



2012 NATs Information

Please review this information. It will also appear in your NATs entry packet.

NATs policy:

The NATs policy in effect:

"A participant in competition as a non-flying helper Mechanic Information must be registered as a mechanic."

"All participants and/or pilots in any official or unofficial NATS Event(s) must be registered with NATS as either a NATS Competitor or Mechanic."

This means if you come to the NATs only for the non-rulebook events, you will still be required to register with NATs Headquarters. If you enter official events as well, you will automatically be covered as a "competitor", but if all you enter is non-rulebook events, you must still register.

NATs Schedule:

July 16-20, 2012

Event Director: Brian Silversmith

Monday July 16

F2C

NCLRA F2CN

Tuesday July 17

Slow Rat

Super Slow Rat - Fox Race

Wednesday July 18

Scale Race

NCLRA Quickie Rat

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Thursday July 19

Rat Race

NCLRA Clown Race

Friday July 20

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NCLRA Banquet:

The NCLRA Banquet and meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m. at the TBDL.

Special rules

1. All events will be flown by the official [AMA rules](#) except as noted below.
 2. Processing will occur immediately preceding each event.
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Fuel

Fuel for all events where fuel is regulated will be 10% Nitro and 20% synthetic/castor oil blend. Fuel with 20% all castor oil will be provided for Fox Race. Fuel will be generously supplied by Ritch's Brew.

Practice:

The circles are open for general practice on a first come first serve basis at the conclusion of each day's events, and in the morning prior to the close of processing. The official circle will be closed for practice when competition begins.

Note: Practice for the next day's events always has priority on the circles.

The site will NOT be available for practice on the weekend before the NATs until after official flying for the RC events and CL Scale have been completed.

Rules Enforcement:

You **MUST** familiarize yourself with the [current AMA CL Racing rules](#). They may be found on the AMA web site.

Specific items to note:

- There is an Outer Circle and an Inner Circle for each event. During a race, pitmen may NOT cross the Inner Circle without the express permission of the Event Director! All pitting activities **MUST** take place outside of the Outer Circle.
- You will be disqualified from the race if at ANY TIME the pilot steps outside of the Pitting Circle while his model is moving and not in the control of the pitman.
- All pitmen will be required to wear a helmet when involved in pitting activities.
- Flying heights as well as the maximum heights for passing were revised starting in 2007. **Please familiarize yourself with these rules!**
- Penalties when given will be an added time penalty equivalent to three laps for the event in question. (This is now an AMA rule.)

In addition, pilots **MUST** observe proper circle etiquette when landing and taking off:

- AMA rules require that during the start or any pit stop, the pilot **MUST** be bent over with their handle somewhere between the knee and the ankle.
- When taking off, a pilot **MUST** join the other pilots in the center of the circle immediately. It is essential that a pilot taking off NOT stand erect and stop somewhere out away from the other pilots!

It goes without saying that whipping and blocking and back-siding and any other flagrant pilot

activity will be penalized, whether it affects another pilot or not.

Counting and Timing:

As in years past you will be required to help out with the counting and timing responsibilities. Failure to help will result in no time for you in that event.

NCLRA NATs Racing Champion:

The NCLRA NATs Champion will be determined as follows.

- You may acquire points in all racing events. However, your 4 best will be used to determine your placing. You will receive points based on your placing in an event based on number of entries in that event: if there are "N" entries, first place will receive "N" points, second will receive "N-1", etc.
- You must be a member of the NCLRA to participate in this award.
- This award is an NCLRA award, and has nothing to do with any AMA awards.

For further information, visit the NCLRA website at <http://www.NCLRA.org>