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

Graffignana (Lodi), Italy

Bulletin 3

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



ORGANIZER

Aero Club Volovelistico Toscano

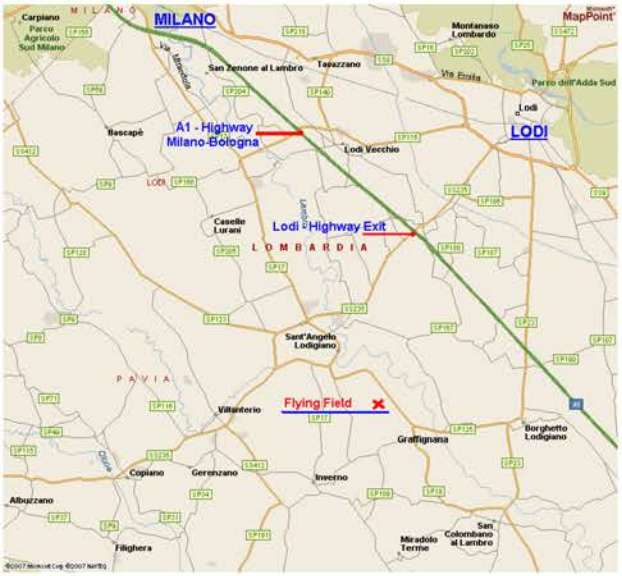
COMPETITION VENUE

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

Participants may camp at the flying field with tents, caravans or motorhomes. Toilets will be available on site. There will be no fresh water supply or waste water disposal facilities for motorhomes at the flying field. Fresh water will be available at Cascina Vimagano farmhouse.

A large enclosed and illuminated tent (30x10 m) will be available at the flying field for catering services and the storage of model. The tent can also be used for field meetings.

At Cascina Vimagano farmhouse, approximately 400 metres from the flying field, a large apartment will be available for the storage of equipment and/or model. A bathroom with both a bathtub and a shower will also be available for people staying at the campsite on the flying field

Winch batteries may be charged either in the main event tent, which will be equipped with a generator, or in the apartment at Cascina Vimagano farmhouse.

WEBSITE

www.f3j.it

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.

WINCH LINE
F3J.8.2.b Launching
Winch line length : 130 m .

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 EUR. 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

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

Flight Line Manager: Nicola Fischetti ITA
Technical timing and scores: Nicola Fischetti 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: 25 > 35°C
Sunrise: 6:00
Sunset: 20:30

OFFICIAL CONTEST SCHEDULE

Bulletin 1 will be issued February 2026
Bulletin 2 will be issued April 2026
Pre-entry form before 10 March 2026
Final-entry form before 20 April 2026
Saturday 25 July : Precontest 10:00-18:00
Sunday 26 July : Precontest 10:00-18:00
Price giving Precontest / Opening ceremony 18:00-20:00 Cortile Girona . Sant'Angelo Lodigiano
Thermal Flying Workshop 20:00-23:00 Sala Girona . Sant'Angelo Lodigiano
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 Castello Bolognini . Sant'Angelo L.
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 20 April 2026

All fees must be received by 30. April 2026

Entries received from 01.May 2026 31. May 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 before 20 April 2026.
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

Please orientate yourself on this pages:
https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/?lang=en_US
https://www.esteri.it/en/sportello_info/domandefrequenti/sezione_visti_entrare_in_italia/

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

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

Food

Lunch: 17.00 €
Banquet : 60.00 €

Camping

See "Facilities" page 2
Price for tent : 8 € per person per day
Price for Caravan and Motorhome : 10 € per person per day

Hotels :

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

SPONSORS

AERO CLUB D'ITALIA

FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION

TENT 10x30 m ON THE FIELD (SAMPLE)



APARTMENT CASCINA VIMAGANO FARMHOUSE











CORTILE GIRONA – SANT'ANGELO LODIGIANO

Sunday 26 July : Price giving Precontest / Opening ceremony 18:00-20:00









SALA GIRONA – SANT'ANGELO LODIGIANO

Sunday 26 July : Thermal Flying Workshop 20:00-23:00





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CASTELLO BOLOGNINI – SANT'ANGELO LODIGIANO

Friday 31 July : Price giving / Closing ceremony / Banquet 18:30-23:00











CATERING ON SITE (Lunch) AND BANQUET

LUNCH ON SITE DURING PRE-CONTEST AND WCH

SAMPLE

25.07.2026	26.07.2026	27.07.2026	28.07.2026
Pasta al pomodoro Arrosto Patate al forno *acqua*	Pasta al ragù Cotoletta di pollo Patate stick *acqua*	Pasta al pesto Caprese (pomodoro +mozzarella) *acqua*	Pasta amatriciana Arrosto Patate al forno *acqua*
Pasta with Tomato Sauce Roast Pork Roasted Potatoes *Water*	Pasta with Meat Sauce Breaded Chicken Cutlet French Fries *Water*	Pasta with Pesto Caprese Salad (Tomatoes & Mozzarella) *Water*	Pasta all'Amatriciana Roast Pork Roasted Potatoes *Water*
29.07.2026	**30.07.2026**	**31.07.2026**	
Pasta con sugo al tonno Involtino cotto e mozzarella Zucchine spadellate *acqua*	Pasta aglio, olio e peperoncino Polpette di carne al pomodoro Patate al forno *acqua*	Pasta fredda dello chef Speck Carote julienne *acqua*	
Pasta with Tuna Sauce Ham and Mozzarella Roll Sautéed Zucchini *Water*	Pasta with Garlic, Olive Oil & Chili Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Roasted Potatoes *Water*	Chef's Pasta Salad Speck (Italian Cured Smoked Ham) Julienne Carrots Water	

CASTELLO BOLOGNINI – SANT'ANGELO LODIGIANO

Friday 31 July : Banquet Menu

Fantasia di salumi (prosciutto cotto, prosciutto crudo, salame)	Selection of Italian Cured Meats (cooked ham, Parma ham, and salami)
Bocconcini di frittatina con spinaci e pasta di salsiccia	Mini Spinach and Sausage Frittatas
Raspadura Lodigiana	Raspadura Lodigiana (thin shavings of traditional Lodi cheese)
Lasagnetta con ragù di carne	Traditional Meat Lasagna
Arrosto di lonza in salsa dorata	Roast Pork Loin with Golden Sauce
Patate arrosto al profumo di rosmarino	Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
Dessert	Dessert
Bevande	Beverages

ON SITE LOGISTICS

