



### **225.1. General**

The Collegiate Program was established to increase the flying safety and the interest level of collegiate pilots in aerobatics, aerobatic competition, and the International Aerobatic Club (IAC).

### **225.2. Purpose**

The program is intended to be a springboard for competitors to continue their pursuit of competition aerobatics upon leaving the collegiate environment. Two awards exist which serve to recognize skill and proficiency for the Collegiate aerobatic competitor:

- (a) The Collegiate National Championship Team Award
- (b) The Individual Collegiate National Champion Award

### **225.3. Program Administration**

The Executive Director works closely with the committee to implement administrative procedures to manage the program. Program oversight and administration is provided by the Collegiate Program Committee. This committee consists of a Chair and a minimum of two additional committee members to be selected and serve at the discretion of the Chair.

### **225.4. Program Guidelines**

The program is intended to encourage interest in aerobatics through collegiate competition. Safety is always first and foremost a priority. Second, is the inclusion of as many college student competitors as possible. It is the intent of this program to sharpen pilot skills in the categories where they can be the most rewarded in terms of pilot ability and collegiate recognition. Rules are intended to encourage as many students as possible to participate and for those students to safely fly in as many competitions as their schedules permit while recognizing the aerobatic achievements of the competitors.



**225.5. Eligibility**

Students are eligible for contests flown in the season before beginning college and the season following graduation within that calendar year.

**225.6. Award Criteria**

The purpose for Collegiate National Championship Team Award is to recognize the highest scoring U.S. collegiate team. The Individual Collegiate National Champion Award recognizes the top three (3) highest scoring individual collegiate competitors in the Sportsman or higher categories.

**225.7. Award Qualifications**

**225.7.1. Team Qualifications**

A qualified collegiate team competing for the **Collegiate National Championship Team Award** must:

- (a) Be full-time undergraduate students who are enrolled in the same accredited college, junior college, or vocational aviation program such as an FAA-approved Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic program.
- (b) At each contest registration, participating collegiate competitors must identify themselves and the college at which they are currently enrolled with the contest registrar.
- (c) Declare their intent to participate in the Collegiate Program when registering for a contest by checking the appropriate box when selecting your school on the Contest Registration Webpage. Confirm with the contest registrar that you have declared your intent to participate at each contest. Scores will be submitted to IAC Headquarters along with the usual contest data. All competitions will be conducted exactly as normal with the exception of this small administrative change.



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- (d) Have at least one of the team members fly in the Sportsman category in at least three (3) IAC sanctioned contests.
- (e) Team members flying in competitions above the intermediate category will not have their totals counted towards the team score however, their scores may qualify them for the individual award program.
- (f) IAC Contest Rules allow for Non-Powered Teams to compete using the Power Primary sequence with the appropriate changes for non-powered flight.
- (g) By the end of the year, the university must have had at least three (3) pilots competing in three (3) IAC-sanctioned competitions. One team pilot flying in the Sportsman category must compete in at least three (3) IAC-sanctioned competitions for the team to be eligible to receive the Collegiate Team Award. For collegiate pilots who choose to fly in more than three (3) contests, only the highest scores from a total of three (3) contests will be used to determine the overall team standings.
- (h) For teams with more than three (3) team members, only the scores from three (3) team members, with will be used to determine the overall team standings. To choose which team members' scores will be used, the following procedures will be followed:
  - 1. Scores from the highest scoring pilot flying three (3) contests in the Sportsman category or above will be selected
  - 2. Scored from the next two (2) highest scoring pilot flying three (3) contests regardless of category will be selected.
  - 3. The average of all three pilots' scores will determine a team's final standings.

225.7.2. Individual Qualifications

A qualified collegiate competitor competing for the **Individual Collegiate National Champion Award** must:

- (a) Be a full-time undergraduate student who is enrolled in an accredited college, junior college, or vocational program such as an FAA-approved Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic program.



- (b) Compete in the Sportsman category or above.
- (c) An individual competitor may be denied permission to compete in a category above their skill level if an issue of safety is determined by either an individual's team coach or by the contest director/chief judge.
- (d) At each contest registration, participating collegiate competitors must identify themselves and the college at which they are currently enrolled to the contest registrar.
- (e) Declare their intent to participate in the Collegiate Program when registering for a contest by checking the appropriate box when selecting their school on the Contest Registration Webpage. Confirm with the contest registrar that they have declared their intent to participate at each contest. Scores will be submitted to IAC Headquarters along with the usual contest data. All competitions will be conducted exactly as normal with the exception of this small administrative change.
- (f) Compete in at least three (3) IAC-sanctioned competitions. For individuals who choose to fly in more than three contests, only the highest scores from a total of three contests will be used to determine the individual overall standings.
- (g) To calculate the individual scores, only the pilot's top three scores will be used in determining the individual overall standings.

## **225.8. Presentation of Awards**

### **225.8.1. Master Trophy**

The master trophy will recognize both the collegiate team and the highest scoring collegiate individual winner. The master trophy remains on display at IAC Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

### **225.8.2. Traveling Team Trophy**

One "traveling" team trophy will be awarded to the university of the first-place collegiate team. This trophy will reside at the university until the end of the following competition season or until such time when a new first-place collegiate team is chosen.

### **225.8.3. Team Trophies**

First, second and third place team trophies will be awarded to the university of these winning collegiate teams.



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- 225.8.4. Individual Trophies  
Individual trophies will be given to the top three highest scoring individual collegiate award winners.
- 225.8.5. Trophy Presentation  
Individual and Team trophies will be presented at the annual members gathering held in Oshkosh Wisconsin during EAA Airventure