FREE FLIGHT news

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FFn DIARY

No contests during May

Reminder of Lost Hills October 2019 F1C day

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COVID-19

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There has been very little change in the situation on International events. Following the CIAM recommendation to cancel Championships in 2020 most organisers have agreed but have been slow in acknowledging this to potential competitors. Likewise the FAI have been slow to update the events calendar. Hopefully this can be accelerated soon (Zoom meeting planned shortly). The major item to be determined is whether the F1D Indoor World Championships continue on its new date of December 2020 or is further delayed to March 2021.

As reported last month, the World Cup has been suspended for 2020. Most events have indicated their choice to postpone their events to be World Cup events in 2021.

One exception to this is France deciding to continue their planned August events as Open Internationals. Myriam Morandini wrote: "*We inform you that the Poitou, our International contest HISPANO and the 2minutes will run and people will come if they can. Due to the French Championships that we will organize also, we have to change dates from August 3rd and 4th to August 10th and 11th. Our F1E contest in September will run also, no change in the dates for the moment. It is our decision for the moment but due to the virus maybe we will have to change and report in 2021."*

Other air sports are in a similar state to aeromodelling with competitions and meetings cancelled or postponed events. The FAI circulated some WHO links for considerations for organisers of meetings -

https://www.who.int/publications-detail/how-to-use-who-risk-assessment-and-mitigation-checklist-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-covid-19

and organisers of sporting events.

https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass_Gatherings_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf

The latter is not exactly appropriate to our events, for example competitors are young but some spectators may be elderly!

CIAM FREE FLIGHT SUB COMMITTEE

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The membership of CIAM subcommittees for the following year are nominated on May base don the lists of experts submitted by each national Aero Club. This year France did not include a nomination of Pierre Chaussebourg and that brings about Pierre's retirement from the subcommittee. I first attended a CIAM Plenary meeting in 1976 and at that meeting Pierre was elected as the French-speaking Secretary to the Bureau. He continued on the Bureau for many years, becoming a Vice President in later years. When I was elected as chairman of the free flight subcommittee in 1978 he was a member of my first subcommittee and has remained giving valuable service ever since. He has also made a massive contribution as a Jury member at **60** Championships. Thank you Pierre.

NEWS FROM BMFA FF TECH COMMITTEE

Like all the free flight community the FFTC have been wondering when things will return to something like normal and when we will be able to get back to flying our models. We are in lock down with no date on when this will end.

The FFTC have been discussing and planning a way forward. We have included in our deliberations input from the community. This communication follows that posted earlier.

What we know for certain:

- We have no airfields available until after 1st July at the earliest.
- CIAM have cancelled all Championships and World Cup competitions in 2020.

The plan to fit the current situation:

- Contests for the rest of the year to be as per the calendar when we resume flying.
- We will not be awarding the Plugge and the overall Free flight championship in 2020.
- The Stonehenge and Equinox Cups are cancelled we will keep the dates on the calendar for a replacement contest details to be decided. We will run World Cup Contests in 2021 at same time and place.
- We have the team selection reserve date on 11/12th July. We will leave this in place although it is highly doubtful that it will be able to proceed. Failing this, we have a fall-back date at the East Anglian Gala on 1/2nd August. If this too falls than we will postpone the team selection for 2021 until the Spring of 2021

The plan for 2021:

- The calendar for 2021 will be basically as 2020 with detailed and possible re-sequencing of some dates and bringing back the 8th Area. As noted, we may have to include a team selection for 2021.

In order to ensure any ad hoc changes to rules and procedures that may be needed are in place the FFTC have been in conversation with Jo Holman the BMFA Comp. Sec.

Please remember that these plans are subject to change as the situation dictates.

FAI SECRETARY GENERAL

The FAI Executive Board has named Markus Haggeney as the new Secretary General of FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, with immediate effect. Mr Haggeney, who had been appointed FAI Acting Secretary General in December last year, formally accepted the new position.

In his role as FAI Sports & Events Director, which he assumed in 2014, he successfully and continuously drove air sports forward. He also strove to cultivate ties with all the Federation stakeholders, while building new bridges with the sports world and beyond.

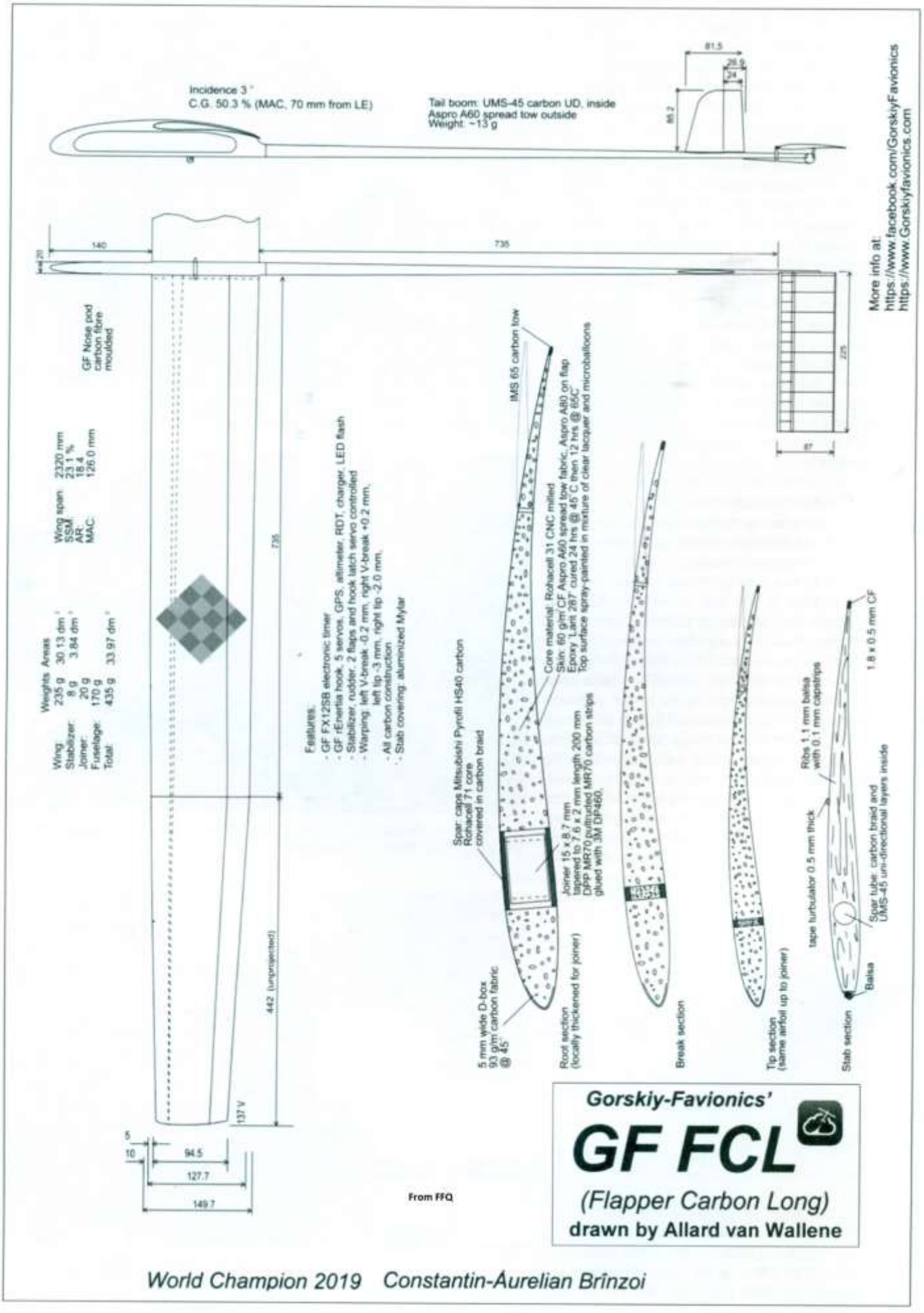
Markus Haggeney said: "I am delighted to be given the opportunity to take up this new challenge. With the FAI Office, and in collaboration with all the FAI community, the objective is now to ensure that FAI gets stronger and stronger as an organisation. Stabilisation and consolidation are the key words for the times ahead."

FAI President Bob Henderson said: "I am very pleased that Markus has accepted the position of Secretary General and I believe that this is a good decision for the future of the FAI."

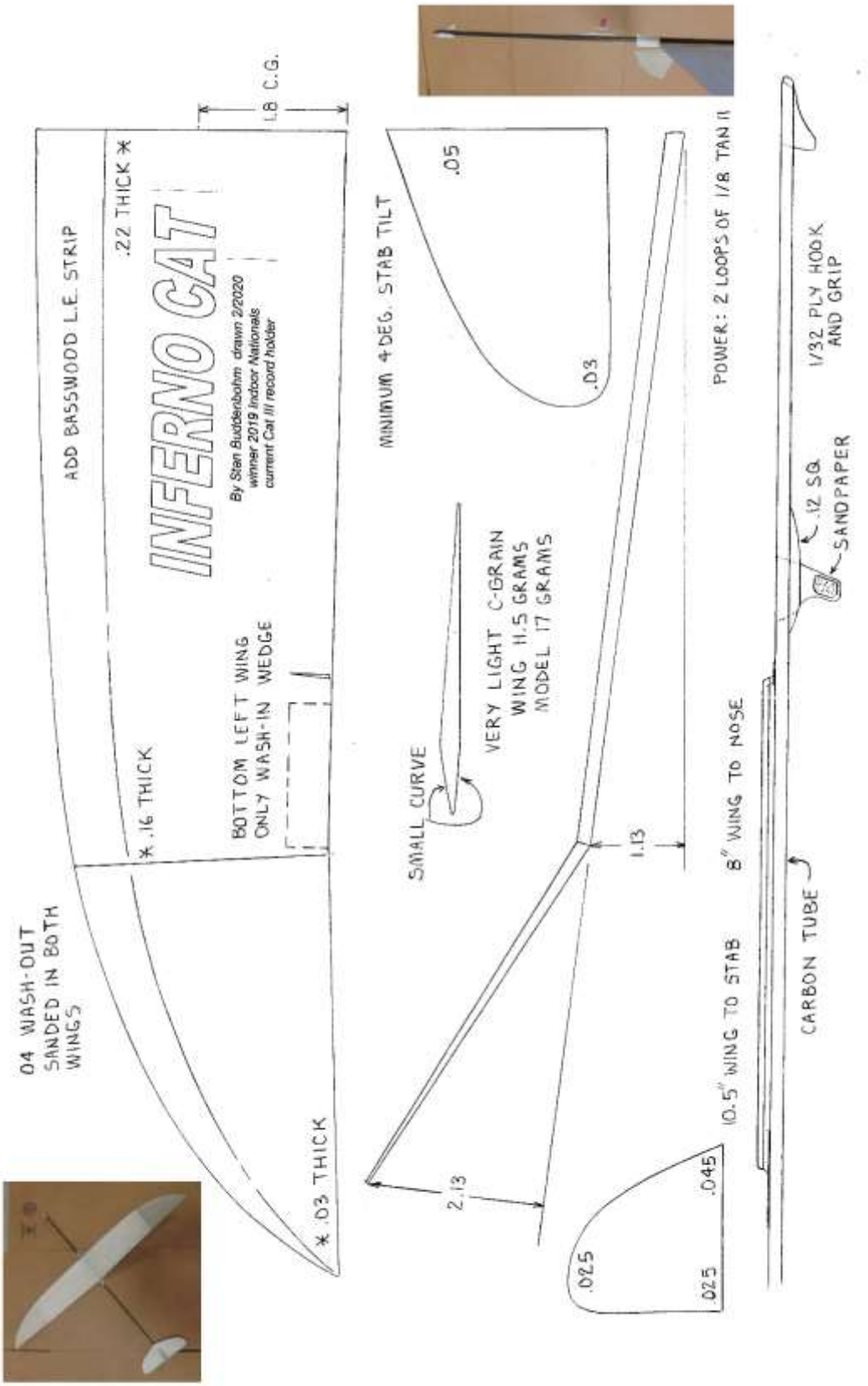
A 60-year-old German, Markus Haggeney's dedication to sport dates back to his childhood and led him to a lifelong commitment to air sports.

After competing internationally in several ballooning championships, he decided to step through the looking glass and became the event organiser, official and contest director of numerous competitions and events. Willing to take an even more active role in the sports community and to participate in the rule-making and organisation of the sport, he represented Germany in ballooning for 15 years, before joining the FAI Office in Lausanne in 2014.

A seasoned pilot and official, Markus has also developed extensive corporate activities within and away from the air sports world, which gives him the insight into the business world that is vital for International Federations nowadays. He is currently training to become a paragliding pilot.



World Champion 2019 Constantin-Aurelian Brînzoi



INFERNO CAT, INDOOR CLG BY STAN BUDDENBOHM

From NFFS with thanks. Scale approx. 50% full size.

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

The published dates for the FF World Championships in August next year have the F1ABC+Junior Championship in France August 14 to 21 2021 and F1E World Championships in Romania August 24 to 27 2021. Since these are the dates of opening and closing ceremonies it would be necessary to leave France on August 22 and arrive in Romania by at least August 23. This is very little time for people to travel between the two places. It is anticipated that the F1E Championships will be moved to July from 17th to 20th.

BMFA 2ST AREA MEETING, MARCH 15

F1A SMAE Cup

1	J Carter	Grantham	12.30	+3.38
2	J Williams	Birmingham	11.37	
3	D Cox	Crookham	10.11	
4	G Oulds	Crawley	4.21	
5	D Etherton	Crookham	1.41	

Combnined Rubber Gamage Cup

1	P Ball	Grantham	7.30	
2	K Taylor	East Grinstead	2.08	
3	W Hodkinson	Grantham	1.51	

F1C Halfax Trophy

1	A Jack	Midlands	12.30	+4.37
2	J Hook	Crookham	3.27	
3	D Cox	Crookham	0.24	

E36

1	C Redrup	Crookham	6.00	+1.46
2	D Ginns	MHMAC	5.36	
3	G Wiliamson	Peterborough	4.56	
4	G Warburton	Morley	4.22	

HLG/CAT

1	P Ball	Grantham	5.31
2	G Percival	Grantham	3.27
3	S Willis	Croydon	2.46
4	K Taylor	East Grinstead	1.47
5	B Taylor	East Grinstead	1.31
6	M Cook	Crawley	1.09

Vintage Glider

1	D Etherton	Crookham	6.43
2	D Cox	Crookham	3.58
3	P Tribe	Bristol & West	2.30

P30

1	D Taylor	Grantham	4.52
2	S Willis	Croydon	2.46
3	K Taylor	East Grinstead	2.12

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1	S Willis	Croydon	0.29

Correction to P30 of Area event 1

1	C Redrup	Crookham	5.32
2	P Hall	Crookham	4.00
3	S Willis	Croydon	3.51
4	D Taylor	Grantham	3.46
5	K Taylor	East Grinstead	2.04

Plugge

		1st Area	2nd Area	Total
1	Crookham	380	300	680
2	Midland FFC		100	100
2	MHMAC		75	75
4	East Grinstead	70		70
5	Croydon	60		60
6	Peterborough		50	50
7	Grantham	40		40
8	Bristol &West		33	33
9	Morley		25	25

BMFA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1	P Ball	20.5	10	J Williams	4
2	K Taylor	14.5	10	M Cook	4
3	C Redrup	10	10	P Hall	4
3	G Percival	10	13	A Jack	3
3	S Willis	10	13	B Taylor	3
6	D Cox	7	13	D Ginns	3
7	D Etherton	6	13	G Oulds	3
7	J Carter	6	13	N Allen	3
9	D Taylor	5			

BMFA AND CAA

BMFA announcement on April 9.

As a result of COVID-19 related disruption, the CAA have today announced their intention to delay the introduction of the EU regulations for unmanned aircraft which were scheduled to come into effect on the 1st July. The delay is for an unspecified length of time, but said to be "at least a number of months".

The UK model flying associations had been actively working on their applications for 'Article 16 Authorisations', even though the July 1st deadline had been something imposed on us by the DfT/CAA (disregarding the provision within the regulations giving model flying associations a two-year transition period until July 2022!). We had previously submitted requests to both the DfT and CAA asking that the implementation of the regulations should be delayed (for the model flying community at least!), so welcome today's announcement.

The full announcement from the CAA was as follows:

"We are working closely with the Government and European colleagues to delay the applicability of the forthcoming EU UAS Implementing Regulation to beyond the original 1 July 2020. The length of this delay is being finalised but will be at least a number of months.

We have already incorporated several amendments to the EU UAS Implementing Regulation into an updated edition of CAP 1789 'The EU UAS Regulation Package – Outline.' We will publish this at the appropriate time and when the applicability dates can be included.

We absolutely commit to informing the community as soon as we have any new information on timescales for introduction so please assume this remains the current information until we advise otherwise."

We anticipate that our existing permissions/exemptions (such as operation of aircraft of less than 7Kg above 400ft / FPV operations / Control Line operation in FRZ's etc) will be renewed/remain valid.

This announcement has no bearing on the operator registration and competency requirements which were implemented under UK law and which operators of most unmanned aircraft must still comply with from July 1st before they fly (assuming we're allowed out by then!).

FAI FREE FLIGHT RANKING

The only event flown since the March ranking was the Swedish Moose Cup and that did not change any of the top ranking positions. So changes are just from old events reducing in importance (positive or negative0. Shown below are the rankings for May 1 giving an almost full list of the results contributing to each person's score (to save space a few of the small negative scores have bene omitted). The ranking score from an event consists of two components added together:-

a) a results part with points awarded on the same basis as the World Cup

b) a ranking position component. This allocates points according to how well a competitor's performance compares to others – points awarded if he has placed above higher-ranked competitors and points subtracted if he has been beaten by lower-ranked competitors.

The scores form events in the last 12 months are counted in full. Events between 12 and 24 months have scores reduced linearly so that events older than 24 months make no contribution to the ranking. A total of 6 events can be counted to make the competitor's ranking score, except that all negative scores are counted. The competitions are identified by their World Cup abbreviations (or WC for World Championships, etc) followed by the year of the event (19 or 20) followed by "=" then the two parts (a) and (b) of their score for that event.

		country	points	place change	points change	main results
F1A						
1	Per Findahl	SWE	3369	1	71	SZ19=613+3 SR19=597+3 KU19=568+6 MM20=548 SL19=555-10 DK19=535+6 SZ18=0-4 SM18=0-17 HE18=0-34
2	Mikhail Kosonozhkin	RUS	3314	-1	-62	SL19=577+20 EF19=588 SZ19=555+16 WC19=563-10 EL19=515+5 NL19=505+2 SZ18=0-2 KU19=63-83
3	Dusan Fric	CZE	3029	0	1	WC19=591+10 SL19=544+3 KU19=498 SZ19=496-6 CS19=465-5 WB19=449-6 HE18=0-10
4	Allard van Wallene	NED	2914	0	64	EF19=541+30 NO19=520+40 HF19=483+10 WB19=478+10 DK19=391+50 PT19=417+6 SL18=0-3 DK18=0-5 HF18=0-16 CT18=0-18 PT18=0-20
5	Anton Gorsky	RUS	2840	0	-1	SL19=624 SZ19=579-3 WC19=537-10 SM19=513-3 NL19=490-9 ZA19=486-6 SM18=0-13 NO19=0-50 DZ19=0-60 SE19=0-73 EL19=0-162
6	Matija Hrast	SLO	2697	0	-55	SL19=533-6 CT19=518 PR19=518-3 HE19=438-2 MR19=426-16 KC19=346-20 SV19=45-56 CT18=0-24
7	Ivan Bezak	SVK	2631	0	23	WC19=563+33 SB19=557+26 PO19=524 SP19=508+11 KU19=479+20 SM19=435 KR19=0-80 HE19=0-83 CS19=0-91 WB19=0-93 KC19=0-113
8	Filip Klobusicky	SVK	2602	2	26	CS19=532+9 KC19=510+13 SB19=500+13 DZ19=473+10 PR19=442-6 WB19=420+6 CR18=0-17 ZA19=0-53 HG19=0-59 SP19=0-76 SM19=0-86
F1B						
1	Mykola Kovalenko	UKR	3071	0	-49	NO19=523+10 DK19=522+10 SE19=522+10 SL19=510+10 NG19=507 NA20=477-6 SL18=0-2 AN18=0-8 KU18=0-14
2	Stepan Stefanchuk	UKR	2807	3	33	AN19=523+10 WC19=527 ZA19=515+3 KW20=510+6 NA20=506+6 HO19=474+3 ZA18=0-16 LV19=0-30 VS19=0-33 KR19=0-47 SR19=0-130
3	Bernd Silz	GER	2775	1	-14	PT19=534 JT19=505 SZ19=492+3 SE19=461 HG19=428+2 HF19=382-10 HE18=0-10 KC18=0-12
4	Adam Krawiec	POL	2743	-2	-164	SM19=525 WB19=518 WC19=516-16 SP19=479 KR19=479 HE19=447 SM18=0-4 EC18=0-19 DZ19=0-40 HO19=0-66 SZ19=0-76
5	Alexander Andriukov	USA	2712	-2	-78	NA20=543+6 SL19=530+3 MR19=515 HC19=510 SR19=476-20 NA19=439+2 CN19=0-23 CR19=0-30 KW19=0-69 WC19=0-170
6	Vitaly Man	ISR	2706	0	-52	SZ19=467+73 EL19=468+24 BS19=451+30 SL19=389+60 LV19=387+23 NL19=389+12 OZ18=0-1 HE18=0-9 EC18=0-11 SV19=0-23 MR19=0-23
7	Jan Cihak	CZE	2564	2	-34	SL19=490+23 SB19=507+3 SM19=474 KR19=386+20 SZ19=393+13 HO19=335-10 SZ18=0-1 ZA18=0-13 DZ19=0-56
8	Mickael Rigault	FRA	2534	-1	-82	WC19=619+50 EQ19=514+3 SH19=513+3 PT19=491+3 HF19=266-10 PT18=145 EF19=0-63
F1C						
1	Mariusz Gasiorowski	POL	2989	0	-57	HO19=505 SM19=503 ZA19=503 DZ19=500 PO19=496+2 HG19=478+2
2	Nikolay Rekhin	RUS	2955	0	4	HM19=524 KU19=518 WC19=518-3 KZ19=503 AT19=503 BL19=501 NL19=0-46 SR19=0-63
3	Yury Shvedenkov	CAN	2759	0	-76	WC19=537+3 HC19=500 CN19=500 SR19=467-3 NA20=426-3 NA19=354+4 MM20=0-26
4	Volodymyr Sychov	SLO	2582	0	-25	MR19=507 SV19=505 WB19=503 SZ19=427-3 KR19=363-2 CR19=338-3 VS18=0-2 CR18=0-6 VS19=0-6 AN19=0-10 HE18=0-13 SP19=0-14
5	Viacheslav Aleksandrov	UKR	2579	0	17	AC19=508+6 WW19=508+6 AN19=504+3 NG19=504 LV19=407+6 SR19=273-16 VS18=0-1 SZ18=0-1 AN18=0-2 KU19=0-20 WC19=0-106
6	Roy Summersby	AUS	2255	0	-148	MM20=518+6 NA20=513+6 KW20=427 KW19=407+2 WW19=380-3 SR18=174 AC19=0-13 KU19=0-23 SR19=0-33 NA19=0-33 WC19=0-73
7	Vadim Pecheritsa	UKR	2115	0	-43	SZ19=514+16 SB19=504+3 SP19=340+11 AN19=252+6 ZA19=251 SL19=224+6 WB19=0-3 HO19=0-3 LV19=0-6
8	Oleksandra Shapiro	UKR	1999	1	0	KW20=514+20 SR19=402+63 MM20=387+20 LV19=306+20 NA20=257+10
F1E						
1	Alexander Winker	GER	2944	0	-23	MT19=558 CH19=539 PM19=538 WE19=478-3 PE19=435-10 OK19=418-9
2	Vojtech Zima	CZE	2793	1	13	MT19=543+33 SG19=532+20 GC19=519+6 WE19=420+20 LM19=416+10 OK19=390 EE18=0-12 GC18=0-22 RB19=0-29 TC19=0-53
3	Florian Winker	GER	2790	-1	-29	GV19=555+103 VL19=554+103 CH19=521+13 WE19=507+16 MT19=413-13 VL18=18
4	Jaromir Orel	CZE	2619	0	-48	TZ19=553 LM19=523+6 RA19=475+11 TC19=425 GC19=400-20 CH19=357-20 MT18=0-25 PC19=0-66
5	Andre Trachez	FRA	2575	0	-41	MT19=514+126 TZ19=495+56 PE19=539+6 UE19=424+53 GC19=376+40 PM18=103+7 GV18=0-5 GV19=0-33 PM19=0-46 VL19=0-80
6	Franciszek Kanczok	POL	2478	0	41	GC19=553+6 TZ19=471-3 SG19=447+10 CH19=412 MT19=384-6 WE19=363+10 PC18=0-9 MT18=0-22 RB19=0-65 RA19=0-73
7	Czeslaw Ziober	POL	2191	1	-21	MT19=485+116 UE19=519+63 TC19=322+30 TZ19=258+20 GC19=222+16 CH19=120+23 PC19=0-3