

Free Flight Ranking

The purpose of the Free Flight Ranking is to demonstrate the relative merit of performances by competitors on a continued basis.

1. Classes

F1A, F1B, F1C, F1E.

2. Competitions

All Free Flight World and Continental Championships and all Free Flight World Cup events are included.

3. Updating the list

The effective date for updating ranking list will be every 2 months starting from March 1 in each year and continuing until the last competition of the year has been completed. The list will be published when the results of all competitions up to that date have been received.

4. Points from events

For every event the competitors' scores will consist of two components:

- a) A results component. This consists of points awarded on the same basis as World Cup points for competitors finishing in the top half or top 24 of the results list. Bonus points are given in accordance with the current World Cup bonus allocation.
- b) An event ranking position component. This measures how well the competitor has performed in an event compared to the result which would be expected from his current position in the ranking.

To calculate this all the competitors in the competition are placed in the order in which they appear in the current ranking. Any competitors not previously on the ranking list will be assumed to be equally placed at the bottom of the ranking list. Each competitor is allocated points according to the difference between their actual position in the competition and the position calculated according to the ranking list. One point is awarded for every 3 places different, positive if placed better than ranking position, negative if below ranking position.

5. Expiry of scores

A time limit is applied to competitions at the time of updating the ranking list. The points obtained for events held within the last 12 months will be counted in full. Any points obtained from events held during the period from 12 months to 24 months will be reduced by a factor varying linearly according to the time in that period, reaching a factor of zero at 24 months. Thus competitions do not count for ranking after two years.

6. Ranking score

A ranking score for a competitor is calculated according to the following scheme:

- a) The points total for each event is obtained by adding together the points scored under (4a) and (4b) and factoring down the result if the event was more than one year before the ranking date as defined in (5) and rounding down to whole points.
- b) A competitor may count his best 6 positive points totals. This may include any eligible events, without limitation on organising or venue countries.
- c) All negative results are counted.

- d) The ranking score is the total of the eligible totals from (b) and (c). A negative ranking score will be treated as zero.

7. Starting ranking

The defined scheme will be followed for competitions over a 2 year period in advance of the start of official ranking. At the start of that 2 year period the ranking list is defined by the final points and position in the World Cup of the previous year. These initial World Cup points are subject to the expiry of scores factor as defined in (5) so that they cease to contribute to scores by the start of the official ranking.

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