

## Line Touch World Cup 2008 Official Results

### Qualifying: (Based on first 9 matches, 3 pts each, 27 pts total)

Steve Bateman	23
Johnny Hsiung	20
Felix Durairaj	20
Bruce Lambert	19
Woody	17
Brian Johnsen	15
Scott Bogue	15
Dennis Crowley	14
Manny Alves	14
Gopal Das	14
Steve Childers	13
Ralph Resnik	12
Rich Hurd	9
Terry McPherson	8
Jeremiah Alves	6
Darrin Skinner	5
Tim Evers	5

### Finals (Round Robin of 5, 3 pt matches, 12 pts total)

Johnny Hsiung	9
Bruce Lambert	7
Steve Bateman	5 (Won 3 <sup>rd</sup> place flyoff against Felix)
Felix Durairaj	5
Woody Woods	4

**Summary:** The competitors gathered at 9 a.m. on Friday Aug 22, 2008 for a short pilots' meeting. 17 flyers showed up, with Matthew (suffering from too much sunshine the day before) being the only late scratch. Because we decided to contest the WC this year as a one-day event, the plan was to fly a partial round-robin for the qualifying round. To accomplish this, the flyers were broken into a group of 5 (Group A) and 3 groups of 4 (groups B, C, and D). All matches paired flyers between groups, so that each flyer in group A had 12 potential opponents while those in the other groups had 13 potential opponents. As it turned out, we got most of the way through the match-ups (91 out of 108) before stopping for the final round. Each match consisted of 3 points. We used FairStarts for all matches and had to rely on the tones because we had only one of the FairStarts modified to indicate top/bottom with a light.

There was hardly any wind at 9 a.m., but by 10 a.m. when we started flying it had decided to blow from the NW at between 5-7, where it stayed for the rest of the day. Round 1 pitted Group A flyers vs Group B flyers (20 matches) and Group C flyers vs. Group D flyers (16 matches). The matches began at 10 a.m. C vs D finished at 11:30 (averaging about 11 matches/hour); A vs B finished at 12:00 (averaging about 10

matches/hr). We broke for lunch until 1:15 and then resumed flying until 4:00. A vs D and then part of B vs D took place on one field; B vs C and part of C vs A on the other. After lunch we averaged 13-14 matches/hour. For the day, the average rate was 12-13 matches/hour. For comparison, in 2005 we averaged 8 matches/hour for best-of-5 pt matches (which should average about 4 pts/match). The difference is partly due to the different number of points flown, but also to the scoresheets we are now using which speed things up by letting flyers see in advance when they are up and which side they will be on.

After quitting at 4:00, it took about 45 minutes to sort out the finalists and begin the final round robin of the top 5 flyers. Including a 3 pt flyoff to settle a tie for third place, we completed the final round in just over an hour, finishing at 6:00.

Problems I noticed:

- 1) On one field, flyers were not serving as head or line judges when they were not flying. Not sure why this happened – it was not a problem on the other field. In a general way, it likely reflects the difficulty judges have seeing touches with 15-30# braided spectra line.
- 2) Because the flying groups were not all the same size, the rounds on the 2 fields did not finish at the same time. After for Round 1, the difference was about 30 minutes. A second issue was that some flyers got a match or two ahead in the number of matches flown. When we stopped at 4 pm, almost all flyers had flown either 10 or 12 matches. Basically, the groups of 4 (B and D) that had flown full rounds against the group of 5 (A) had 12 matches completed while flyers in groups (A and C) that had only flown against groups of 4 had 10 matches each. Both these problems can easily be addressed by adding a few within-group matches at the end of rounds to even things up
- 3) There were a few issues regarding the World Cup Rules – more on those later.