



2026 FAI F5J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ELECTRIC POWERED THERMAL DURATION GLIDERS

16 – 22 August 2026



Abbeville, FRANCE

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Sunday August 16, 2026 (Opening Ceremony)

Saturday August 22, 2026 (Closing Ceremony)

European Championships website : <https://www.echf5jfrance2026.fr>

ORGANIZER AND LOCATION

The European Championships will be organized by the AMVB-NP (Aero Modelling Valley of Bresle Normandy Picardy) club in partnership with the French Aeromodelling Federation (FFAM).

The event will take place in Abbeville (North west of France, at 200 km from Paris).



Figure 1 : Maps

Exact GPS Position of the site:

50.140772

1.826114

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Average wind in august is around 20 km/h.

Average temperature in august is 20°C.

CLASSES

Seniors : F5J

Juniors : F5J

RULES

FAI Sporting Rules

The following documents will be applicable by consulting the edition effective at the date of the event:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 4, Aeromodelling Volume F5 Radio Control Electric Powered Model Aircraft, 2026 Edition.
- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Aeromodelling CIAM General Rules Volume.

- FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume.
- FAI Code of Ethics.
- FAI Disciplinary Code.

Junior

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.1, a competitor is considered to be a junior up to and including the calendar year in which he attains the age of 18. So, a competitor will be considered for the championship(s) as being a junior as long he/she is born from the 1st January 2008.

FAI Sporting Licence

Every competitor and each team manager of any national team must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence (Aeromodelling discipline) registered in the FAI database. A FAI Sporting Licence is not required for the helpers.

The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence may be required to produce, as proof of identity, an official document including his/her names, photograph and signature.

Complaint and protest

The purpose of a complaint is to obtain a correction without the need to make a formal protest. It is recommended that a complaint is made before submitting a protest.

All protests must be presented by the team manager(s) in writing in English to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of 50 CHF (or equivalent amount for a different currency).

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>.

Radio Control frequencies

2.4 GHz

Identification of the models

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.11.1, each model aircraft shall carry :

- The national identification mark followed by the FAI Unique ID number with letters and numbers at least 25 mm high.

Model Aircraft Specification Certificate and sticker

According to the CIAM General Rules Volume C.12, each NAC shall process every model and shall issue for each model aircraft the Model Aircraft Specification Certificate provided by the FAI.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official language will be English. For the French audience, announcements in French may occur.

PARTICIPANTS

Every NAC may enter a team consisting of:

Senior Championships

- Team manager.
- Assistant Team manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three competitors
- One additional Female competitor (optional)
- Official helpers.
- Supporters.

The reigning Champion have the right (subject to the approval of their NAC) to participate in the class concerned. If he is not member of his national team, he will not be considered for the national team classification.

Junior Championships

- Team manager.
- Assistant Team manager (not mandatory).
- Maximum of three junior competitors
- One additional Female competitor (optional)
- Official helpers.
- Supporters.

The reigning Junior Champion has the right (subject to the approval of their NAC) to participate in the class concerned if still eligible as junior. If he is not member of his national team, he will not be considered for the national team classification. When a reigning Junior Champion is no more junior, he/she cannot be considered for the individual Junior classification.

Additional individual competitors

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.3 f), the organizer will evaluate after the deadline defined for submission of the Preliminary Entry Form (PEF) the participation level which may be expected. If the number of expected participants is below the minimum number which makes the event financially viable (a minimum of 50 senior competitors and 15 junior competitors), the organiser will ask CIAM to consider cancelling the championship(s), or to initiate a second phase for accepting additional individual competitors with a 'wild card' (**a maximum of 2 additional competitors per nation**).

Note: For the junior category, we will allow one wild card per nation, regardless of the number of registered pilots. The goal is to encourage junior participation by increasing the number of competitors and offering more opportunities for young pilots to qualify for the European Championship.

In case a second phase is initiated, the organizer, with the approval of CIAM Bureau, may send out invitations to the NACs which already had expressed with the PEF their intention to participate.

At the same time, the relevant CIAM Sub Committee (S/C) Chairman may also send invitations considering the World Cup ranking or similar criteria which will ensure that the invited competitors are competent to participate to the championship concerned. Those individual competitors invited by the S/C must also have the approval of their NAC to participate.

All individual competitors invited to participate during that second phase can only be part of the individual classification(s), and so will not be considered for the national team classification.

FAI JURY

Sotir LAZARKOV (BUL) – President

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (GRE) – Member

Laurent HENRY (FRA) – Member

Pal Liden ANTHONISEN (NOR) – Reserves

ORGANISER OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS

Adrien GALLET (FRA) – Contest director

CLASSIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

FAI medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to the competitors seniors placed first, second and third. FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed Juniors only if six (6) or more juniors are competing. If the number of Juniors participants is less than this number (six), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded. All senior Females will compete for the overall Senior individual classification. Additionally, there is a Senior Female classification. All Junior Females will compete for the overall junior individual classification. Additionally, there is a Junior Female classification. FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed Females Junior or Senior, only if six (6) or more females are competing. If the number of Females Junior or Senior participants is less than this number (six), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded.

In order to be awarded the title of European Junior Champion, a minimum of six Juniors from at least four nations must participate. In order to award the title of Senior Female European Champion, a minimum of six Senior Female competitors from at least four nations must participate.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE FAI F5J “Hans Krause Trophy” World Cup 2025:

Friday 14 August 2026

- ◆ 07:30 am – 08:00 am: Registration of F5J World Cup
- ◆ 08:15 am – 8:30 am: Opening Ceremony of F5J World Cup
- ◆ 8:45 am – 7:00 pm: Qualification rounds

Saturday 15 August 2026

- ◆ 08:00 am – 3:00 pm: Qualification rounds
- ◆ 04:00 pm – 05:00 pm: Fly-off rounds
- ◆ 06:00 pm: F5J Hans Krause Trophy World Cup Closing Ceremony

SCHEDULE 2026 FAI F5J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:

Sunday 16 August 2026

- ◆ 08:00 am – 03:00 pm: Registration, model processing
- ◆ 04:30 pm - Opening Ceremony of F5J ECH
- ◆ 06:00 pm – Team Manager Meeting

Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2026

- ◆ 09:00 am – 06:00 pm: Qualification rounds.

Saturday 22 August 2026

- ◆ 09:00am – 01:00pm: Fly-off rounds juniors and seniors
- ◆ 4:30pm-06:00pm: Closing ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will not be on the field. It will take place in seaside town at 21km (25min by car). All information about this part of the event will be provided in the next Bulletin in more details

- ◆ 07:00 pm: Event Banquet

Dinner will take place near the place of the closing ceremony.

Sunday 23 August 2026

- ◆ Departure

FLYING RESTRICTION

Training flights are permitted on the Airfield Thursday August 13th between 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm.

The competition will take place on Abbeville's aeroclub. So we must share the airfield with airplanes, accordingly to the following tab.

FLIGHT FORBIDDEN FOR AEROMODELER	
Day	Time
Thursday, August 13	06:30 pm to sunset
Friday, August 14	07:00 pm to sunset
Saturday, August 15	06:30 pm to sunset
Sunday, August 16	11:30 am to sunset
Monday 17 to Friday August 21	06:30 pm to sunset
Saturday, August 22	01:30 pm to sunset

We understand the wishes of the pilots. We will offer each team a training session at our local airfield, located 25 km from the airfield of the European Championship. Weather conditions at both airfields are very similar. Registration for the training sessions will be done by team. More information will follow.

ENTRY FEES

- ◆ Hans Krause Trophy: 70€
- ◆ Senior competitor / team manager: 400€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Team manager assistant: 200€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Junior competitor: 150€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Female competitor: 150€ + 11€ (10CHF)
- ◆ Helper/supporter: 70€

Note: 10CHF (11€) is dedicated for registration of pilots to FAI

DEADLINES

Preliminary Entry Form (PEF): 1 April 2026

To obtain the Preliminary Entry Form : Team Managers are requested to send an email to:
echf5jfrance2026@gmail.com

Final Entry Form (FEF) : 1 June 2026

LODGING AND FOOD

The city of Abbeville offers a wide range of accommodation options. There are hotels, guesthouses where you can make reservations through booking site. Accommodation should be booked at the beginning of the year, due to summer periods. We have prepared a special page on the website with lodging recommendations (<https://echf5france2026.fr/lodging/>).

Currently, camping is not available on the field, but we are working on providing a camping area for competitors on the airfield. We will keep you informed as soon as possible."

The organizer can offer you lunch. Price and type of meals will be detailed later.

The organizer will offer the chance to participate for a "Nation's Party" on the Wednesday, 19th August 2026. More details later.

Banquet will be held near to closing ceremony venue.

UAV REGULATION

- ◆ UAS Operator Number
 - Must be provided to the organizing for the final entry form
 - Must be visibly applied on all UAV Models
- ◆ UAS Registration Number (for UAV > 800gr)
 - All UAV models weighing more than 800 grams must be declared on the AlphaTango web site (<http://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/login.jsp>)
 - The registration number must be applied visibly on the models
- ◆ Alcohol Restriction
 - Maximum blood alcohol concentration : 0.2g/L
 - OR maximum alcohol concentration in exhaled air : 0.1mg/L
- ◆ For further information regarding UAV regulation, please refer to the enclosed attachment.

INSURANCE

The organizer will provide third party insurance for all participants during the competition for accidents involving injury to others and damage to property according to the host country legislation.

Participants are recommended to organise their own individual health and travel insurance before travelling.

VISA

Visitor visas are generally not required in France, but please inquire with the embassy or consular office in your country for application. The organizer will be able to help with recommendation letters should be required.

ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS

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ATTACHEMENT

The image shows the front cover of a booklet titled 'INFORMATIONS FOR GUEST PILOTS' for a competition in France. The cover is blue with white text. At the top left is the FFAM logo (Fédération Française d'AéroModélisme). The title is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title is a graphic of a globe with various national flags and silhouettes of people flying, with a green arrow pointing to a map of France and the text 'Welcome in France'. The bottom half of the cover shows a photograph of several people working on model airplanes on a tarmac.

Fédération Française d'AéroModélisme

**INFORMATIONS
FOR GUEST PILOTS**

participating to a
competition in France

Edition 1 : may 2023

Welcome in France

FFAM

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French regulations apply to all aeromodellers and is therefore also applicable to competition organized on the French national territory.

As a foreign pilot, If you come and fly for leisure, please refer to guides available on FFAM website (<https://contenu-informatif.ffam.asso.fr/reglementation/>) for guest pilots.

The following information only applies for competition where FFAM will deliver to every pilot a competition passport that allow them to fly under the rules described below only during the time of the competition.



When you come to compete in France, you have obligations

- Be registered as UAS Operator
- Register each model over 800g on French National Aviation Authority website
- Follow briefing of the organizer that replace UAS training certificate
- Have an FFAM competition passport

1 - Being registered as UAS Operator

Whatever the weight of the model you are using and whatever the discipline you practiced is (radio, control line flying, free flight), according to UE regulation 947 article 16 authorization that FFAM had, you MUST be register as UAS Operator when you participate to a competition in France.

Some solution exists depending from which country you are coming from.

- If you belong to an European Union country, you can / must register directly on your country national system in order to obtain your UAS Operator number
- If you belong to a non-European Union country, you can register on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>) to perform your registration for free and obtain your UAS Operator number
- If you only plan to fly during the competition, you will be entitled by the organizer to use FFAM UAS operator number.

Once you have an UAS Operation registration number, you must stick it on every of your model and being able to present in case of control the extract of UAS Operator register.



<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>



**N° D'ENREGISTREMENT D'EXPLOITANT D'UAS : FRAeqvtmyiqrz3kl
UAS OPERATOR REGISTRATION NO**

2 - Register each model over 800g on French National Aviation Authority website

French regulation requires that any model over 800g has to be registered on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>)



- Once registered, you will receive a registration number and an registration extract in pdf format.
 - You must tag your model with the registration number that should be readable at 30cm.
 - You have to be able to present the registration extract in case of control.

Registration is free of charge.



3 - Follow briefing of organizer that replace UAS training certificate

As per the French regulation, all pilots over the age of 14 must have completed the training and be able to present a training certificate.

This does not apply during competition, where a briefing will be conducted which replaces the training.

During the briefing it will be specified exactly what you are allowed to do on the airfield.

If you want to fly in France before or after the competition or for leisure, you must have followed a official training either in your country for EU pilots or on the French Aviation Authority website (<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>).





4 - Have an FFAM competition passport



All foreign pilots attending a competition organized by an affiliated club will get a FFAM competition passport which is valid only during the time of the competition event.

For pilots which do not have such a passport, it is mandatory to onboard an remote ID device on their model.

FFAM delivers the competition passport for free.

Pilots have to provide following information:

- gender
- last name
- first name
- address (street, city, country)
- date of birth
- email address

Pilots are invited to provide information as soon as possible in order that passport order being done by competition's organizer to FFAM before the competition.

Register your model on the DGAC web site Alphatango (free of charge) and apply registration number on to the model

- Create an account on Alphatango
- Register all your models over 800g you expect to use in France
- You receive a registration number for each one
- Put the registration number on each model clearly readable at 30cm
- Download a registration certificate



ALPHATANGO



<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr>