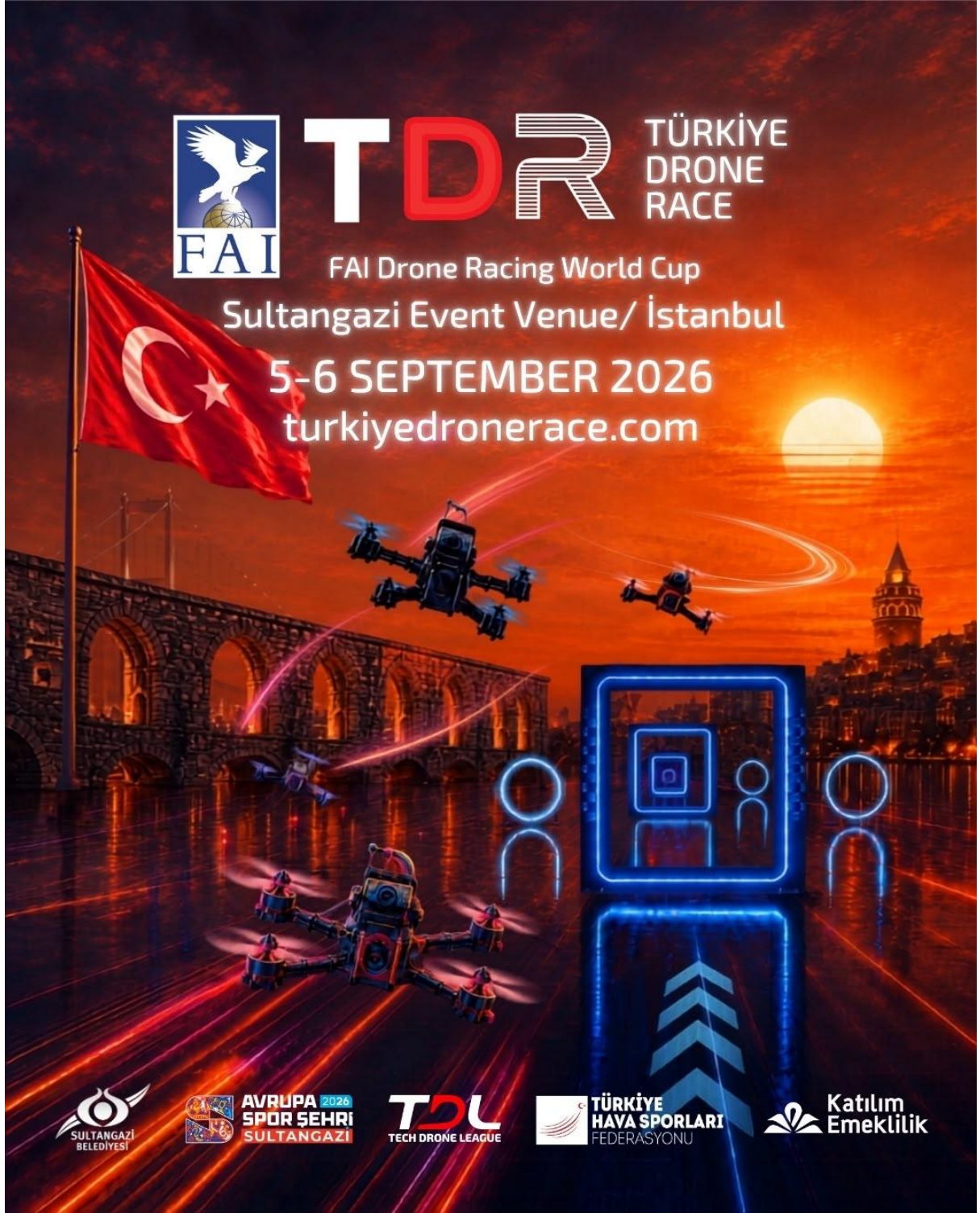




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“2026 TRKİYE DRONE RACE” (TDR ‘26)

2026 FAI Drone Racing World Cup Cat 2 Race

Sultangazi Belediyesi Etkinlik Alanı, İstanbul, TRKİYE

Saturday 5th to Sunday 6th September, 2026

ORGANISERS : Türkiye Air Sports Federation (THSF), and International Drone Sports Club (UDSK) / Tech Drone League

COMPETITION CLASSES : F9U - Drone Racing

COMPETITORS : Junior, Senior and Women Finals

RACE DATES : 5 - 6 September 2026

WEBSITE : <https://www.turkiyedronerace.com>

REGISTRATION : <https://www.turkiyedronerace.com/tr/registration>

ENTRY FEE : 50 €

EVENT INFORMATION

A. ORGANISER and LOCATION

For the third year TDR'26 will be co-organised by Turkish National Airsports Federation (THSF) and International Drone Sports Club (UDSK) / (Tech Drone League)

The race will be held at Sultangazi Municipality Event Area, İstanbul, Türkiye

İstanbul is the biggest Metropolitan city of Türkiye, located around the beautiful and historic Bosphorus. The place where 2 continents meet; Asia and Europe.

The race venue is outdoors.

The organisation will provide some in-city facilities to the racers. (details to be announced soon)

The easiest way to travel to İstanbul is by plane. Istanbul has 2 airports. Both have metro stations and multiple transfer options. Please reach out to the organisers after registrations for details. Train trips or modern motorway travel is also possible.

Average temperature conditions in İstanbul at race dates :

Highest temperature 26 C° / Lowest temperature 16 C°)

B. RACE VENUE

The event will take place outdoors; at the Sultangazi Municipality Event Area, located at : Uğur Mumcu, Atatürk Blv No:34, 34265 Sultangazi/İstanbul

(The location link : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/XmGer8v83zG15aCs6>)









Some media from previous years :

TDR '24 Race Video : https://youtu.be/ik7VYpDqxRE?si=_bThJnFuG8VlkBp3

TDR '25 Race Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWigaBDS6WM&t=86s>

Tv Program : <https://youtu.be/6Au3WX4ss5A?si=iYBVDLwhxgP8FxAE>

C. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages will be English and Turkish

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

D. RULES

The rules for the TDR'26 will be based on the FAI F9U (Drone Racing) class rules.

The editions of the following documents which will be effective at the date of the actual race (5-6th September 2026) will be applicable:

- FAI General Section;
- FAI Code of Ethics and FAI Disciplinary Code;
- CIAM General Rules Volume 2026 Edition - Effective 1st January 2026 ;

- F9U Drone Sport Volume 2026 Edition - Effective 1st June 2026 ;
- Contents of this Bulletin.

Ethics and behaviour

In Türkiye, it's both unethical and is highly forbidden to fly any model aircraft (or UAV) whilst the operator is under drugs and/or alcohol effect.

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 kindly requested, at the same time is necessary and mandatory.

UAV regulations

There is no specific licence requirement for non-Turkish participants in Türkiye. The race participation however requires active and valid FAI Sporting License or FAI Drone Permission, which will be checked online by the organiser after the registrations.

Each competitor is allowed to check-in a maximum of 3 UAV's for the event. Spare parts possible.

Protest

According to the CIAM General Rules Volume (paragraph C.20.2), any protest must be presented to the Event Director. The protest is then handled or arbitrated by the FAI Jury according to the FAI Sporting Code General Section paragraph 6.3. Any protest must be presented in writing and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of €50,00. (fifty Euros)

The deposit is returned only if the protest is upheld.

Helper

It is mandatory for every pilot to have a helper.

The helper can be anyone and will be standing near the pilot seat without FPV goggles and watching in LOS. Usage of handheld monitor is possible.

Please note; since the pilot dedicated area will be a restricted area, every pilot is allowed to bring in at most one helper, who has to be informed to the organisation in advance for security and access logistics. It is kindly requested that the pilot informs the organisation of their helper's presence and identity before the event, for security reasons. This is for non-competitor helpers only. Helper participation is not subject to any fee.

E. FAI SPORTING LICENCE / FAI DRONE PERMISSION

Every competitor must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence (Aeromodelling discipline) or a FAI Drone Permission, registered in the FAI database, with a validity date exceeding the race dates, or at least 8th September 2026. The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence or FAI Drone Permission may be required to present an official document bearing their photograph and signature as proof of identity.

F. OFFICIALS

Note: the names may be subject to changes.

Jury Members

(FRA) Bruno DELOR - President

(SER) Srdjan PAVLOVIC - Member

(BUL) Antoni GEORGIEV - Member

Pilots' Judges

(TUR) Gürkan TÜRK

(TUR) Cihan ÇOLAKOĞLU

(TUR) Sadık ALBAYRAK

(TUR) Ömer EGE

(TUR) Serhat BAYRAK

Contest Management

(TUR) Mustafa Güçlü ÇETİNKOL : Event Director

(GER) Christopher ROHE : Race Director

(TUR) Ümit Bayram DEĞİRMENCİOĞLU : Starter

G. RACE MANAGEMENT

Timing system, Track design, Track handling, will be taken care of by Mustafa Güçlü ÇETİNKOL (TUR) and Christopher ROHE (TUR)

H. TIMING AND RESULTS

The race will be run on Livetime software and live web results will be available both on site and online.

Link of the event will be published on raceday on the event website.

I. RACE TRACK

Official version of the racetrack will be published latest on 15.08.2026 on Velocidrone Simulation.

The track will be composed of metal and inflated gates, flags, as well as natural (in site) obstacles.

J. RACE FORMAT

Race format will follow “FAI SCENARIO B - 32” competitors selected from the qualification stage.

“Double Elimination” of the document “F9U Drone Sport Volume 2026 Edition - Effective 1st June 2026”.

The final stage will be done with successive final races according to F9U FAI class rules paragraph C.6.5.3 (‘Chase the Ace’)

K. QUALIFICATION

Qualification will be run according to F9U FAI class rules paragraph C.6.3.a) Option1 (Fastest time to complete 3 consecutive laps)

Every qualifying round will be run with 3 consecutive laps to complete and 3 minutes flight time allowed for that. When the competitor has completed 3 laps or when the flight time allowed is over, he/she must land the model.

The number of planned Qualification rounds for Day#1 is 4 and Day#2 is 2

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

The best 32 pilots will be eligible for the eliminations phase.

L. LED LIGHT

Usage of LED light on UAVs is mandatory. There is no fixed minimal requirement for LED installation. The UAV “should be visible” to other pilots behind and below especially. Night racing is currently in the works and it may be possible some qualification and elimination rounds will be run at nighttime. The track will have enough lighting to allow night flight. The pilots are kindly requested to install RGB LED's to offer control and good views for the bystanders. The colour will be assigned based on video frequency.

M. VIDEO SYSTEMS

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

If you are on analog please use a good brand video transmitter and antennas.

Infringement to maximum power rules may be subject to disqualification of effected UAV

N. ANTENNA POLARISATION

The allowed antennas are RHCP polarisation circular and Linear Dipole only.

LHCP is NOT allowed. Please use a good brand antenna and in a good shape.

O. RADIO

The allowed radio transmission systems are any 2.4GHz with maximum power of 100mW

Any 868mHz systems with maximum power of 25mW. Race mode when possible.

Dynamic power for 868 mhz radiolink is prohibited. ELRS users can use dynamic power with 100mw maximum setting. All radiolink users are required to use Race Telemetry or No Telemetry setting. There is no enforced packet rate setting for ELRS but, in case of dirty rf environment, race directors may choose and announce the same packet rate mode for multi-copter flight.

P. ORGANIZATION AWARDS

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

Q. FINALS

For the FAI Drone Racing World Cup ranking, only overall final results will be officially recognized for points assignment; however, the organisation will also run Women final and Junior final which are “just for fun” with trophies.

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.

R. EVENT SCHEDULE

- Please note, the daily competition schedule may be subject to changes and it will be announced if any change is made prior to the event. The initial dates however, are fixed.

Saturday 5th September

- 8:00 - Arrival of pilots;
- 8:00 to 8:30 - Model processing by officials;
- 8:30 to 9:00 - Briefing & Track Walk;
- 9:00 to 13:30 - Qualifying rounds 1-2;
- 13:30 to 14:00 - Break;
- 14:00 to 21:30 - Qualifying rounds 3-4;

Sunday 6th September

- 8:00 to 12:30 - Qualifying round 5;
- 12:30 to 13:00 Break;
- 13:00 to 15:00 - Qualifying round 6;
- 15:30 to 20:30 - Elimination rounds for top 32 pilots, double elimination format;

- 20:30 to 21:00 - Finals: Women, Junior, Overall
- 21:00 to 22:00 - Prize award and ceremony.

Early model processing will be available for interested pilots on Friday, 04.09.2026, after 15:00 hours at the venue.

S. ENTRY CONTRIBUTION

To enter the competition there is a contribution fee of 50€ Including lunch and dinner.

If a competitor withdraws after registration has been confirmed, a refund will be considered only in case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Payments are kindly requested to be paid in cash at the venue.

T. DEADLINE - PILOT REGISTRATION

Registration cap : 30 pilots minimum, 60 registrants maximum (with a wait list after registrations hit 60 pilots)

On-line registration deadline : 31 th August 2026 (unless the registration cap is reached prior to this date, the registrations will close 23:59 hours on 31/08/2026)

After this date no more pilot registrations will be accepted and the form will be closed.

Registration link : <https://www.turkiyedronerace.com/tr/registration>

U. FOOD

The organiser offers free lunch and dinner at the racetrack. There is also a local buffet at the track site.

V. ACCOMMODATION

- 1) The organisation has complimentary discounted pricings from the following hotel :

“Ramada Plaza By Wyndham İstanbul Tekstil Kent”

<https://www.ramadaplazatekstilkent.com/>

Location :

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VW2MdCvW1QSipcEaA>

There will be free shuttle service from this hotel to the race venue on race days.

Room prices are : 75€ for single room, 85€ for double room (bed and breakfast price)

Hotel Contact : burak.karakaya@ramadaplazatekstilkent.com (please state that your registration is for FAI Türkiye Drone Race in your email)

Tel no : +905304637430



X. COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

National flag

One competitor for each nation is requested to bring one national flag (approximately 1m x 1.5m) to be hung in the field. The flags will be returned after the event.

Pass cards

At the end of the model processing, each competitor and helper will receive a pass card which must always be with them.

Spectators

The venue will be open to the public free of charge. The pilot area is available for only 1 helper per pilot.

Stream

A live scoring system will be used and live streaming with live comment will be done via YouTube channel (To be announced).

Media Promotional Channels

The organisation will ensure the best media coverage of the TDR'26

Outdoor : Sultangazi Municipality billboards and venue banners, flags

Social Media : influencer, blogger posts and commercials

Youtube : FAI and Tech Drone League channels' livestreams

Web : FAI, THSF, Tech Drone League and Fatih Municipality websites

Press Coverage : Press bulletin release, press conference, national media invitations and interviews

Z. LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

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Name : Mr. GÜÇLÜ ÇETİNKOL (Event Director)

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Emergency National Number

For any kind of emergency (eg. medical, fire, etc.) the official national number is : "112"

Website

TDR'26 website: <https://www.turkiyedronerace.com>