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EXHIBIT A RULES CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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Send to AMA Headquarters via email at ruleschanges@modelaircraft.org. A copy will be forwarded to the appropriate Contest Board Chairman.

PROPOSAL TYPE (Check One): Basic Cross Indicate Original Proposal Number _____

Urgent/Safety/Emergency Interpretation

General Section Executive Council Outdoor Free Flight Indoor Free Flight CL Speed

CL Racing CL Navy Carrier CL Aerobatics CL Combat CL Special Events RC Aerobatics

RC Scale Aerobatics RC Pylon Racing RC Helicopter RC Soaring Scale Electric

Special Events RC Combat

Brief summary of the proposed change.

Where the person who originally constructed an Outdoor Free Flight model is deceased, physically or mentally infirmed or, due to age, is no longer able to actively compete, another competitor may fly that model in competition.

The model may not be flown by more than one competitor in any sanctioned contest. This will not apply to those models that were produced with the intent of being commercially marketed.

Exact wording proposed for the rule book. (List paragraph numbers where applicable. Example: Change “quote present rule book wording” to “exact wording required”.

Outdoor Free Flight: 1. Applicability

Change “In addition to the following General Free Flight Rules and the specific rules for each Free Flight event, Free Flight model aircraft construction, flying and competition are also governed by the rules of the following section: Sanctioned Competition, Records, and General. Although the following general and specific rules primarily govern competitive activity in AMA events, it is strongly recommended that, in the interests of safety and consistency, they be followed in all Free Flight activity.”

To “In addition to the following General Free Flight Rules and the specific rules for each Free Flight event, Free Flight model aircraft construction, flying and competition are also governed by the rules of the following section: Sanctioned Competition, Records, and General. The following exception to the Builder of Model rule will apply: If the person who originally constructed an Outdoor Free Flight model is deceased, physically or mentally infirmed or, due to age, is no longer able to actively compete, another competitor may fly that model in competition. The model may not be flown by more than one competitor in any sanctioned contest. This exception to the Builder of Model rule will not apply to those models that were produced with the intent of being commercially marketed. Although the following general and specific rules primarily govern competitive activity in AMA events, it is strongly recommended that, in the interests of safety and consistency, they be followed in all Free Flight activity.”

Logic behind proposed change, including alleged shortcomings of the present rules. State intent for future reference.
The National Free Flight Society (NFFS) OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES allow competitors to fly Free Flight models built by decaasd modelers in events governed and regulated by the NFFS. There has been no detrimental affect on NFFS competition as result of this. In fact, most consider it an honor to still compete with a deceased friend’s model. The present AMA rules basicly relegates to the trash heap perfectly good models of persons no longer able to actively compete with them in sanctioned competitions. These models are of no value (other than sentamental) to the infirmed/aged builder, surviving spouses and estates. Besides being an aid to attracting new Free Flight competitors and fostering current Free Flight competitors to try other events, I believe that most family and friends of once active Free Flighters would take some measure of joy in knowing part of the hobby they loved lives on. This rule change would still preclude the flying in AMA competition the mass produced, factory made models that are common in FAI competition.

New event test data/information (new events only), please provide what testing of this new event has taken place to include number of participants and number of contests.

Effect, if any, on current AMA records.

No effect on current AMA Records

Note: The Contest Board Chairman may, in coordination with the submitter of the proposal, at any time prior to submitting a proposal to the Contest Board for Final Vote, edit proposal wording to increase clarity and to avoid ambiguity provided the proposal intent is not changed.

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