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Don't miss your chance to compete at the very first FAI e-Drone Racing Cup

Lausanne, Switzerland, 10 August 2023 – **Calling all e-drone racing pilots: pitch your skills against other top pilots at a new, online FAI e-drone race which is part of the FAI World Drone Racing Championships (WDRC). The competition is open to everyone, is free to enter and there is a cash prize!**

Registration will open on 21st August 2023 on the EreaDrone website for this inaugural FAI e-Drone Racing Cup. The qualification period is scheduled between 1st and 24th September.

The final stage is part of the hotly anticipated FAI World Drone Racing Championships (WDRC) in Namwon City, Republic of Korea from 6th to 9th October 2023 and there are cash prizes and FAI diplomas for winning pilots.

This very first online FAI e-Drone Racing event (officially named '2023 FAI e-Drone Racing Cup') will use a simulation of the 2023 FAI WDRC track, so newcomers can experience the thrill of a real race against pilots from around the world.

Indeed, organisers expect that many of the pilots who have qualified for the WDRC 2023 will not want to miss out on the opportunity to compete in this e-drone race before their live race.

Will it be an experienced pilot or a wild card pilot who wins this new online race?

How to enter

- The pilot will require an EreaDrone 2023 Steam key and must register for the event.
- Registration period: 21 August to 24 September.
- Get a 25% discount on the EreaDrone Steam key between 18 August and 21 September.
- A Windows computer and either a radio controller (e.g., Taranis, Radiomaster, etc.) or a game controller (e.g., Xbox Controller) are necessary.
- There is no entry cost for participating in the event
- Cash prizes and FAI diplomas will be awarded to winning pilots.

Qualification and Final Rounds

The qualification period runs between Friday 1st to Sunday 24th September.

Each pilot can use up to 12 attempts to get their fastest three consecutive lap times. The pilot is free to attempt their laps any time within the stated qualification period.

Qualification rounds are asynchronous, meaning that each pilot is flying alone without being impacted by the other pilots flying at the same time, but the final stages are synchronous: pilots race at the same time after the start signal.

The best sixty-four pilots will participate in the final stage, with eight competing in each race. The four best placed pilots in each race go through to next round and there are 1/8th finals, 1/4 finals, semi-finals and the final round.

Bruno Delor, 2023 FAI World Drone Racing Championship Jury President, said:

“We are thrilled to present the inaugural FAI e-Drone Racing Cup which has an open-door policy to attract newcomers to the sport of drone racing. We hope to unite pilots from around the globe to compete, with the top 64 going through up to the final. As the simulator uses the same track as the FAI WDRC, we hope to see fans racing against regular competitors.”

Editor's Notes

- To register for the event (from 21st August): <https://ereadrone.com/wdrc>
- To purchase an EreaDrone 2023 Steam key (*incl. 25% discount*): <https://ereadrone.com/fai>
- Pictures (free for editorial purpose): <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAQuge>

- FAI logo: bit.ly/FAI_logo
- FAI media corner: www.fai.org/media

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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