Free Flight World Champions

Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) – Comité International d'Aéromodelisme (CIAM)

Individual

	F1A Swedish Cup *Towline Glider*	F1B Wakefield Cup *Rubber Power*	F1C Victor Tatin Cup *2.5cc Power*	F1Q F1Q World Champion *Electric Power*
1951	O.Czepa, AUT	S. Stark, SWE	G. Schmid, SUI	—
1952	B. Gunic, YUG	A. Blomgren, SWE	B. Wheeler, GBR	—
1953	H. Hansen, DEN	J. Foster, USA	D. Kneeland, USA	—
1954	R. Lindner, BRD	A. King, AUS	C. Wheeley, USA	—
1955	R Lindner, W/C	G. Samaan, BRD	M. Gaster, GBR	—
1956	M. Brems, BEL	L. Petersson, SWE	R.Draper, GBR	—
1957	S. Babic, YUG	—	—	—
1958	—	R.S.B. Baker, AUS	—	—
1959	G. Ritz, USA	F. Dvorak, CS	—	—
1960	—	—	*Five-way tie**	—
1961	A. Averijanov, USR	G.Reich, USA	F. Schneeberger, SUI	—
1963	G. Erichsen, BRD	J.Loffler, DDR	E. Frigyes, HUN	—
1965	A.Bucher, SUI	T.Koster, DEN	A. Dall'Oglio, ITA	—
1967	M. Hirschel, DDR	M. Sulkala, FIN	H. Seelig, BRD	—
1969	E. Drew, GBR	A Oschatz, DDR	F. Baumann, BRD	—
1971	F. Dvorak, CS	J. Klima, CS	R. Hagel, SWE	—
1973	V. Ekhenkov, USSR	J. Loffler, DDR	V. Horcicka, AUT	—
1975	V. Tchop, USSR	P. Chang Sun, PRK	L. G. Olofsson, SWE	—
1977	K. Abadjiev, BUL	K.Dong Sik, PRK	T.Koster, DEN	—
1979	P. Grunnet, DEN	I. Ben-Itzhak, ISR	M.Rocco, ITA	—
1981	A. Vidensek, YUG	L. Doring, BRD	A. Meczner, HUN	—
1983	M. Gewain, USA	L.Doring, W/C	S. Lustrai, ITA	—
1985	L. Yue, CHN	R. Hofsass, BRD	N. Nakonechny, USSR	—
1987	V. Tchop, USSR	R.White, USA	E. Verbitsky, USSR	—
1989	A.Lepp, USSR	E.Cofalik, POL	S. Korban, USSR	—
1991	M. Kochkarov, USSR	A. Andriukov, USSR	R.Archer, USA	—
1993	M.Fantham, GBR	A. Andriukov, W/C	R. Archer, W/C	—
1995	R. Holtzleitner, AUT	J.Fitch, USA	B. Boutillier, FRA	—
1997	V. Stamov, UKR	A. Andriukov, USA	E. Verbitsky, UKR	—
1999	D. Stezalski, POL	O. Kulakovsky, UKR	K. Jusufbasic, BIH	—
2001	P. Findahl, SWE	O. Kulakovsky, W/C	A. Babenko, UKR	—
2003	R. Hellgren, SWE	S. Stefanchuk, UKR	L. Fuzeyev, RUS	—
2005	M. McKeever, USA	O. Kulakovsky, UKR	S. Kanegawa, JPN	—
2007	P. Findahl, SWE	O. Kulakovsky, W/C	A. Babenko, UKR	—
2009	S. Makarov, RUS	M. Nishizawa, JPN	P. Watson, GBR	—
2011	Y.Titov, RUS	A. Milyutkin, RUS	E. Verbitsky, UKR	—
2013	R.Lesko, CRO	A.Bulatov, RUS	R. Summersby, AUS	—
2015	E. Galor, ISR	G. Mijiddorj, MGL	A. Viacheslav, UKR	—
2017	I. Bombek, CRO	S. Stefanchuk, UKR	Y. Shvedenkov, CAN	—
2019	C. Brinzoi, ROU	M. Rigault, FRA	T. Malkhasyan, USA	—
2021	—	—	—	—
2023	L.Malila, SUI	B. Grubic, SRB	D.Jermol, CRO	—
2025	V. D. Cristea, ROU	H. Jusufbasic, BIH	N. Allen, GBR	Y. Avla, USA

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Team

	F1A Daumerie Cup *Towline Glider*	F1B Penaud Cup *Rubber Power*	F1C Kosmonautica *2.5cc Power*	F1Q Team Champion *Electric Power*
1951	Denmark	Great Britain	Switzerland	—
1952	Germany	Sweden	Switzerland	—
1953	Denmark	USA	USA	—
1954	F. R. Germany	USA	USA	—
1955	Italy	Sweden	Great Britain	—
1956	Czech.	Sweden	Great Britain	—
1957	Russia	—	Hungary	—
1958	—	Hungary	Hungary	—
1959	Finland	USA	—	—
1960	—	—	Hungary	—
1961	Netherlands	Poland	—	—
1963	USSR	Italy	Hungary	—
1965	Great Britain	Sweden	Italy	—
1967	Czech.	USSR	Great Britain	—
1969	USSR	USSR	Italy	—
1971	Austria	Denmark	Great Britain	—
1973	Austria	D.R. Germany	Italy	—
1975	USSR	North Korea	Sweden	—
1977	North Korea	North Korea	France	—
1979	USA	Italy	Austria	—
1981	USSR	France	Italy	—
1983	Great Britain	China	France	—
1985	China	USSR	USA	—
1987	Italy	China	Italy	—
1989	USSR	China	Hungary	—
1991	USSR	USSR	USSR	—
1993	Czech Rep.	Canada	USSR	—
1995	Russia	Netherlands	China	—
1997	Czech Rep.	Ukraine	Ukraine	—
1999	Slovakia	Bosnia-Herz.	Bosnia-Herz.	—
2001	Ukraine	Sweden	Czech Rep.	—
2003	Ukraine	Ukraine	USA	—
2005	Ukraine	USA	Ukraine	—
2007	Hungary	Japan	USA	—
2009	Russia	Germany	USA	—
2011	Russia	Israel	Hungary	—
2013	Argentina	USA	Japan	—
2015	Israel	Ukraine	Ukraine	—
2017	France	Serbia	Israel	—
2019	Russia	Israel	China	—
2021	—	—	—	—
2023	Sweden	Czech Rep.	Ukraine	—
2025	Slovenia	Israel	China	Ukraine

Overall Team Champion

Challenge France

F1A-B-C-Q combined duration

1987	China	11297
1989	USSR	11483
1991	Poland	11506
1993	Ukraine	11534
1995	Russia	11533
1997	Czech Rep.	11700
1999	Russia	11625
2001	Ukraine	11636
2003	Russia	11251
2005	Ukraine	11306
2007	Ukraine	11197
2009	Germany	11558
2011	Ukraine	11559
2013	USA	11786
2015	Israel	11667
2017	France	8657
2019	Poland	12248
2021	—	
2023	Finland	12377
2025	Germany	15591

Female

Individual Champions

2022	F1D	E. Guyett, USA
2023	F1A	A. Goldstein, USA
2023	F1B	A. Raymond, USA
2023	F1C	S. Bauer, HUN
2023	F1E	N. Arkhypska, UKR
2024	F1D	E. Guyett, USA
2025	F1A	T. Vosejpkova, CZE
2025	F1B	Qiong Wu, CHN
2025	F1C	Xiangxue Ji, CHN
2025	F1Q	M. Pshenychna, UKR
2025	F1E	E. Pavlova, BUL

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Championships scheduled for 2020 & '21 were canceled (COVID-19).

Wakefield Cup

Individual Champions

1928-1950

Originally administered by SMAE of GBR

1928	T.H. Newell, GBR
1929	R.N. Bullock, GBR
1930	Joseph Ehrhardt, USA
1931	Joseph Ehrhardt, USA
1932	Gordon S. Light, USA
1933	J.W. Kenworthy, GBR
1934	J.B. Ballman, GBR
1935	Gordon S. Light, USA
1936	Albert A. Judge, GBR
1937	Emmanuel Fillon, FRA
1938	James Cahill, USA
1939	Richard Korda, USA
1948	Roy Chesterton, GBR
1949	Arne Ellila, FIN
1950	Arne Ellila, FIN

F1E

	Individual *Slope Glider*	Team *Slope Glider*
1989	Klaus Salzer, AUT	F.R. Germany
1991	Fritz Mang, AUT	Austria
1993	R. Musil, CZE	Czech Rep.
1995	H. Schmidt, GER	Switzerland
1997	Ivan Crha, CZE	Switzerland
1999	Juraj Uhrin, SVK	Slovakia
2001	A. Tschanz, SUI	Germany
2003	R. Sifleet, USA	Romania
2005	S. Kubit, POL	France
2007	Alain Roux, FRA	Romania
2009	Ivan Treger, SVK	Austria
2011	Ivan Treger, W/C	Poland
2013	Alain Roux, FRA	France
2015	Jaromir Orel, CZE	Italy
2017	Ivan Treger, SVK	Poland
2019	S. Kubit, POL	Poland
2021	—	—
2023	K. Zurowski, POL	Poland
2025	A. Winker, GER	Slovakia

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Individual F1D / Team F1D

	Individual F1D Rushbrooke Trophy *Indoor Rubber Power*	Team F1D Langley Cup *Indoor Rubber Power*
1961	Joe Bilgri, USA	USA
1962	K.-H.Rieke, D	F.R. Germany
1963	—	—
1964	—	—
1965	—	—
1966	Hans Beck, D	F.R. Germany
1968	J. Richmond, USA	Czech.
1970	Jiri Kalina, CS	Czech.
1972	M. Andrews, USA	Czech.
1974	R. Czechowski, POL	Poland
1976	Paul Romak, USA	USA
1978	J. Richmond, USA	Great Britain
1980	E. Rodemsky, USA	USA
1982	A. Morar, ROM	Romania
1984	J. Richmond, USA	USA
1986	J. Richmond, USA	USA
1988	J. Richmond, USA	USA
1990	J. Richmond, USA	USA
1992	S. Kujawa, POL	Poland
1994	Steve Brown, USA	USA
1996	Steve Brown, W/C	USA
1998	Steve Brown, W/C	Hungary
2000	John Kagan, USA	USA
2002	J. Richmond, USA	USA
2004	J. Richmond, W/C	Romania
2006	Larry Calliau, USA	Romania
2008	Ivan Treger, SVK	USA
2010	Ivan Treger, W/C	USA
2012	Lutz Schram, GER	USA
2014	Y. Kang Lee, USA	USA
2016	Y. Kang Lee, W/C	Hungary
2018	B. Sanborn, USA	USA
2020	—	—
2022	B. Sanborn, W/C	Ukraine
2024	Y. Kang Lee, USA	USA

Ernest Kopecky Trophy

Longest single flight in Indoor World Championship

1974	K. Rybecky...CSSR	2000	J. Tipper.....GBR
1976	P. Romak.....USA	2002	J. Richmond....USA
1978	J. Richmond...USA	2004	J. Kagan.....USA
1980	E. Rodemsky...USA	2006	L. Cailliau.....USA
1982	A. Morar.....ROM	2008	I. Treger.....SVK
1984	J. Richmond...USA	2010	I. Treger.....SVK
1986	J. Richmond...USA	2012	L. Schram.....GER
1988	C. Banks.....USA	2014	Y. Kang Lee...USA
1990	J. Richmond...USA	2016	Y. Kang Lee...USA
1992	S. Kujawa.....POL	2018	B. Sanborn.....USA
1994	C. Banks.....USA	2022	B. Sanborn.....USA
1996	S. Brown.....USA	2024	Y. Kang Lee...USA
1998	A. Ree.....HUN		

Junior Team Champion
Challenge France

Aggregate score: F1A-B-C/J/P

1988	N. Korea..10815	2008	USA.....10771
1990	USSR.....10313	2010	Ukraine....11157
1992	Russia.....10702	2012	Russia.....10867
1994	Russia.....11139	2014	Russia.....11465
1996	Russia.....10729	2016	Russia.....9164
1998	Russia.....9416	2018	Russia.....11090
2000	Poland.....9260	2020	—
2002	Ukraine.....9178	2022	Ukraine.....9693
2004	Russia.....10625	2024	Estonia.....9898
2006	USA.....10600		

FAI Junior age limit is 18 years in the year of the event.

	F1D - Jr. *Indoor Rubber*	F1D - Jr. *Indoor Rubber Team*
1992	A. Podlesny, UKR	Poland
1994	L. Bolonyi, ROM	Romania
1996	Jake Palmer, USA	—
1998	T. Moskalieva, UKR	Romania
2000	O. Kovalyev, UKR	Romania
2002	Doug Schaefer, USA	USA
2004	Doug Schaefer, W/C	USA
2006	Justin Young, USA	USA
2008	Justin Young, W/C	Czech Republic
2010	Gabriela Kaplanova, CZE	Romania
2012	Gabriela Kaplanova, W/C	Romania
2014	Evan Guyett, USA	Romania
2016	Bulai Calin, ROU	Ukraine
2018	V. Klymenko, UKR	France
2020	—	—
2022	Cristian Enache ROU	Romania
2024	Daniel Guo, USA	Romania

	F1E - Jr. World Champion *Slope Glider*	F1E - Jr. Serbia-France Trophy *Slope Glider Team*
1991	Andy Eyrich, GER	Poland
1993	P. Hegedus, HUN	Germany
1995	Pavel Nosko, SVK	Slovakia
1997	Alex. Popa, ROM	Germany
1999	Alex. Popa, W/C	Romania
2001	M. Kukasz, POL	Romania
2003	Bjoern Hoefs, GER	Germany
2005	Jakub Janata, CZE	Czech Republic
2007	A. Secan, ROU	Romania
2009	Martin Horn, CZE	Romania
2011	D. Stancevic, SRB	France
2013	K. Zurowski, POL	Romania
2015	Mikolaj Stryja, POL	Italy
2017	Laura Theo, FRA	France
2019	D. Karpowicz, POL	Slovakia
2021	—	—
2023	P. Szumska, POL	Poland
2025	Stefan Bildea, ROU	France

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Junior Individual

	F1A Robinet Cup *Towline Glider*	F1B Balabuyev Memorial *Wakefield Rubber*	F1C-J-P Ukraine Power Challenge *F1C'88-'96, F1J '98-'04, F1P '06-*
1988	M. Van Dijk, NED	V. Kubes, CS	Song Gyu Pak, PRK
1990	R. Harzberg, ISR	Han Byong Sam, PRK	Mike Keller, USA
1992	S. Breeman, BEL	D. Paushkarev, RUS	M. Surigin, UKR
1994	E. Makarishev, RUS	A. Lubchich, UKR	I. Moiseev, RUS
1996	H. Selegean, ROM	V. Andriukov, UKR	Sergei Turanov, RUS
1998	P. Drapeau, FRA	A.Marjanovic, YUG	E. Kanakhin, RUS
2000	Pawel Dorsz, POL	Ivan Kolic, YUG	Austin Gunder, USA
2002	Csaba Nagy, HUN	Alexi Burdov, RUS	Austin Gunder, W/C
2004	N. Wijnhoven, NED	Alexi Burdov, W/C	John Lorbiecki, USA
2006	G. Domokova, SVK	Daniel Billam, GBR	Cody Secor, USA
2008	Guy Zach, ISR	Paul Coutineau, FRA	Cody Secor, W/C
2010	Denis Sinskiy, RUS	B. Skibicki, POL	Dmytro Sadomov, UKR
2012	Nikolay Lomov, RUS	Brian Pacelli, USA	Taron Malkhasyan, USA
2014	M. Babenko, UKR	David Clement, FRA	A. Kuznetsov, RUS
2016	Mickail Lomov, RUS	Dmytro Merzilakov, UKR	Daniel Bogomaz, POL
2018	Kalle Korpela, FIN	Karl Mannik, EST	Gert Nulk, EST
2020	—	—	—
2022	Noa Goldstein, USA	Ittai Kohavi, USA	A. Pshenychnyi, UKR
2024	Mart Valjamae, EST	Shalev Evroni, ISR	Yuangu Geng, CHN

Junior Team

	F1A Ukraine Challenge *Towline Glider Team*	F1B Magnificent Mountain Men *Wakefield Team*	F1C-J-P Ukraine Power Challenge *F1C-J-P Team*
1988	Poland	North Korea	North Korea
1990	USSR	USSR	USA
1992	Hungary	Poland	Czechoslovakia
1994	Czech Republic	Romania	Ukraine
1996	Slovakia	Czech Republic	Russia
1998	Slovakia	Russia	Russia
2000	Israel	Poland	Yugoslavia
2002	France	Israel	Russia
2004	Israel	Ukraine	USA
2006	USA	USA	USA
2008	Slovenia	Ukraine	Poland
2010	Sweden	Germany	Ukraine
2012	Czech Republic	Germany	Russia
2014	Russia	Russia	Russia
2016	Poland	Russia	Russia
2018	Israel	Russia	Russia
2020	—	—	—
2022	Hungary	Israel	Ukraine
2024	Poland	USA	China

Individual Champions - Female Junior

2022	F1D.....Sofia Armeanu, ROU	2022	F1P.....Orsolya Sarusi-Kiss, HUN	2024	F1A.....Kinga Szoke, HUN
2022	F1A.....Noa Goldstein, USA	2023	F1E.....Paulina Szumska, POL	2024	F1B.....Uliana Kalenchuk, UKR
2022	F1B.....Skylar Donnelly, USA	2024	F1D.....Alina Bakhmatska, UKR	2025	F1E.....Lila Poloncova, SVK