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EXHIBIT A RULES CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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Send to AMA Headquarters via email at michelle@modelaircraft.org. A copy will be forwarded to the appropriate Contest Board Chairman.
The current issue of Competition Regulations must be used.

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. _____

Change the definition of Commercially available to allow the Contest Board to vote to make an engine or part illegal if it is no longer available to the general public and it gives some competitors an unfair advantage. Extend the procurement time to more accurately reflect market conditions for specialized racing components. Improve the notification process to use the official AMA and NMPRA Internet websites.

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

Change rule 2. Defined Terms

From:

Commercially available: An engine or part (parts include any item used for competing in the specific event, for example a propeller is a part) is commercially available if:

- a. An identical engine or part can be obtained within 14 days by any consumer at a price that is independent of who the consumer is; and

b. If an engine or part was once legal it is always legal, with one exception. The exception is if this engine or part is specifically made illegal by another rule; and

c. The manufacturer or other source has given notice required by subsection 6 of this section, Availability of Engines and Parts, and received a letter of approval from the chairman of the RC Racing Contest Board; and:

d. The following information is disseminated by means of a catalog, an advertisement in a regular AMA or reasonably calculated to bring it to the attention of RC pylon racing contestants:

- 1) Catalog number or other specific identification
- 2) Price; and
- 3) Name and telephone number of the manufacturer or other source.

To:

Commercially available: An engine or part (parts include any item used for competing in the specific event, for example a propeller is a part) is commercially available if:

a. An identical engine or part can be obtained within 30 days by any consumer at a price that is independent of who the consumer is; and

b. If an engine or part was once legal it is always legal, with two exceptions. The first exception is if this engine or part is specifically made illegal by another rule; The second exception is if this engine or part is no longer compliant with item a of this definition and a majority of the Contest Board votes to remove the engine or part from competition because it gives some competitors an unfair advantage; and

c. The manufacturer or other source has given notice required by subsection 6 of this section, Availability of Engines and Parts, and received a letter of approval from the chairman of the RC Racing Contest Board; and

d. The following information is disseminated by publication on the official AMA and NMPRA Internet websites to bring it to the attention of RC pylon racing contestants:

- 1) Catalog number or other specific identification; and
- 2) Price; and
- 3) Name and telephone number of the manufacturer or other source.

Logic behind proposed change, including alleged shortcomings of the present rules. State intent for future reference.

The current rule is not fair and discourages new racers when they cannot obtain the same equipment as other competitors or are not aware of the availability of new equipment. This rule change would allow the Contest Board to remove engines or parts from competition that are no longer available to all competitors and are giving some competitors an unfair advantage. This could also apply when an insufficient number of units are produced.

The time period for commercial availability has been increased to more accurately reflect market conditions for low volume racing items.

The current notification provisions are not adequate in that they are not consistent or timely. The official AMA and NMPRA Internet websites would provide a much better medium for providing this information.

The intent of rules requiring commercially available engines or parts is to promote fairness by allowing all competitors and equal chance of obtaining them. The existing rules are not effective in preventing some competitors from having an unfair advantage because they possess equipment that is no longer available for purchase new through normal retail channels.

It is not intended that this rule would be applied immediately or in a hasty manner when equipment becomes unavailable. For engines or parts produced in sufficient quantity they should remain legal for the remainder of the season/year or possibly the remainder of the rule cycle. In cases where only a few engines or parts are produced action could be taken more quickly to promote fairness of the event.

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.

N/A

Effect, if any, on current AMA records.

N/A

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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