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AMA Competition Regulations Rules Change Proposal Form

The current issue of the Competition Regulations must be referenced.

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Proposal Type: Basic

Applicable Competition Regulations this proposal relates to:

RC Fixed-Wing Scale

Give Brief Summary of the Proposed Change:

I propose a class redefinition and adjustment for event 520, Fun Scale, to allow further flight development of new scale competitors before they start competing against experienced and established competitors. This proposal establishes an intermediate division for the next level of competition and does not delete opportunities for established competitors to fly, but does allow new competitors further opportunities to learn how to fly in competition while competing with their peers.

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

For event 520 paragraph;

Change: "The intent of Fun Scale is to provide an RC scale event which is, and is to remain, simple in concept. There are two divisions of RC Fun Scale. Novice Division is for the novice contestant only. This is purely an ENTRY LEVEL division for RC scale competition. Expert Division is open to any contestant with previous RC scale competition experience. There are two Divisions within Expert.

1. Standard:

Aircraft modeled after full-scale aircraft with less than 200 HP engines, and without retractable landing gear, flaps or a controllable pitch propeller.

2. High-Performance:

Aircraft modeled after full-scale aircraft with 200 HP or more for power. They also may have retractable landing gear, flaps and a controllable pitch propeller.

3. Eligibility

The contest is open to modeler-built or factory-built RC scale models. There are no minimum size, weight, or power limits. The maximum weight and displacement limits are the same as for RC Sport scale, General. rule 4 (builder-flier) will not apply in this event. With advance notice, the event may be conducted in different classes based on skill or age level, i.e., Open, Entry, Junior, Senior, etc.

4. Static Judging

Static score will be zero (0) or five (5). Five (5) static points will be awarded to contestants who show documentation of outline and color resembling the subject aircraft, or similar aircraft of the era. Published 3-views, with or without color or markings, or box top renditions, are acceptable for documentation. Color and markings do not have to be specific to the model presented. That is all that is required to receive the static points.”

To: “The intent of Fun Scale is to provide an RC scale event which is, and is to remain, simple in concept. There are three (3) division of RC Fun Scale. Division #1, Novice Division, is for the novice contestant to compete only until the contestant has accumulated 30 points per the point system as defined in paragraphs 12.1 & 12.2. This is purely an ENTRY LEVEL division for RC scale competition. The competitor must move to another level of competition once the competitor achieves 30 points. The next level may be Fun Scale, Division #2, Intermediate Division, or any other class of competition. However, if the chosen next level is not Fun Scale Intermediate the competitor may not come back to the Fun Scale Intermediate level. Fun Scale Expert is available to all competitors. Division #2, Intermediate Division, is open to contestants progressing from Division #1 after they have accumulated 30 points competing in Division #1. The contestant competes in Division #2 until he/she has accumulated 30 points per the point system as defined in paragraphs 12.1 & 12.2. This is purely an INTERMEDIATE LEVEL division for RC scale competition. Division #3, Fun Scale Expert, is open to any contestant with previous RC scale competition experience. An awarded point system is not available in Division 3, Fun Scale Expert.

There are two Divisions within Expert.

1. Standard:

Aircraft modeled after full-scale aircraft with less than 200 HP engines, and without retractable landing gear, flaps or a controllable pitch propeller.

2. High-Performance:

Aircraft modeled after full-scale aircraft with 200 HP or more for power. They also may have retractable landing gear, flaps and a controllable pitch propeller.

3. Eligibility

All three division within event 520 are open to any modeler built, purchased built or factory built RC Scale model. There is no “builder of the model” that must be present to participate.

4. Static Judging

Static Judging is the same for all three divisions within event 520. Static score will be zero (0) or five (5). Five (5) static points are awarded to contestants who show documentation of outline and color resembling the subject aircraft, or similar aircraft of the era. Published 3-views, with or without color or markings, or box top renditions, are acceptable for documentation. Color and markings do not have to be specific to the model presented. That is all that is required to receive the static points.”

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

Competition Class 520 RC Fun Scale, Division #1, commonly called Fun Scale Novice, and the current Division #2, commonly called Fun Scale Expert, were originally established for those new to Scale Competition so that they might develop the flight skills for competition, competing within their peer level. As stated by the rules; “the intent of Fun Scale is to provide an RC scale event which is, and is to remain, simple in concept.” Division #1 is defined for the novice contestant at the entry level without prior contest experience. The current Division #2 is open to any contestant with previous RC scale competition experience.

Division #1 definition is unclear as to how long the novice competitor may enter. Division #2 is currently a collector class of experienced flyers, and many are top scale competitors, for those flying aircraft that has scarce or no documentation. I have heard of complaints from new competitors because they must fly against some of the top competitors in the hobby after moving out of Fun Scale Novice. So Division #2 has become another class for the top competitors in AMA Scale, some of whom have even participated in past FAI US Scale World Championships.

My proposal will allow further development for new competitors by allowing them to fly against their peers in Fun Scale Division 1 and the redefined Division 2 until they accumulate 30 points in each Division using the same point schedule as for Sportsman to Expert progression, as detailed in paragraphs 12.1 & 12.2.

So that there continues to be a place for the current experienced competitors flying in Fun Scale Expert, my proposal moves Division 2 Expert to Division 3 Expert.

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:

None

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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