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## OFFICIAL 2009 F3B TEAM SELECTION PROGRAM

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### *Qualification*

No pre-qualification is required to enter the USA F3B Team Selection Finals.

### *Program Entry*

Program entries for the 2009 F3B team selection finals will be accepted from December 1, 2007 and ending 30 days before the finals. The pilot must be a current AMA member and have paid the program entry fee of **\$20** to be qualified to enter the team selection finals.

The finals will be held between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. The site and date will be determined by a vote of the Team Selection Committee (see Finals Site Bids). The finals entry fee of **\$75** is separate from the program entry fee, and must be postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the start of the finals. The start of the finals will begin on the day of on-site registration, check-in, or any pre-contest meeting which competitors are required to attend, if held prior to the actual competition date. Refund requests for the finals fee must be submitted in writing to AMA Headquarters, postmarked no later than five business days following the conclusion of the finals. A finalist entrant shall specify his team affiliation. The team will be selected at the finals where the top three finishers will constitute the team. The fourth place finisher will be the alternate. The contest rules will be in accordance with the FAI sporting code, excepting the modifications listed in this program. Protests must be submitted in writing within one hour of an infraction, accompanied by a \$20 fee. If the protest is rejected, the fee will be deposited in the F3B team fund. The protest fee shall be returned to the protester if the protest is allowed to stand. The F3B team selection finals shall be conducted over a three or four day period.

Upon making the 2009 F3B team, it is required to possess an FAI stamp.

### ***Jury***

A jury shall be impaneled at the finals to adjudicate disputes and/or protests arising over interpretation or implementation of the Sporting Code or finals contest rules. Authority of the jury is as described in document entitled "World Championship Teams Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams". There will be no appeal from decisions of the jury.

### **Team Manager Selection**

Team managers are expected to function in accordance with the World Championships Team Procedures Guide. In addition, the team manager must balance his/her responsibilities to AMA and the team. This may be difficult when the team's desires conflict with AMA requirements. Teams are funded by and represent AMA, thus team actions must not be encouraged or allowed which are at odds with AMA policies and directives.

#### **1. Pre-Finals**

Team manager appointments are preferred in advance of the team selection. When this occurs, the team manager is able to immediately provide leadership to begin team preparation.

When there are less than four months between the team selection event and the World Championship, the team manager must be appointed prior to the finals, and that person may not further participate in the selection program is he/she is so enrolled.

#### **2. Post-Finals**

When there are more than four months between the finals contest and the World Championship, the team manager may be selected after the finals, but that selection should not take place at the close of the event; a delay is preferable to afford adequate time to carefully consider all prospects.

#### **3. Nominations**

Team manager nominations will be accepted from the AMA membership community; groups which can be involved in this process may include: program participants, the presidents of AMA-recognized Special Interest Groups, previous and current team members and helpers, AMA HQ and the team selection committees.

A prospective team manager need not have been an FAI competitor. However, he/she must be thoroughly knowledgeable of the rules of the vent for which he/she is being considered.

#### 4. Appointment

The actual appointment shall be made by AMA HQ and the FAI Executive Committee in consultation with the chairperson of the appropriate team selection committee. The FAI Executive Committee may select someone of its own choosing if not satisfied with the names submitted. The FAI Executive Committee has the authority to replace a team manager or team members.

### ***Budget***

Up to 50% of the finals entry fees collected may be used for the finals expenses. The remaining team fund, including all the fees and donations, are primarily for financing the F3B team. The TSC shall allocate from the team fund monies for the following team expenses, but only to the limit of the fund:

1. Travel expends not paid by AMA, such as vehicle rental and fuel for vehicles;
2. Baggage charges for model boxes (AMA does not pay for model box transportation)
3. Any other expenses approved by majority vote of the Team Selection Committee.

### ***Rules Precedence***

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