



# ASIANIA

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### CHIEF JUDGE REPORT:

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ASIANIA PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CHINA INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2017

JI'AN, CHINA 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### DROP ZONE VENUE:

- The competition site was at the Tongping Airport, owned and operated by the Jiangxi Province Air Sports School and located approximately 20 kms from JI'AN City in the central-west of Jiangxi Province,
- Organized by the ASFC (Aero Sports Federation of China), Air Sport School, local government authorities and businesses of JI'AN City, Jiangxi Province. Everything was well prepared and supplied as requested for this event. The layout of the competition venue was well planned, and a pleasure to arrive to such a scene.

### ACCOMODATION:

- Very comfortable 4/5-star accommodation at the Ji'An Hotel, with all meals included, a twenty-minute bus drive to the Tongping airport each day. Quality meals were provided each lunchtime at the competition venue.

### COMPETITION SITE FACILITIES:

- Each team had a large comfortable tent with tables and seating.
- Everything was in close proximity with the large packing/creeper building close to the target, tents, manifest and aircraft boarding area.
- Toilets were provided for competition and public use near the landing area. They were sufficient in number, always maintained and very clean, which is an important issue at International events.
- Judges at the accuracy target area were provided with water, plus tables and chairs at the shaded area, where the computer scoring judges were working each day.

- Lunch was available each day in the massive tent structure at the Drop Zone, which provided a very suitable dining area, with good quality meals to suit all dietary requirements.
- The PA system throughout the area worked effectively enabling good communications.

#### **JUDGING FACILITIES:**

- The Video Judging area was well prepared with three rooms to accommodate Freefall Style, FS and CF, each with all necessary judging equipment, computer and printer. A fourth room was provided for the Chief Judge (CJ) and Event Judges (EJs), complete with printer and photocopying machine. A fifth room was provided with all necessary equipment for the Dubbing activities. A separate relaxing room, complete with tea and coffee facilities was available for off duty judges.
- Weckbecker Accuracy Judging System and Freefall Style Ground to Air Camera equipment was provided and serviced by the ASFC.
- Two InTime judging systems were provided for Formation Skydiving (FS) and Canopy Formations (CF) judging. One supplied by Dirk Venter (South Africa) and one by Bruce Towers (Australia). Dirk Venter did a great job monitoring and servicing the equipment for panel judging and dubbing, as well as the Public screen display of jumps and scores.

#### **AIRCRAFT:**

- Three PC6 (Pilatus Porter) aircraft were supplied plus one YUN2 as standby. The pilots were mainly experienced jump pilots which ensured the competition proceeded to its fullest capacity with aircraft and jumpers in the air on a continuing basis.

#### **COMPETITORS:**

- **ASIANIA:** ASIANIA Teams and Individuals:  
Australia (one male, individual Accuracy), China (five male, five female, Freefall Style and Accuracy Teams, one 2-way CF team and one 4-way FS team, China Hong Kong (one female, Individual Accuracy), Egypt (five male, Team Accuracy), Indonesia (five male, Team Accuracy, three Female, Team Accuracy), one 2-way CF team, DPR Korea (five male, five female, Team Accuracy), Myanmar five male, Team Accuracy, one 4-way FS team), Mongolia (one male, Individual Accuracy), Oman (five male, Team Accuracy, one 4-way FS team), Palestine (three male, Team Accuracy), Qatar (one 4-way FS team), UAE (five male, Team Accuracy)
- **CHINA OPEN:** ASIANIA and OPEN Teams and Individuals:  
Bulgaria, (five male, five female, one individual male Freefall Style and Accuracy, Canada (one male, Individual Accuracy), China (10 male, 10 female, Freefall Style and Accuracy teams), Egypt (one male, Individual Accuracy), Indonesia (two male, Individual Accuracy), Malaysia (five male, team Accuracy, one individual Accuracy, one 4-way FS team), Romania (two male, Individual Accuracy), Russia (two male, Individual Accuracy), UAE (five male, Team Accuracy)
- Fourteen Team Accuracy male.
- Six Team Accuracy female.
- Seventy-six Individual Accuracy male.

- Twenty-nine Individual Accuracy female.
- Twenty-one Freefall Style male.
- Fourteen Freefall Style female.
- Six Open 4-way FS teams.
- Two 2-way CF teams.
- ❖ Overall Numbers were considerably lower than the original registrations due to several official invitations for visa purposes being issued too late and unexpected work-related requirements for some military teams.
- ❖ **RECOMMENDATION:** *Official Invitations for Visa purposes must be provided to teams in sufficient time to allow for applications to be successfully processed.*

#### **FAI JUDGE TRAINING COURSES:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

- Courses were successfully conducted prior to the championships under the approved FAI Chiefs of Judge Training for Style and Accuracy (Gunter Berendt, Germany), Formation Skydiving (Gillian Rayner, France) and Canopy Formations (Exi Hoenle, Germany).
- Thirteen participants worked diligently to finally complete their FAI theory and practical examinations. Accuracy candidates were assessed by Gunter Berendt for practical work by during the championships.
- Certificates for FAI Rating and ASIANIA National Rating were issued as applicable to the successful candidates.

#### **JUDGE SEMINAR:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November

- Prior to the start of competition all judges were required to attend the official two-day Judge Seminar under the direction of the Chief Judge (CJ) and Event Judges (EJ) for Accuracy, Freefall Style, FS and CF, where judges were assessed for their events and accordingly selected to the various official judging panels.

#### **JUDGES:**

- Chief Judge: Faye Cox (Australia), Event Judge Accuracy: David Choi (Korea), Event Judge Freefall Style: Guo Shuolin (China), Event Judge FS: Yaser Mohsen (Bahrain), Event Judge CF: Ray Williams (Australia).
- There were twenty official Panel judges from Australia (two FAI), Bahrain (one FAI), China (three FAI, four national), Egypt (one FAI), France (one FAI), Germany (one FAI), India (one FAI), Japan (one FAI), Korea (one FAI), DPR Korea (one National), Mongolia (one National), Peru (one FAI), South Africa (one FAI). Four official Scoring judging team (China). Other judges worked unofficially under supervision of the Event Judges to improve their judging skills.
- All judges carried out the judging duties most satisfactorily and worked long hours, covering all areas of the competition – accuracy judging, video judging, scoring, observing etc. All were keen and willing to work hard to produce correct results.

#### **COMPETITION DIRECTION and CO-ORDINATION:**

- Meet Director (MD) Wang Yongli carried out his duties in a very pleasant, controlled and decisive manner. CJ and MD worked well together as a team.

- The Manifestors and scoring teams were well organized, with clear, well presented announcements over the PA system.
- The twenty plus interpreter volunteers provided excellent support for the teams.
- There was no wasted time during the whole event, which was a credit to all involved and most necessary due to the very inclement weather.

**ORIENTATION JUMP DAYS:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November.

- Unseasonal inclement weather prevented any jumping being carried out.

**COMPETITION DAYS:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November

- Due to the continued bad weather the competition was unable to commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and teams waited patiently all day, every day for any possibility to make their jumps.
- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the weather cleared sufficiently to allow four rounds of Accuracy and one round each of style, FS and CF to be completed which was a relief to everyone at the championships.
- Competition then proceeded each day from 0800h until end of daylight at 1730h.
- All events were successfully completed by midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**EVENTS COMPLETED:**

- 8 rounds of Team Accuracy.
- The semi (9th) and final (10th) rounds for the Individual Accuracy event were completed. There were ties breaks for both male and female competitors, finally concluding with a count back for DCs to accord 2<sup>nd</sup> and third places, due to the official closure of the competition at midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Five rounds of Freefall Style.
- 8 rounds of 4-way Formation Skydiving.
- 6 rounds of 2-way Canopy Formations.

**RESULTS:**

- Results were readily available each day due to the efficiency of the experienced Chinese computer accuracy scoring team and the InTime scoring system.
- Complete hard copy set of ASIANIA and CHINA OPEN results was issued to delegations and officials.
- Results were published on the ASIANIA Website and Facebook.

**COMPETITION RECORDS:**

- 4-way FS ASIANIA record was broken by the QATAR Team.
- 4-way FS National Chinese record was broken by the CHINA Team.

**REJUMPS:**

- There were several rejumps due to above wind limits and one malfunction.

**SAFETY/INCIDENTS:**

- The official equipment check resulted in several teams being required to properly maintain their equipment and/or not having a current reserve packing card.

- All competitors were required to sign a waiver before the competition commenced.
- One malfunction on opening.
- One back, one arm and one knee injury due to awkward/hard landings.

**PROTESTS:**

- There were no protests.

**CEREMONIES:**

- Excellent Opening ceremony activities were enjoyed by the delegations, competitors, officials and thousands of local spectators. Official speeches were carried out, the skies opened up sufficiently to allow the paramotor formation flying, followed by a colorful parachuting display with all of the countries' flags being flown. Chinese traditional music and dancers, together with modern music, professional band and singer, plus models wearing the latest parachuting clothing and equipment complimented the Opening ceremony activities.
- The Farewell Dinner and Awards Ceremony provided an excellent opportunity for all participants to enjoy their final evening together. The Presentation Ceremony was impressive, with medals and cups being awarded to the winning teams and individuals by local dignitaries and championship officials. The Chinese volunteers were presented with certificates in recognition of their great work.

**CONCLUSION:**

- I was honored to be a part of this very well-organized championship and enjoyed working with everyone from the ASFC Organizing committee, Meet Director, Judges, Manifestors, Competitors, Pilots, Interpreters and General Helpers.
- I would especially like to congratulate all members of the ASFC and Organizing Committee for enabling a successful and enjoyable event.
- With excellent Championship venue facilities, competition officials, volunteers, hotel accommodation and meals, all delegation participants were fortunate to be able to experience the friendliness and camaraderie of this wonderful sport.
- I trust that my own efforts were satisfactory. As Chief Judge, I worked to the best of my ability to ensure that this was a successful event.
- Finally, I should express that ASIANIA is always aiming towards improving and developing the quality of competitions in the competitive and judging areas. So please always feel free to call upon ASIANIA's assistance and support.

Yours Most Respectfully,



Faye Cox - FAI Judge / Chief Judge