

F2D Combat Safety at the European Championships 2007

This document explains how the officials proceed to increase safety in F2D Combat, in particular how to avoid flyaways and minimise the hazards of personal injuries against a cut-off free-flying model aircraft.

The F2D Combat rules “in effect 1st of January 2007” are applied.

These rules (Section 4.4, pages 32 to 38) can be downloaded from:

ftp://www.fai.org/sporting_code/sc4/sc4.f2.07.zip

For all

- The safety instructions given by the organiser have to be followed strictly.
- It is requested to wear adequate protective headgear for all persons (officials, jury/judges, teammanagers pilots, mechanics and helpers...) in the combat contest area when flying is in progress.
- Contestants not directly involved in the preceding or one of the following bouts are requested to withdraw behind the safety fences.
- Spectators and others not involved in the Combat must at all times stay behind the safety fences.

For the staff

- The organiser will provide special safety fences for scores/time keepers, judges and administrative personal. Everyone involved will (should) use this safety measure as intended when flying is in progress

For the pilots

- The handle and safety strap has to be in accordance with the figure 4.4.6.b in the rulebook, e.g. the strap should be tied around the wrist with a slipknot. Handle and strap assembly has to be shown at the processing. The quality of the handle/safety strap construction will be examined and the contestant may be requested to improve on this quality if the construction does not meet quality needed to withstand forces that may occur during normal combat.

- At the field processing a competitor can be asked to change the lines although they withstand the pull test. A suspicion of dubious quality of the lines justifies this.
- The Circle Marshal will observe if the strap is correctly tied and disqualify the contestant for an infringement of the specifications in the rules
- The rules for penalising bad pilot behaviour will be strictly applied. Pilots can and will be disqualified without prior warning.
- It is important to be aware of following rules:

4.4.15. Cancellation of the Flight (This means DISQUALIFICATION).

d) He interferes with his opponent...

m) For any other flagrant breach of the rules;

w) If one or both opponents are guilty of either

a) Causing line tangles; or

b) A “sawing” action on the line(s)

he or they may be disqualified at the discretion of the Circle Marshall;

- All judges and the circle marshal are instructed to apply these without hesitation when necessary. Even after a bout they can decide on a disqualification if during the 4 minutes communication amongst them was not possible. Line tangles can result in a disqualification even if they are not followed by the lines cut-off of a model aircraft.

The FAI Jury and the F2D Judges