



Red Bull Air Race to take a break in 2011

The Red Bull Air Race GmbH has confirmed that for the future success and development of the sport, the World Championship will take a one-year break in 2011.

The organisation will use this opportunity to fast track the technological advancements currently in the making which would further improve the already high levels of safety.

There is a need to revise the main organization and commercial areas to realize the full potential of the sport including the development and reinforcement of strong host city partnerships which would secure a long term race calendar.

Matt Hall, Australia's only pilot in the championship, has responded in typical positive fashion.

"While I am obviously disappointed that I won't get to race next year, especially after what has been a challenging 2010 so far, I understand the reasoning behind the decision of the Red Bull Air Race," Hall said as he prepares for this season's final round in Germany next week.

"There are a number of areas the air race have pinpointed to make the event stronger for the future, including development of a long term race calendar, stronger commercial relationships and organisational structure.

"This can only be a positive, as is the organisation's commitment to improving safety.

"At this stage the announcement is still setting in and I will no doubt find out more about future plans in the coming weeks and months. Right now I am really focussed and excited about ending this year on a high."

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