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AMA Competition Regulations Rules Change Proposal Form

The current issue of the Competition Regulations must be referenced.

Proposal Number: RCA24-05

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Revised Date:

Version Number:

Proposal Type:

Basic

Original proposal number.

Applicable Competition Regulations this proposal relates to:

RC Aerobatics

Give Brief Summary of the Proposed Change:

Judging Seminar or Test Requirement

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

Add a section, after Section 8, titled:

Contestant Judging

Fair and accurate contestant judging is essential for operation of an R/C Aerobatics Contest. Contestants should familiarize themselves with the current judging standards, the maneuver descriptions and downgrades as well as remain impartial. The CD may, at their discretion, require participants in a contest to attend a judging seminar or pass a judging exam as a condition for entry to the contest under the following restrictions: 1) a contestant must be able to complete this requirement at the contest site during registration and before the first pilot's meeting, 2) the CD will ensure that the required resources to complete the requirement are made available to the contestant and 3) any fees in implementing the requirement will be part of the contest budget. This requirement applies to all classes across AMA and FAI classes, including requiring completion for events outside the pilot's classification.

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

Under Section C of the Judging Guide, it recommends that the contest director or chief judge hold a briefing to attempt to make the judging standards as uniform as possible. However, the practice of the RC Aerobatics community is to require passing a judging certification exam as an alternative mechanism within the spirit of this recommendation. This rule will enshrine this formally within the rules as contestant judging is essential for a contest to function.

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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