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Academy of Model Aeronautics 2017 FAI F3A Team Selection Program

United States Team Selection for the 2017 RC Aerobatics FAI F3A World Championships will be via a single Team Selection Contest (TSC) held in conjunction with the 2016 US Nationals. The Academy of Model Aeronautics guide “World Championship Teams” will be used to conduct this program.

Participation in the 2017 F3A Team Selection Program requires candidates to meet the following criteria:

1. **Qualification.** AMA membership during the years of the program.
2. **Junior Qualification.** AMA membership during the years of the program. Junior candidates must be 18 or younger at time of the official start of the 2017 World Championships. (November 18 – 28, 2017).
3. **Program Entry & Team Selection Contest Entry.** All participants must submit a completed entry form, along with a Program Entry Fee of \$20, to the AMA Competition Department no later than July 1, 2016. A **late entry fee of \$50** will be accepted until the beginning of the 2016 Nats pilot meeting.

If a participant also wants to compete in the **Team Selection Contest**, they must meet the following requirements:

- a. Enter the 2016 US Nationals F3A event and pay all Nats associated fees.
- b. Pay an additional F3A Team Selection finals fee of \$20 to the AMA Competitions Dept. no later than July 1, 2016. Junior entrants are exempt from this fee. A **Late Entry Fee of \$40** will be accepted until the beginning of the 2016 Nats pilots meeting. (Absolutely no entries will be accepted after the Nats competitions have commenced.)
- c. Sign a “Conduct” document granting the Team Manager, with agreement of the AMA FAI Executive Committee, authority to remove signing entrant from the Team for conduct deemed to embarrass, discredit, or degrade the Team Program during entrant’s tenure as a Team member.
- d. Compete in the 2016 Nats F3A event and perform Nats work assignments.

4. **United States F3A Team.** The 2017 US F3A World Championship Team shall consist of the top three finishers in the F3A event at 2016 US Nats that have met the qualifications for TSC entry (Items 1 thru 3). Note: The Nats finals will consist of eight finalists as determined by the prelims/semis regardless of nationality or TSP participation.
5. **United States F3A Junior.** The US Junior entrant to the 2017 F3A World Championships will be the highest placing junior entrant at the 2016 US Nats who has met the qualifications for TSC entry (Items 1 thru 3). In the event that the highest placing junior also qualifies for the team by finishing in the top three, the second highest junior finisher that has met the qualifications will be the junior US entrant to the WC.
6. **TSC Format.** The TSC will be conducted according to the FAI Sporting Code for an F3A event, except as may be amended by the Team Selection Committee. The exact format will be determined by the Committee basis the number of program entrants and will be announced as that information becomes available. Event logistics will be formulated by the Committee and the Nats Event Director prior to the event and announced at the pilot meeting. The role of the Committee ends when the event begins and subsequent event decisions are the responsibility of the Event Director, CD, and/or Jury.
8. **Event Site/Date.** The event site will be that of the 2016 US Nats in Muncie, IN. The dates will be July 10 – 15, 2016.
9. **Finals Judges.** The F3A Nats / TS Finals will utilize 10 judges. Two additional “Zero Judges” will be used for the unknown rounds. The Committee and Nats ED will develop a plan to ensure a quality judge set before the event begins. That plan may include partial compensation for onsite judge / competitors extending their Nats stay to judge the finals, recognition, awards, etc. All finals judges must be NSRCA Certified for F3A events.
10. **Budget.** Reimbursement for expenses associated with the TSC will be along these guidelines upon approval of the Committee and AMA:
 - a. Event expenses shall be outlined in a budget submitted to the Committee by the host ED and are expected to be within the nominal range of \$1000.
 - b. The ED shall provide a detailed accounting of the event expenses to the AMA, with copies to the Team Selection Committee Chair within two weeks following the event.
11. **Team Manager.** Nominees and volunteers for F3A Team Manager will be accepted until June 15, 2016. Previous team selection program participants and the NSRCA are encouraged to offer nominees for the position. The Team Manager will be selected by vote of the Team members and two alternates, with final appointment by AMA HQ and the FAI Executive Committee. The 2017 United States F3A Team Manager will be introduced at the F3A Award Ceremony.

All Team Selection Contest documents are available from, and fees shall be paid to:

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