

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIAM SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP 2023

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There were scheduled 14 Space Models World Cup events in 10 countries in America, Asia and Europe registered to the FAI Contest Calendar 2023 – Space Models. Due to the continuing geopolitical situation, some traditional organizers are still not able to organize the competitions, mostly Euro-Asian region. At one World Cup in America, two classes were canceled due low attendance, mostly classes S7 and S8E/P were neither registered to the Contest Calendar nor flown. Other two competitions in the same region were either postponed or didn't meet the requirements for World Cup contest. Traditionally, most of the organizers were very correct in preparing and sending results lists and reports within the next days, so the current placing lists could be posted on time. A small delay occurred after the tragical passing of the World Cup Coordinator, Andrija Ducak, but the quick introduction of the new Coordinator, Dragan Jevtic, helped to prepare all documents and CPL's on time, so the rest of the season was managed without delays.

A total of 1207 competitors from 21 countries (from which 11 were also organizing at least one SM World Cup event) from America and Europe participated in the 2023 Space Models World Cup season. A detailed list of participating countries in alphabetical order can be found below:

Bulgaria (1), Canada, **Czech Republic (1)**, **Croatia (1)**, Estonia, Germany, Great Britain, **Latvia (1)**, Lithuania, **Poland (1)**, Romania, **Serbia (1)**, **Slovak Republic (1)**, **Slovenia (1)**, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, **USA (4)**, Uzbekistan, **Kazachstan (1)**. **Bold** are countries that also were the organizers of the SM World Cup events and the number of organized World Cup events in the country is set in ().

Overview table of SM World Cup competitions held in 2023:

No.	Date	Name of the competition	Location	Country
1	03. - 05.03.	2023 Arizona Cup	Tucson, AZ	USA
2	21. - 23.04	North Coast Cup	Rockdale, TX	USA
3	29. - 30.04.	Kaspichan Cup	Kaspichan	BUL
4	26. - 29.05.	CanAm Cup	Muncie, IN,	USA
5	26. - 28.05.	Dubnica May Cup 2023	Male Bielice	SVK
6	03. - 04.06.	MTSR Sowiniec Cup	Krakow	POL
7	24. - 25.06	2023 Sirmium Cup	Sremska Mitrovica	SRB
8	23. - 24.07.	Andritz Space Cup	Kamenica nad Cirochou	SVK
9	04. - 06.08.	Liepaja Cup	Liepaja	LAT
10	01. - 03.09.	Grand Prix SM World Cup	Pakoštane	CRO
11	01. - 04.09.	Galactic Cup	Muncie, IN	USA
12	15. - 18.09.	Korkyt Ata Cup	Baikonur	KAZ
13	23. - 24.09.	Tessin olza Cup 2023	Milikov-Vrchpole	CZE
14	06. - 08.10.	42nd Ljubljana Cup	Ljubljana	SLO

* The striked through indicate the canceled/postponed World Cup competitions.

Complete tables with allocated points for all sportsmen having at least one official flight are available in electronic form at the FAI Web site <https://www.fai.org/ciam-documents> under S-SPACE MODELS - World Cup → 2023 → Results, Reports and Bulletins. Final results were distributed to all FAI SM lists and lists of WCup organizers.

CONCLUSION: The number of World Cup went a bit back as prior year. The number of World Cups returned to the standard, if we consider the fact the several “strongly visited” competitions were not held. The total numbers of competitors in classes S4A, S6A and S9A compared to the past can be considered in long terms stable. The “king” classes S7 and S8E/P remained with a stable number of competitors due their complexity as well the number of cups held. This shows the attractiveness of these two classes and that rule changes adopted in 2021 attracted people, especially juniors, to enter and fly these classes. Traditionally, Space Models World Cups still stays the main and most effective way to promote this kind of sport.

TABLES WITH REVIEW OF TEN BEST SPORTSMEN PER SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP CLASSES 2023

CLASS S4A –BOOST GLIDER DURATION

Plac.	Name	FAI ID	NAC	J/S	Total
1	STRUZMAN Rodion	102184	UKR	S	326
2	STANEV Toni	16078	BUL	S	324
3	MATUSKA Peter	24592	SVK	S	316
4	YORDANOV Plamen	16229	BUL	S	309
5	RADCHENKO Oleksandr	123834	UKR	S	307
6	KICURA Rastislav	24603	SVK	S	295
7	DUBROVNYI Mykhailo	168429	UKR	J	295
8	BOLFA Simon	70786	SVK	S	291
9	CHEKH Oleksandr	91880	UKR	S	290
10	JEVTIC Branislav	140555	SRB	J	273

Total: 167 competitors

CLASS S6A – STREAMER DURATION

Plac.	Name	FAI ID	NAC	J/S	Total
1	JEVTIC Bojana	140556	SRB	J	345
2	STANEV Toni	16078	BUL	S	331
3	MATEOVA Klaudia	132065	SVK	J	320
4	ŽITNAN Michal ml.	24587	SVK	S	307
5	JEVTIC Branislav	140555	SRB	J	303
6	STOYANOV Toshko	16042	BUL	S	291
7	VOLKANOV Ihor	113109	UKR	S	291
8	PAVLJUK Vasil	24542	SVK	S	286
9	BAUR Martin	140846	SVK	J	276
10	BAUR Andrej	140845	SVK	J	270

Total: 196 competitors

CLASS S7 – SCALE MODELS

Plac.	Name	FAI ID	NAC	J/S	Total
1	GRES Marian	70561	SVK	S	333
2	VACHKOV Dimitar	16106	BUL	S	317
3	KUCKA Milan	69098	CZE	S	268
4	TRUSH Sergiy	85522	UKR	S	249
5	KIRIIENKO Ivan	160394	UKR	J	234
6	DUBROVNYI Mykhalilo	168429	UKR	J	203
7	IVCHENKO Stepan	75360	UKR	S	197
8	STOPA Jan	82806	CZE	J	196
9	TILEV Pavel	16105	BUL	S	173
10	ŠTIRBA Piotr	62270	CZE	S	171

Total: 70 competitors

CLASS S8P – RC ROCKET GLIDER PRECISION LANDING

Plac.	Name	FAI ID	NAC	J/S	Total
1	BOLFA Simon	70786	SVK	S	324,4
2	GALKO Denis	70885	SVK	S	324,1
3	KICURA Rastislav	24603	SVK	S	307,4
4	MATUSKA Peter	24592	SVK	S	307,3
5	CHEKH Oleksandr	91880	UKR	S	305,5
6	TODOROV Angel Ts.	16136	BUL	S	305,4
7	IVCHENKO Stepan	75360	UKR	S	304,7
8	PEYCHEV Nikolay	15985	BUL	S	303,8
9	VOLKANOV Ihor	113109	UKR	S	302,8
10	RADCHENKO Oleksandr	123834	UKR	S	279,0

Total: 44 competitors

CLASS S9A – GYROCOPTER DURATION

Plac.	Name	FAI ID	NAC	J/S	Total
1	SAVOV Valentin	15934	BUL	S	334
2	STANEV Toni	16078	BUL	S	307
3	FISUN Sofia	168430	UKR	J	306
4	SLAVCHEVA Stela	163243	BUL	S	296
5	BAUR Martin	140846	SVK	J	295
6	STOYANOV Toshko	16042	BUL	S	291
7	CIPCIC Miodrag	62130	SRB	S	288
8	BAUR Andrej	140845	SVK	J	287
9	CIPCIC Kristina	83047	SRB	S	283
10	LEKOV Boris	16079	BUL	S	282

Total: 183 competitors

MEDALS TABLE PER COUNTRY PER SPACE MODELS WORLD CUP 2023

Plac.	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Slovakia	2	1	3	6
2	Ukraine	1	0	1	2
3	Bulgaria	1	4	0	5
4	Serbia	1	0	0	1
4	Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Sum :		5	5	5	15