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OFFICIAL 2017 F3K TEAM SELECTION PROGRAM

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Qualification

Team selection qualifier contests can be held from July 1st, 2014 through June 30th, 2016. For a contest to be a qualifier, it must follow the F3K rules, be an AMA sanctioned contest, and be announced publically (on RCgroups Hand Launch forum or by other means) one month prior to the event. Single day events must have at least 5 preliminary rounds. Two day events must have a minimum of 10 preliminary rounds. Only preliminary rounds will be used for the qualification process. Small contests with less than 10 pilots may have two flight groups of less than 5 pilots; otherwise rule 5.7.9.1 should be adhered to. There must be at least 6 contestants for the contest to count as a qualifier. There will be no separation of groups based on skill or age class.

To qualify for the team selection, program participants must place in the top 30% of one two day qualification contest or the top 30% of two one day qualification contests. For example: a two day 6 person contest would qualify the top 2. A two day 60 person contest would qualify the top 18. Juniors are only required to enter the program and participate in a qualification contest to be qualified for the team selection.

Program Entry

Program entries for the 2017 F3K team selection finals will be accepted up to 30 days before the finals. The pilot must be a current AMA member, have placed in the top 30% of a qualification contest, and paid the program entry fee of \$20 to enter the team selection finals.

The finals will be held between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. The finals will occur over a three day period. The site and date will be determined by a vote of the Team Selection Committee (see Team Selection Competition Site Bids). The finals entry fee will be set by the host club and is separate from the program entry fee. The finals entry form must be postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the start of the finals. The start of the finals will begin on the day of check-in or any pre-contest meeting which competitors are required to attend, if held prior to the actual competition date. Refund requests for the finals fee must be submitted in writing to AMA Headquarters, postmarked no later than five business days following the conclusion of the finals. A finalist entrant shall specify his team affiliation. Teams of up to two pilots will be allowed. There will be no fly-offs at the team selection finals. The US team will be selected at the finals where the top three finishers will constitute the team. The fourth place finisher will be the alternate. The contest rules will be in accordance with the FAI sporting code. Protests must

be submitted in writing within one hour of an infraction, accompanied by a \$20 fee. If the protest is rejected, the fee will be deposited in the F3K team fund. The protest fee shall be returned to the protester if the protest is allowed to stand.

Upon making the 2017 F3K team, the pilot is required to possess an FAI stamp.

Jury

A jury shall be impaneled at the finals to adjudicate disputes and/or protests arising over interpretation or implementation of the Sporting Code or finals contest rules. Authority of the jury is as described in document entitled "World Championship Teams Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams". There will be no appeal from decisions of the jury.

Team Selection Competition Site Bids

Bids shall be submitted to AMA Headquarters postmarked no later than April 30, 2016. The bid should include:

1. Host club or organization, name, address, and daytime phone number of the contact person;
2. Site location description, date (must be between July 1 and December 31, 2016), expected weather conditions, local accommodations, approximate cost, and distance to site;
3. Officials other than jury, especially the name of the contest director;
4. Additional equipment or personnel assistance;
5. Local help, assistance, cooperation;
6. Estimated budget.

Any club officer, club member, or team selection competition official may be designated to receive correspondence or inquiries, however the individual should be an open AMA member approved by the organizer. The contest director must be named; it is recognized that organizers may have several possible choices for CD and may present more than one name. Probationary or new CD's are not permitted to serve as a team selection competition CD. The contest director is subject to final approval by AMA and the Team Selection Committee. Other officials (timers, judges, event directors, etc.) must be AMA members and have demonstrated competence within their assigned duties.

Scorecards will be provided by the contest organizer and must be initialed by the timer and the pilot to confirm that the recorded score is correct. The organizers will post printed scores within one hour of the completion of a round to enable the competitors to verify their scores are correct.

Receipts must accompany requests for reimbursement from the team fund. Allowable expenses from the team fund include items such as port-a-john rental, minimum travel expenses for officials (which should be local individuals if possible) and supplies (staples, pencils, rope, tape, etc.). Costs for bid preparation, socials or banquets, and trophies or awards are prohibited. Once the bid is prepared, specify whether the club will require reimbursement and indicate a maximum

amount expected. Note that the total budget allowance for expenses cannot exceed 50% of the competition entry fee income. The club will determine the entry fee based on the anticipated number of entrants and the expected expenses. Typically entry fees range from \$75 to \$110.

The finals will use the published F3K rules. There will be no fly-off in the finals. All tasks will be allowed. The submitted bids shall include the proposed tasks to be used in the finals. It is not required that the host club provides official timers for each competitor. It is required that the host club provides at least four official timers that will be randomly assigned to pilots each round. These timers will time from the field boundaries to ensure the integrity of the results and not interfere with the competitors on the field. In the case of the Poker task, if used, the host club must provide qualified official timers for each contestant in a group. If the Poker task is selected, the host club must include the maximum group size they will be able to accommodate. They must also indicate the experience level of the official timers and any training they will provide to the official timers to minimize any miscommunication between the pilot and the official during the Poker task. For Poker, the official is required to be on the field with the contestant per the F3K rules.

The Team Selection Committee will review all bids to assure adequate accommodations and suitable flying site. The Team Selection Committee will approve the competition site by simple majority vote of those members responding to the ballot.

Team Manager

The team manager will be selected in accordance with the "World Championship Team Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams".

Pre-Finals. When there are less than four months between the team section event and the World Championships, the team manager must be selected prior to the finals, and that person may not further participate in the selection program if he/she is so enrolled.

Post-Finals. When there are more than four months between the finals contest and the World Championship, the team manager may be selected after the finals.

Nominations. Any person wishing to be considered for team manager must submit his name in writing to AMA Headquarters not later than 14 days after the finals. Nominations for the team manager will be accepted from the AMA membership community; groups which can be involved in the process may include: program participants, the presidents of AMA recognized Special Interest Groups; previous and current team members and helpers, AMA Headquarters, and the Team Selection Committees.

A prospective team manager need not have been an FAI competitor. However, he or she must be thoroughly knowledgeable of the rules of the event for which he/she is being considered.

Appointment. The actual appointment of the team manager shall be made by AMA Headquarters and the FAI Executive Committee, in consultation with the chairman of the appropriate team selection committee. The FAI Executive Committee or Headquarters may select someone of their own choosing if not satisfied with the names submitted. The FAI Executive Committee has the authority to replace a team manager or team members. In addition to those duties described in the "World Championship Teams Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams", the team manager must submit to the Team Selection Committee a report documenting problem areas for future reference. The report is to be independent of the world championship report but should be sent to AMA Headquarters for distribution within 60 days after the world championship.

Budget

Up to 50% of the finals entry fees collected may be used for the finals expenses. The remaining team fund, including all the fees and donations, are primarily for financing the F3K team. The TSC shall allocate from the team fund monies for the following team expenses, but only to the limit of the fund:

1. Travel expenses not paid by AMA, such as vehicle rental and fuel for vehicles;
2. Baggage charges for model boxes (AMA does not pay for model box transportation)
3. Any other expenses approved by majority vote of the Team Selection Committee.

Rules Precedence

The document entitled "World Championship Team Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams" describes the standards by which all team selection programs are governed. Any items not specified within a team selection program will be covered under the "Procedures". In the event of a dispute or discrepancy, the "Procedures" will take precedence over a team selection program.