

**2014 PRECISION AEROBATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
AMA NATIONAL FLYING SITE
MUNCIE, INDIANA
JULY 20-25, 2014**



**To: NATS Contestants
From: Bob Kane, 2014 Event Director**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sunday, July 20, Check in, Pilots' Meeting
- July 21 – July 23, Preliminary Rounds (All classes)
- Wednesday, July 23, 6:00pm Banquet and Awards for Intermediate and Advanced, Masters and FAI finalists announced
- Thursday, July 24, Final Rounds, Masters and FAI
- Thursday, July 24, Awards Presentation for Masters and FAI. Closing Ceremony
- Friday, July 25 is reserved as a rain day in case we need it

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the Wednesday night banquet!

WHEN YOU GET TO THE NATS SITE, CHECK IN

Drive to the Event Headquarters and check in. Headquarters for the Nats is at the main AMA headquarters building on your left when you come to the site. **NO EARLY CHECKINS WILL BE ALLOWED. Check in will begin on Sunday morning.** When you check in, you will be given your Contestant Package containing your contestant number and important information about the days ahead of you.

PILOT NUMBER TAG

In your Contestant Package you will receive a Pilot Number tag. This tag must be displayed when you approach the flight line. Your pilot number is your identification for judging and scoring purposes. Without your pilot number we have no way of identifying you. No Tag, NO Flight! If you lose your tag, you can get a replacement at Headquarters.

MODEL PROSESSING (Weigh and Measure)

Complimentary weight and measure checks will be available at the museum from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm on check in day, Sunday, July 20. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Later in the week, ALL aircraft will be weighed and measured at the end of at least one flight every day. At that point, any illegal aircraft will be scored zero for any round failing.

JUDGING

All US pilots should expect to judge. Every AMA contestant is required to be certified for judging and should be prepared to do so. **DO NOT miss your judging assignment.** If you miss your judging assignment your highest round score will be changed to a zero. **NO ON SITE JUDGING CLINIC WILL BE PROVIDED. THE TEST AND MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NSRCA WEBSITE. (www.nsrca.us)**

PILOTS MEETING

A mandatory pilots' meeting will be held at the Nats site at 5:00pm on Sunday, July 20. You will be given the meeting location at Check In. All pilots are required to attend.

Important: If you get detained and will miss the Pilots' Meeting, call Nats Headquarters at (765) 287-1256 ext. 261 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, you will be considered a no-show.

Agenda:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Introduction operations personnel
- Safety Briefing
- Final check of flight orders and judging assignments
- Judges' Briefing

OTHER WORK ASSIGNMENTS

Every pilot should expect to work one half-day. If you do not have a judging assignment you will probably be assigned some other task. If so, you will be notified.

PRACTICE

NO ONSITE PRACTICE IS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR. The field could open later in the day on Sunday, but there is no longer a reserved day for practice.

TRANSMITTER IMPOUND

All competitors are required to be on 2.4 so they will not be required to impound their transmitters.

WHERE WILL SCORES BE POSTED?

Intermediate and Advanced scores will be posted at site 4. Masters and FAI will be posted at site 1, site 3, and Headquarters.

Any questions regarding scores should be brought to the attention of the contest management starting with the Site Director, who will contact the appropriate person for resolution.

WEIGHT, SIZE, SOUND, AND REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ALL aircraft will be weighed and measured at the end of at least one flight every day. At that point, any illegal aircraft will be scored zero for any round failing.

No award will be given to a contestant with an illegal aircraft.

The Site Directors will check all aircraft for proper AMA numbers. Numbers are required in accordance with AMA Competition Regulations.

COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS

If you have any complaint, take it to your Site Director first. We expect your Site Director to be able to resolve most problems. If not, he will contact the appropriate people to handle the situation.

If you have a protest to file, you will receive specific instructions from your Site Director. AMA requires that all protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$50 protest fee. The \$50 protest fee will be returned to you if your protest is valid.

Protests that question site operations or flight line procedure must be filed within one hour of the occurrence.

Remember, the AMA NATS is a rule book event. It is your responsibility to prove your case using the current AMA rules.

BANQUET INFORMATION

NSRCA's Social Banquet, in conjunction with the awards presentation for Intermediate and Advanced, as well as the finalists announced for Masters and FAI, is being held on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. **BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE. PLEASE PURCHASE THEM EARLY SO WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT.**

And! On Thursday at 5:00 pm, the 2014 Awards Presentation for Masters and FAI will be held on site.

IN CONCLUSION

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the NATS. Come prepared to enjoy the best competition of the year. It's a good time full of great flying, excitement and fun. Be safe as you travel.

Thanks for supporting the 2014 AMA PRECISION AEROBATICS NATIONALS!

Bob Kane
2014 Event Director