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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 renaming and addition to event 520, Fun Scale, to allow further flight development of new scale competitors before they start competing against more experienced 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 of comparable skill levels. The new Fun Scale categories will be:

518 Pro/Am Sportsman- for the novice pilots

519 Pro/Am Pro- new intermediate class

520 Pro/Am Unlimited- for experienced competitors.

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 ;

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 Pro/Am Scale is to provide an RC scale event which is, and is to remain, simple in concept. There are three (3) divisions of RC Pro/Am Scale. Pro/Am Sportsman 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 will be Pro/Am Pro Scale, an Intermediate class of competition. The competitor must move to the next level of competition once the competitor achieves 30 points as defined in paragraphs 12.1 & 12.2. or chooses to move to a higher class. However, if the chosen next level is Pro/Am Unlimited, the competitor may not come back to the Pro/Am Pro Scale Intermediate level. Pro/Am Unlimited Scale is available to all competitors. Pro/Am Pro, Intermediate Division, is open to contestants progressing from Pro/Am Sportsman Scale after they have accumulated 30 points competing in Pro/Am Sportsman Scale. The contestant competes in Pro/Am Pro 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. Pro/Am Unlimited Scale is open to any contestant with previous RC scale competition experience, has competed in Expert or Master Class Scale, or chooses to move up voluntarily.

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

The event class name changes is to aid in the marketing to new contestants and make this class more palatable to some competitors at the Nats. The name change also brings AMA into alignment with other scale events such as Top Gun, Sale Masters, and NWSAM. In all cases once the name was changed the classes saw an increase in attendance.

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.

I can provide objective attendance data for the NWSAM scale events from 2011 to 2022. In 2011 there were on 2 entries in Fun scale novice. In 2012 there were a total of 9 entries in Fun Scale Novice and 5 in Fun Scale Expert. In 2013 the Fun Scale Classes were changed to Pro/Am classes. in 2013 there were 30 entries in the 2 Pro/Am classes. In 2016 the Pro/Am Class of Pro/Am Unlimited was added for a total of 3 Pro/Am Classes and our entries jumped to 63 entries. There were increases for all subsequent years, except 2020 where there was no events held. In 2022, there were 105 entries in the 3 Pro/Am classes.

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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