

# 2008 AMA/NFFS USOC INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS

## Rules, late registration and entries, processing, and scale judging:

1. Current AMA, FAI, NFFS Nostalgia, SAM OT, and FAC Rules shall govern the contest.  
For event details, see the "Motor Runs & Maxes" sheet provided in the contestant packet.
2. The deadline for registration or entry for AMA, NFFS, OT, and special events is noon the day of the event.  
These registrations or entries for all events must be done at the AMA Field Headquarters.
3. All processing of models for AMA, NFFS Nostalgia, OT, and special events except scale will be done in the processing tent from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm the day of the event. Scale judging is the afternoon before the event.
4. The deadline for on-field late registrations or entries for FAI events is 4:30 the day before the event and must be done in person at the AMA Field HQ.
5. Processing for FAI models will be at the assigned table for 30 minutes beginning one hour before the first round, limited to flier check-in, towline checks, weighing F1B and F1G motors, random checks of models during rounds, and of winning model.

## Flight line locations:

1. The AMA/NOS/OT events flight line locations will be determined each morning prior to the competition by the Contest Director.
2. The FAI flight lines will be determined by the FAI event director in cooperation with the Contest Director.
3. All official flights must be launched from the designated flight line unless permission for an alternate location is granted by the CD. All model launches must occur from within the boundaries of the AMA Flying Site.

## Flight timing and flight cards:

1. Source of timers: AMA/NOS/OT contestants are encouraged to alternate making one official flight and timing the flight of another, when possible. (A "fly one, time one" approach)
2. Number of timers per flight: For AMA/NOS, one timer may be used for official flights but 2 timers with binoculars are recommended for flyoffs. See daily Flight Rules posted for mandatory 2-timer need. For FAI, one timer with binoculars will be used for official rounds, but 2 timers with binoculars are required for all flyoff rounds.
3. Flight cards and scoring: AMA/NOS/OT flight cards must be returned for scoring after each official flight and after each flyoff flight. OHLG, OTHLG, CAT, and OTCAT cards must be returned after two successive official flights and after each flyoff flight.

## Protests:

Formal competition protests must be submitted in writing by the competitor within one hour of the alleged infraction to the Event Director (Contest Director) using the official AMA Protest Form.

## Safe Flying:

1. AMA Safety Regulations must be observed in modeling activities on and off the flying site.
2. Combustion engines may not be run nor models launched of any test flights before 8:00 am. Models must not be launched immediately upwind of the main flight line, in the vicinity of spectators, nor in the parking lot. Official flights must be launched from the flight line, at least 100 feet downwind from parking and spectators. Untested models must only be flown at a safe distance downwind from the flight line.
3. Posted speed limits must be obeyed for use of all vehicles on hard surfaces.

## AMA Guidelines for vehicle operation and model retrieval:

1. Vehicles: At check-in, contestants will be given a registration tag that must be displayed on chase vehicles at all times.
  - a) Retrieval by bicycle/motorcycle/golf cart is permitted at the driver's own risk. Helmets are recommended.
  - b) Retrieval by automobile is permitted but discouraged and is restricted to paved roads. Drive with great caution.
  - c) Drivers must obey all posted and sensible speed limits on site and off site.
2. Off-Site Retrieval:
  - a) Traverse private property for retrieval only with the owner's knowledge and permission.
  - b) Respect the property owner's rights, identify yourself, explain your presence, and be courteous and non-confrontational.
  - c) Do not drive vehicles into crops on AMA property or private property.
  - d) For fields without visible owner or care taker, proceed with care to search and retrieve. If you have any doubt, return to the event table and seek advice or assistance from CD.
  - e) For potentially long or difficult retrievals, keep friends and family informed of your whereabouts, especially in heat and/or high humidity or otherwise adverse weather or conditions.
  - f) **Maintain hydration at all times!**