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AMA Competition Regulations Rules Change Proposal Form

Please complete this form and click on the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page. This will send the proposal to the Competition Department at AMA HQ. A copy will then be sent to the appropriate Contest Board Chairman. The current issue of the Competition Regulations must be referenced.

Proposal Number: RCSO24-01I

Received Date: 1/31/2022

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Version Number:

Proposal Type:

Interpretation

Applicable Competition Regulations this proposal relates to:

RC Soaring

Give Brief Summary of the Proposed Change:

Rule 7.2.3 requires a 10-second launch window spanning from the beginning of the initial buzzer to the END of the second buzzer. This would be difficult to implement and is almost certainly unintended. The original 10-second window requirement was meant to extend from the beginning of the initial buzzer to the beginning of the second buzzer. In other words, it was intended that if you hear the second buzzer and are still holding your plane then you're too late.

State exact wording proposed for the Competition Regulations. List paragraph number where applicable. Example: Change "quote present rule book wording" to "exact wording required".

7.2.3. Launching is to be done within a 10-second launch window. The flight is initiated during or after the initial "10 second launch window" buzzer. All pilots must launch their planes before the second launch window buzzer. A plane launched before the initial buzzer sounds or not launched before the second buzzer sounds will receive zero points for the round.

State logic behind proposed change, including alleged shortcoming of the present rule(s).

An early version of the 2017 rules said this:

7.2.3. Launching is to be done within a 10 second "Launch Window". The flight is initiated with

an initial “10 second launch window” buzzer. All pilots must launch their planes before the second launch window buzzer. A plane launched before or after the launch buzzer will receive 0 points for the round

The original intent was clear in the third sentence, but the fourth and final sentence was poorly worded and clearly needed to be corrected. However, in the course of correcting the final sentence the original intent was lost.

If this proposal is for a new event, include all event test data/information here. Please provide information on what testing of this new event has taken place to include number of participants and number of contests.

State effect, if any, on current AMA records:

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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