2026 FAI F3J World Championships for Model Gliders, Senior and Junior

Graffignana (Lodi), Italy

Bulletin 1

Dates: Pre contest 25/26 July 2026
World Championships
26. July (open Ceremony)– 31. July 2026 (Closing Ceremony)



ORGANIZER

Aero Club Volovelistico Toscano

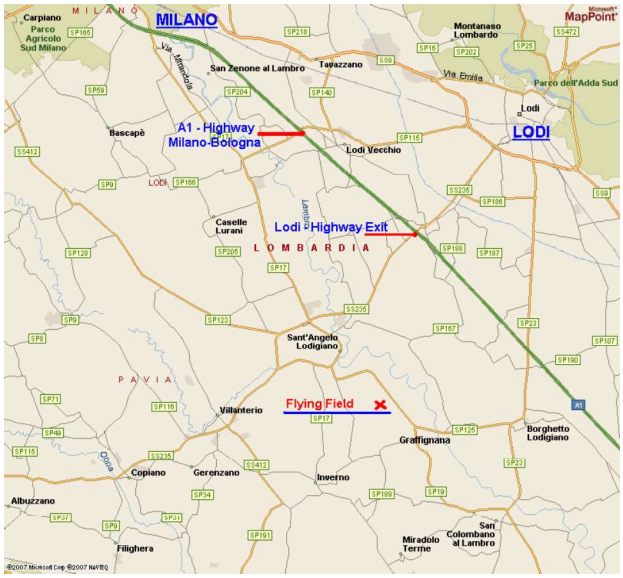
COMPETITION VENUE

Location approximately 50 km Sud-Est of Milano and less than 30min drive from Milano, 1h from International Airport Milano Malpensa.

Cascina Vimagano , Graffignana (Lodi), Italy

Coordinates: *45°13'24.75"N - 9°26'5.41"E*

Link to Google Maps





FACILITIES

Flying site: landing site, grass. Apx 350x150m

Rooms for storing 300 meters from the flight area for storage of models and power for charging.

Office and social assembly tent.

Parking for car and Campers ; Camping on site is possible

Accommodation: See details below.

WEBSITE

www.f3j.it

SPONSORS:

We are open for more sponsors.

EVENT- AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
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FAI CLASS
FAI F3J Thermal Duration World Championships
Senior, Junior, Woman, Team

RULES
The championship will be run according to:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Aeromodelling CIAM General Rules Volume 2026 Edition.
- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 Aeromodelling Volume F3 Radio Control Soaring Model Aircraft
- 2026 Edition.
- FAI Sporting Code General Section
- FAI Code of Ethics.

ANTI-DOPING STATEMENT
If a competitor has to take, for a medical condition, any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited List, he/she must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) from the FAI.

FAI SPORTING LICENSE:
Each competitor and Team Manager must possess a FAI Sporting License valid for the year of the championship. This license must be registered in the FAI licenses database.

PROTEST
Any protest must be presented in writing to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of 50 CHF. The deposit is returned only if the protest is upheld.

MODEL PROCESSING
Each competitor must present a valid FAI Specification Certificate for each one of his model, according to FAI Sporting Code CGR Volume. Model aircraft not properly processed by the competitor's NAC, must be processed by the organizer at a cost of 10 EUR for each model.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
The official language is English.

FAI JURY AND CONTEST MANAGEMENT Provisorily

Jury President:	Tomas Bartovsky	CZE (Chairman S/C F3 R/C Soaring)
Jury Member	Massimo Semoli	ITA
Jury Member	Sotir Lazarkov	BUL
Reserve 1	Manfred Lex	DEU
Reserve 2		……. Tbd
Contest Director:	Paolo Panfilo	ITA
Event Director:	Giuseppe Generali	ITA

Flight Line Manager:	…….tbd ITA
Technical timing and scores:	…….tbd ITA

COMPOSITION OF A NATIONAL TEAM

National Team consists of:

- Team Manager
- Team Manager Assistant (not mandatory)
- maximum of 4 individual competitors (Seniors) if at least one is female. The best three make up the team for seniors
- maximum of 4 individual competitors (Juniors), if at least one is female. The best three make up the team for juniors
- Helpers
- Supporters

DIRECT QUALIFICATION

The reigning World Champions (Senior and Junior) has the right (subject to the approval of his NAC) to participate in the 2026 World Championships in that class regardless of whether he qualifies for the national team or not. If he is not a member of the national team, his score will not be considered for the team results.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND CONFIRMING DEADLINE

The deadline for confirming the championship will be 15 March 2026
According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.15.10, if after the deadline to submit the PEF the number of entries in a class or classes is low, it will be up to the organizer, in consultation with CIAM Bureau, to cancel the competition for the class or classes concerned.
Such decision will be taken after the deadline for the PEF and before the deadline for the Final Entry Form submission. This shall be announced together with the Bulletin 2.

CLASSIFICATION AND AWARDS

Individual classification (CIAM general rule C.15.6.1)

FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the competitors in the first, second and third places in the class.

FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed juniors only if six (6) or more juniors from four nations are competing. If the number of juniors participants is less than

this number (six), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded.

FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the first, second and third placed females only if six (6) or more females from four nations are competing. If the number of females participants is less than this number (six), then only FAI diplomas will be awarded.

The best junior or best female earns the title of Junior or Female World Champion if juniors or females from at least four different nations participate in that class and the total number of juniors or females are six (6) or more

For any World Championship, where there are juniors or females participants, if they are awarded a medal for the first, second or third place in the individual classification, they will not be entitled for additional medals as juniors or females.

In case the number of Junior participants is not enough to host a separate event, the organizer has the right to decide to run only one event where Seniors and Juniors will fly together. This will be announced in Bulletin 2.

Team Classification (CIAM General Rule C.15.6.2)
FAI medals and FAI diplomas will be awarded to each member of the teams placed first, second and third. The Team classification is based on the best three results.

FAI TROPHIES
Trophies will be awarded to the World Champion and the best national team.
Present Holders of Trophies:
F3J SENIOR TEAM – QFI Trophy: Team ITALY
F3J SENIOR – NEIL WEBB TROPHY : GALLIZIA, Marco ITA

OTHER TROPHIES
Organizers will provide their own awards and trophies

LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS
Average weather conditions in August
Temperature average daytime: 24 °C
Sunrise: 6:00
Sunset: 20:30

OFFICIAL CONTEST SCHEDULE

Bulletin 1 will be issued February 2026
Bulletin 2 will be issued March 2026
Pre-entry form before 10 March 2026
Final-entry form before 30 March 2026
Saturday 25 July.2026: Precontest 10:00-18:00
Sunday 26 July: Precontest 10:00-18:00 and Price giving / Opening ceremony
Monday 27 July: Registration / training
Tuesday 28 July – Thursday 30 July : 14 preliminary rounds / 2 Fly-off
Friday 31 July : 4 fly off
Friday evening: Price giving / Closing ceremony / Banquet
Saturday 01 August: Travel home

ENTRY FEES

Team manager:	500 € +10 CHF
Assistant Team Manager:	500 € +10 CHF
Senior competitor:	500 € +10 CHF
Junior competitor:	250 € +10 CHF
Helper / Supporter:	50 €

The entry fee consists of participation card, information bulletins, and souvenirs
TM/ATM can be from pilots and only the highest fee is paid.
These fees define the additional fee of 10 CHF which the Organizers must pay to the FAI for each team manager and/or competitor.
Pre-contest fee: Senior: 50 € Junior: 30 €

PRELIMINARY ENTRY:

Preliminary entry forms (PEF) must be received by the Organizer before 10 March 2026

FINAL ENTRY:

Final entry forms (FEF) must be received by the organizer before 30 March 2026

All fees must be received by 15. April 2026

Entries received from 16. April 2026 31. April 2026 will be subject to 10% fine.
Entries received from 1. June 2026 30. June 2026 will be subject to 20% fine.
Entries received after 1. July 2026 will be subject to organizer acceptance

Payment is to be made by bank transfer. The banking commission must be charged to the sender so that the full amount according to the entry form is received to the Organizer's bank account.
Account details to be announced in Bulletin 2 with Final entry form.
Payment by check will not be accepted.
Entry for pre-event will have its own Bulletin / entry form. Will be available on the website (www.f3j.it) and sent out to available addresses.

RADIO FREQUENCIES
2.4 GHz: 2400-2483.5 GHz; Using of 2,4 GHz is strongly recommended.

VISA REQUIREMENT
For detailed information please follow the link to Ministry of Foreign Affair of the Republic of Italy
https://www.esteri.it/en/sportello_info/domandefrequenti/sezione_visti_entrare_in_italia/
For European Union citizens' visa is not required. For another countries please check web.
Note : Invitation letters for the purpose of acquiring a travel visa can be provided by Organizer

NATIONAL FLAG AND ANTHEM
The Team Manager is requested to bring two national flag of 1 x 1,5 m and a CD or Memory Stick with national anthem. The flag and anthem will be collected during the team's registration and returned after the closing ceremony.

Documents for registration:
- Two national flag 1 x 1,5 m
- One CD or memory stick with national anthem (or sent by email to organizer)
- Valid FAI certificates for the models
- Valid ID card or Passport

INSURANCE
All competitors will be covered by the organiser insurance for third party liability. All participants to the Championships should provide their own medical and travel insurance

ACCOMMODATION
Camping
On the site is possible
Electricity (230V type J), drinking water, toilets, showers
Place for campers, tents. Including electricity (230V type J) Without water and waste water connection

These prices are estimates.
Breakfast: 10.00 €
Lunch: 15.00 €
Dinner: 20.00 €
Banquet : 50.00 €

Camping adult per person per day: 10.00 €
Power per day per unit: Inclusive.

HOTELS :

Lodi tourist office : http://turismolodi.it/en/pagina-hotel/alberghi.html