned.
Up to April 30, 2025	Acceptance to participate by the athletes concerned. Reallocation by FAI of the vacant slots as necessary.
From May 1, 2025	Late athlete's replacement.