

2009 FAI FREE FLIGHT TEAM SELECTION OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE CLASS F1E October 12, 2007

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

I. PROGRAM ENTRY

A participant must be a United States citizen or have been a legal resident of the United States for a minimum two years prior to entering the program. A participant must have a current AMA license. There are two age classifications for participants, which are Junior and Senior. A participant is a Junior if in 2009 he or she attains the age of 18 or is younger. Sending a written request and the program entry fee of \$20.00 to the AMA Competition Department will enter the participant in the 2009 F1E Program. Junior entries are exempt from paying the entry fee.

II. CERTIFICATION OF MODELS

In order to comply with the current FAI Sporting Code, (see Section 4B, par. B.15.6) each model must have processing vouchers as described below.

- A. Each model must have a FAI model specification certificate as depicted in Section 4B, Annex B.1.a.
- B. A sticker or marking to the pattern of the sticker shall appear on each model. Each model shall carry a model identification code (letters and/or numbers). The identification code is to appear on each part of the model (wing(s), tail, front and rear fuselage if detachable), so that the individual parts of a competitor's different models may be separately identified. The identification code of the nominated models will be recorded on the scorecard. An example is depicted in Section 4B, Annex B.1.b of the FAI Sporting Code. All models can be equipped with an automatic steering device which cannot be controlled by the competitor during flight. (FAI sporting code par. 3.5.1) Other regulations are as specified in the FAI Sporting Code for the Class F1E.

III. FINALS

- A. The site for the team selection finals should be similar to the sites in Europe where F1E is flown. The site should be usable for all likely wind directions.
- B. The date of the finals should be a minimum of 4 weeks before or after the F1A, B, C, team selection.
- C. Rules and format. The finals will be conducted in accordance with the FAI sporting code section 3.5 Class F1E – gliders. The finals will consist of ten rounds. Five rounds will be flown on each of 2 days. The first round will start at 10 am with each round being one hour in duration. There will be a one hour break between the third and fourth round. Rounds may be delayed, canceled or rescheduled by the contest director if the weather or site conditions do not allow for a sporting result. A minimum of five rounds must be completed to have a complete competition.

If a change of wind direction results in a change of the launch site to another location, the contest director shall postpone the start of the next round and move the launch area to the new location. When the move is completed, the next round shall start fifteen minutes after all of the contestants are present and ready to continue the competition.

The contest director shall decide the maximum duration of each flight, which will be between three and five minutes. Fly offs, if required, will start the same day the after the last round is flown, and will be flown from a location lower on the slope than the rounds competition.

- D. A three person jury shall monitor the conduct of the event and advise the Contest Director and deal with protests. The head jurist has the highest authority at the finals.

IV. FINALS ENTRY

All program participants are eligible to enter the team selection finals. The finals entry fee is \$50.00 payable to AMA' competition department no later than 30 days before the start of the finals.

V. TEAM SELECTION

Placing first, second or third in the Junior and also in the Senior category will qualify the participant to be on the 2009 FIE Junior or Senior Team.

The team manager shall be selected in accordance with AMA's world championship teams manual section VII. A.

The senior team will receive full funding in accordance with AMA's world championship teams manual section VI. The junior team will not be eligible for AMA funding.

VI. FINALS SITE SELECTION

The finals site will be chosen by the program participants from candidate sites approved by the FIE team selection committee from proposed sites submitted to AMA's headquarters before Jan. 1 2008. The site and date chosen will be announced by Feb. 1, 2008, unless negotiations are underway but not finalized on this date.

VII. 2009 PROGRAM BUDGET

FINALS EXPENSES \$500.00

This is to cover the cost of equipment and supplies required to run the finals and supplement the travel and lodging expenses for the contest director and non AMA supplied Jury members.

EXPECTED REVENUE

Program entry:	15 entries @\$20.00	\$300.00
Finals entry	10 entries @\$50.00	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total		\$800.00

REMAINING FUNDS

Any funds remaining after the finals will be made available to the Team Manager to be used for miscellaneous team expenses at his/and the team's discretion.

VIII. FINALS CONTEST DIRECTOR AND JURY

The F1E team selection committee shall submit the name of the prospective finals Contest Director and prospective jury members to the Free Flight Team Selection Committee for approval no later than April 15 2008.

IX. THE F1E TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

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