



ASSOCIAZIONE SPORTIVA DILETTANTISTICA

Sede legale in via P. Giardini 466, 41124 Modena – Campo volo in via Secchia 71 Sassuolo (Modena)

Codice fiscale 94001890360 - P. IVA 04186920361

WorldDroneCupItaly 2026 – 11/12 JULY

Campo Volo Gruppo Aeromodellistico Secchia - Sassuolo, Italy

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th July 2026

WDCI 2026 Sassuolo



2026 FAI World Drone Racing Cup, Cat.2

WDCI2026 website: <https://F9U.IT/WorldCupDroneItaly2026>

A. LOCATION

WDCI2025 will take place in Gruppo Aeromodellistico Secchia - Sassuolo, Italy.

AeroClub SECCHIA official Site. Via Secchia 71– SASSUOLO (ITA)

Coord. 44°35'41.5"N 10°47'08.1"E Google coordinates: 44.599818, 10.786361

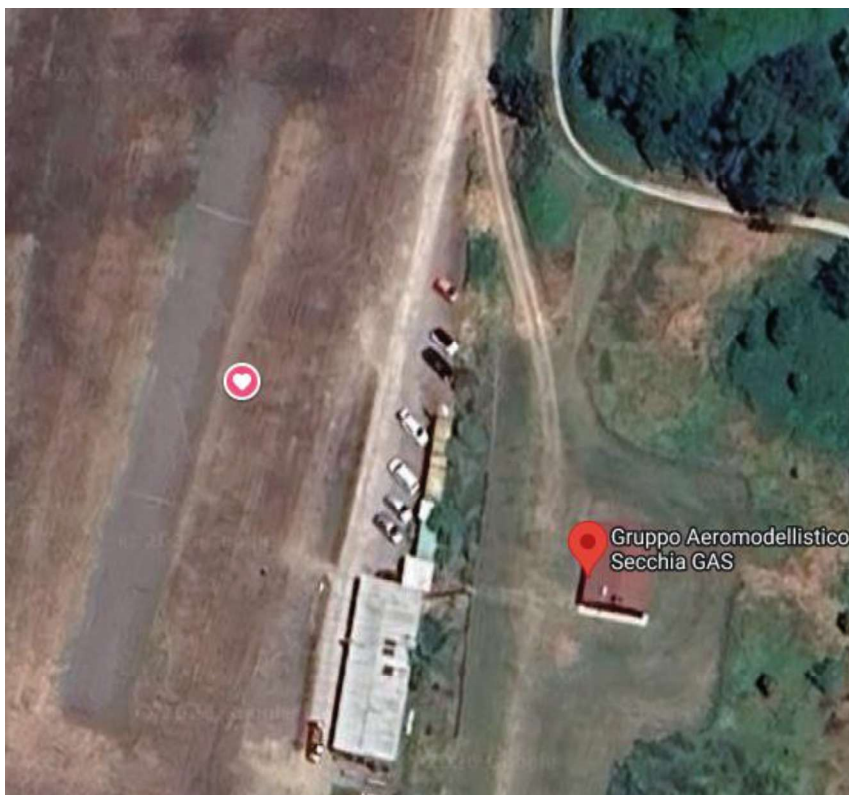


B. N.B.

In Modena, July is the hottest month of the year. The average daily temperature ranges from a low of around 18°C (64°F) to a high of 30°C (86°F). The hottest days can easily exceed 32°C (90°F), making the climate quite muggy due to the high humidity typical of the Po Valley.

C. VENUE

The event will take place outdoor at the G.A.S. Flight Field near Secchia river:



D. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages will be English and Italian.

English language always prevails concerning all elements of the competition, FAI documents, competition rules and Bulletins.

E. RULES

The rules for the WDCI2026 will be based on the FAI F9U (RC Multi-Rotor Drone Racing) class rules.

The editions of the following documents which will be effective at the date of the WDCI2025 will be applicable:

- FAI General Section;
- FAI Code of Ethics and FAI Disciplinary Code;
- FAI Sporting Code - Volume F9 Drone Sport;
- Latest bulletin.

Anti-doping statement

A competitor who needs for medical reasons to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited list must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) signed by FAI.

Ethics and behaviour

In Italy it is highly forbidden to conduct any model aircraft under drugs and/or alcohol effects.

Infringement to those rules will be subject to legal penalties and immediate disqualification from the competition.

Maintaining good behaviour for the entire time of the event is necessary and mandatory.

UAV regulations

In Italy (and Europe), a EU licence EASA A1/A3 is required to fly every aircraft model.

Every competitor must have and show at registration the own licence which can be obtained for free at this link:

<https://learningzone.eurocontrol.int/ilp/customs/Reports/RequestForm/DACAccount>.

Infringement to those rules may be subject to legal penalties.



Protest

Any protest must be presented in writing to the FAI Jury President and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of €50,00.

The deposit is returned only if the protest is upheld.

Spotter

It is mandatory for every pilot to have a spotter.

The spotter can be anyone and will be standing near the pilot seat without FPV goggles and watching in LOS.

Helper

Since the field area will be an interdicted area, every pilot is allowed to register up to one helper in the registration

form. The registered helper will receive a pass card, for special requests contact us.

F. FAI SPORTING LICENCE

Every competitor must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence (Aeromodelling discipline) registered in the FAI database or a FAI Drone Permission which can be obtained here: <https://droneracing.aero/>.

The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence may be required to produce an official document bearing its photograph and signature as proof of identity.

G. FAI OFFICIALS

Note: the names may be subject to changes.

Race Director

ESP Josè Manuel Martinez

Jury

TBD

Supervisor Judge

ESP Josè Manuel Martinez

Pilots' Judges

(ITA) Oscar CHINELLO

(ITA) Filippo DI MARCO

TBD

Prelight processing:

(ITA) Oscar CHINELLO

H. SPEAKERS

TBD

I. RACE MANAGEMENT

Timing system, Regia, Track design, Track handling, will be taken in care .

K. RACE TRACK

Official version of the racetrack will NOT be published prior to the event.

The track will be developed on a total length of ~350-400m including a straight, a double level inflatable gates, square gates, dive(s) and flags.

L. RACE FORMAT

Race format will follow "FAI SCENARIO B - 32 competitors selected from the qualification stage. Double Elimination" of the document "FAI Sporting Code - Volume F9 Drone Sport".

M. QUALIFICATION

Each heat will last for 3 minutes which is the maximum time allowed to complete 3 and no more laps.

The best 3 consecutive laps will count in the qualification ranking.

Qualification heats will be composed of **4** pilots.

N. LED LIGHT

There is NOT any mandatory request for LED light. If pilots want to install LED lights, the colour will be assigned based on video frequency and will be checked before every run.

O. VIDEO

The allowed video systems are Analog and HDZero with maximum output power 25mW.

The HDZero Offset must be set to 0. Any pilot found using a different value will be immediately disqualified. Random checks will be conducted to ensure compliance.

Only ImmersionRC and TBS analog VTx are confirmed to work reliably. However, if any video transmitter—including those from ImmersionRC or TBS—causes interference or issues, its use will be prohibited and may lead to disqualification. Be sure the VTx is in good shape in order to guarantee a good transmission performance.

Infringement to maximum power rules may be subject to legal penalties, check Italian government rules about radio frequencies at [Gazzetta Ufficiale](#).

P. ANTENNA

The allowed antennas are RHCP polarisation and Linear Dipole only. LHCP is NOT allowed.

Please use a good brand antenna and in a good shape in order to guarantee a good transmission performance.

Q. RADIO

The allowed radio transmission systems are any 2.4GHz with maximum power of 100mW and any 868mHz systems with maximum power of 25mW.

Infringement to maximum power rules may be subject to legal penalties, check Italian government rules about radio frequencies at [Gazzetta Ufficiale](#).

R. VENUE F CHECK

The venue has been thoroughly inspected with an RF meter along the course and its surroundings, confirming a completely interference-free environment on 5.8GHz frequency.

S. ORGANIZATION AWARDS

Prizes and Trophies will be awarded by the organisation to the competitors placed first, second and third in each individual classification (Women - Junior - Overall).

T. FINALS

As per FAI rules of CAT.2 events as this is, only Overall final will be officially recognized for points assignment; however, the organisation will also run Women final and Junior final which are “just for fun” and will bring prizes for each podium.

- To run the Women Final, female competitors must be at least four. It will be a single final and composed of the first four female pilots from the overall qualification results.

- To run the Junior Final, junior competitors must be at least four. It will be a single final and composed of the first four junior pilots from the overall qualification results.

U. FINALS METHOD

The final heat will be run multiple times until a pilot wins two times: “Successive final races”. Find more info in the “Drone Racing World Cup Rules - 2025 Edition” pag.36 C.6.5.3

V. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE ■ *The competition schedule may be subject to changes.*

Finish time on Sunday is not guaranteed, highly suggested to book the flight back from Monday.

Saturday 11th July

- 08:00 - Arrival;
- 08:00 to 08:30 - Model processing;
- 08:30 to 09:00 - Day Briefing & Track Walk;
- 09:00 to 10:30 - Free Practice;
- 10:30 to 12:00 - Qualifying rounds;
- 12:00 to 12:30 - Break;
- 12:30 to 18:30 - Qualifying rounds;
- 19:00 to 19:45 - Opening Ceremony;
- 19:45 to 20:30 - Break;
- 20:30 to 21:30 - Night Endurance Cup.

Sunday 12th July

- 08:00 to 10:00 - Qualifying round(s);
- 10:30 to 12:30 - Elimination rounds for top 32 pilots, double elimination format;
- 12:00 to 12:30 - Break
- 12:30 to 16:30 - Elimination rounds for top 32 pilots, double elimination format;
- 16:30 to 17:30 - Finals: Women, Junior, Overall
- 17:30 to 18:00 - Promo HD Rounds
- 18:00 - Prize award and ceremony.

W. ENTRY CONTRIBUTION

To enter the competition there is a contribution of minimum 55€ which has to be done on the official website _____. If a competitor withdraws after registration has been confirmed, a refund will be considered only in case of force majeure.

X. PILOT REGISTRATION DEADLINE / MAXIMUM NUMBER

- Registration start on 5th June and closes on 12 June 2026 OR 48 pilots;
- After reaching the limit of 48 pilots, waiting list registration will be open;
- After 12 June: registrations / waiting list registrations will be closed. Only withdraws and waiting list calls can be managed.

Y. FOOD & AFTERPARTY

A Lunch bag for both days will be offered from the organization to the pilots.

Z. INSURANCE

Competitors must have personal insurance covering model accidents in Italy, including injury and property damage, details are asked in the registration form. Medical and travel insurance is also recommended before arrival.

AA. Spectators and media

The venue will be closed to the general public.

TBD A live scoring system will be used and live streaming with live comment will be done via YouTube.

TBD The organisation will ensure the best media coverage of the WDCI2025.

Driving in the Italian highway

Tolls are required on Italian highways, so if you rent a car, make sure to use the BLUE line for card payments or the WHITE line for cash (€) payments when entering toll stations. In some cases, you'll pay directly at the station, while in others, you'll receive a ticket to insert at the next toll station before making your payment.

Avoid entering the YELLOW lane, as it is designated for telematic payments, which require a specific device that rented cars typically do not have.

Emergency National Number

For any kind of emergency (eg. medical, fire, etc.) there is active the unique national number 112.

LOCAL CONTACT REFERENCE DETAILS

Name: Filippo Di Marco

Email: filippo.dimarco@eim.it

Mobile: +393482410931



ASSOCIAZIONE SPORTIVA DILETTANTISTICA

Sede legale in via P. Giardini 466, 41124 Modena – Campo volo in via Secchia 71 Sassuolo (Modena)
Codice fiscale 94001890360 - P. IVA 03189630365