

IAC Rule Changes For The Year 2008

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08-1	B. Howard	Changes the process for handling minority zeroes.	7.3.3 7.3.4 7.3.7	Minority zeroes would be replaced by the Average grade of the judges who gave a non-zero grade.	The current rule of replacing minority zeroes with at least the lowest grade given by the majority of the judges is often unfair to the pilot, labor intensive, and prone to error on the judging line. By substituting the average grade for minority zeroes, the result is more fair to the pilots and can be done automatically by the scoring software.
08-4	V. Cruse	Eliminates the requirement for an FAI license for Unlimited pilots in IAC contests.	1.10(e) 2.1	1.10(e) - DELETE 2.1 - Strike last sentence of last paragraph	No country other than the U.S. requires an International License to fly a domestic contest. This is an unnecessary requirement of IAC Unlimited competitors and should be taken back to the purpose it was intended to serve, to allow US Team members to fly at International, FAI-sanctioned, events. Approval for this Rule Change has been obtained from the National Aeronautic Association, effective beginning January 1, 2008.
08-13	Poehlmann	Balances the relative values of the Known, Free, and Unknown in Intermediate with Advanced and Unlimited.	5.5.8	Change "150K" to "175K"	The current ratios between the Known, Free and Unknown (or Flights 1, 2, & 3 in Sportsman) are: 1:1:1 in Sportsman 1:1:0.79 in Intermediate 1:1.3:1.2 in Advanced 1:1.4:1.3 in Unlimited. This change will bring the ratios to: 1:1:1 in Sportsman 1:1:0.92 in Intermediate 1:1.3:1.2 in Advanced 1:1.4:1.3 in Unlimited for a more consistent progression.

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08-15	V. Cruse	Adds figures to the list of legal figures for the Intermediate Unknown.	Appendix 3	Adds figures: 7.25.1 (no rolls on final 45 deg line) 7.33.3 (no rolls on final 45 deg line) 7.35.1 7.37.3 7.38.1 7.38.4 8.33.4 (no rolls on vertical down line) 8.39.4 (no rolls on vertical down line) 8.41.1 (no rolls on 45 deg line) 8.45.1 (Maximum of one rolling element. If used, roll at top either 9.1.3.4 or 9.9.3.4) 8.57.1 (no rolls on vertical line) 8.59.3 (no rolls on vertical line) 8.60.3 (no rolls on vertical line) 8.65.1 (no rolls on vertical line) 8.65.4 (no rolls on vertical down line)	Many pilots complain that the Unknowns for Intermediate are too simple and the gap between Intermediate and Advanced is too large. One way of adjusting this is by the addition of additional unknown figure for use in the category Unknowns. The recommended figures were chosen to be flyable by Super Decathlon class aircraft and without exceeding normal aerobatic G-limits (+6g, -3g).
08-17	G. Dungan	Adds an alternate method for National Judges to maintain National Judge currency.	2.6.3(e)	In addition, an IAC National Judge will revert to "Regional-N" currency unless they have either: (1) Attended an approved IAC "Advanced Aerobatic Judging" seminar or the "recurrency portion" (2nd day) of an approved IAC "Introduction to Aerobatic Judging" seminar within the previous three (3) calendar years; or (2) Performed as a Judge of the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships in the previous contest year.	Adds an alternate method for National Judges to maintain National Judge currency that recognizes his or her participation at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, which requires a "Judging Refresher" course conducted by the IAC Judge Program Chair or their designee. Judges who regularly perform as grading judges at the U.S. Nationals are presumed to have demonstrated a high level of understanding of the rules and grading criteria.
08-18	T. Adams G. Dungan B. Howard	Make signaling of all program starts and stops mandatory.	4.16	Implement changes throughout this section to make signaling of all program starts and stops mandatory in addition to the current mandatory signaled restart after a competitor initiated interruption.	Eliminates confusion on the Judges line and provides one unique and unambiguous signaling requirement for competitors and judges.

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08-19	T. Adams	Reduces the minimum amount of time required before the Unknown can be flown.	5.5.4 NOTE: In order to carry this proposal forward, the original submitter's proposal has been amended by the Rules Committee.	The Unknown sequences will be made available to the competitors by the Contest Director no later than twelve (12) hours prior to the time the program is scheduled to be flown. The minimum time may be waived entirely if there is unanimous agreement among all pilots in the effectuated category. Practice of Unknown programs is prohibited.	The minimum time for review of the Unknown can be lowered slightly without compromising safety. The shorter time period will make it easier to fly the Unknown as the second flight Program should weather conditions threaten to limit the total number of contest flights. If weather conditions merit, the minimum time can be waived entirely in the interest of completing at least two contest flight, if all pilots within the effectuated category agree to it.

