

IAC Rule Changes For The Year 2011

The following changes to the IAC Official Contest Rules book were approved by the Board of Directors at their November 2010 meeting and will become effective 1 January 2011.

No.	Synopsis	Effected Rule	Proposed Rule Change	Rationale
11-1	Modifies two Intermediate Unknown figures for increased safety and "flyability" in lower performance airplanes.	Appendix 3 Intermediate	Family 8.57.1: Delete optional roll symbol on the 45-degree up line. Family 9.9.2.4: Delete 45-up snap roll	These two Unknown figures are difficult to impossible for a low-performance Intermediate airplane to fly and present possible safety issues if poorly executed.
11-4	Allows for separate "Best First Time Sportsman" awards for power and glider categories.	3.9.2	Change to: "A separate award also will be given to each of the highest placing first-time Sportsman competitors in the power and glider competitions. Awards for other special categories as currently defined and recognized by the IAC shall also be presented as appropriate."	The current rule does not differentiate between the power and glider categories. As glider pilots are at somewhat of a disadvantage with the absolute grades given by many judges, power pilots have an unfair advantage when it comes to winning the "Best First-Time Sportsman" award if both power and glider pilots are considered as a single group. The change makes clear that if gliders are competing there shall be separate awards for each aircraft category.
11-5	Removes all references to Hot Box Panels.	4.13 4.14.3 4.14.4 4.14.5 et al.	Delete all references to Hot Box Panels in the rule book. Make the smoke bomb the standard backup recall device to the radio.	Numerous rules address the procedures to be used in the deployment and use of Hot Box Panels. As panels have gone the way of the Mann Lamp in aerobatic competition, these rules are unnecessarily adding bulk to an already hefty rule book.
11-6	Allows motor gliders competing in the glider category to "self launch".	2.3(s)	Change to: (s) Motor gliders are permitted to compete in Glider competition, provided the engine is shut down from the time the motor glider is cleared into the box to the time it exits the box.	There is no reason why a motor glider should have to arrange for and incur the expense of a tow plane if it is capable of self-launching. Certain motor gliders, often referred to as Touring Motor Gliders (e.g., the Grob G-109), don't even have tow hooks and thus are totally excluded from competition under the current rule. As long as the engine is not used during the actual sequence, no advantage is accrued by the motor glider self-launching and using the engine for recovery to the airport if desired/necessary.

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11-9	Changes wording of rules governing new applicants for Regional Judge to make it easier to understand and manage.	2.6.1	<p>(a) Completing an approved IAC “Introduction to Aerobatic Judging” course (introductory and refresher portions) within the current or previous contest year prior to application for Regional Judge Certification. If the applicant completed an “Introduction to Aerobatic Judging” course prior to the previous contest year, then completion of either the recurrency portion of the “Introduction” course or and “Advanced Aerobatic Judging” course within the current or previous contest year may be used to satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>(b) Passing the current IAC Regional Judge Exam with a minimum score of 80% within the current or previous contest year prior to application for Regional Judge Certification.</p> <p>(c) Performing the duties of Assistant to a grading Judge (recording does not suffice) for no less 40 flights, of which 10 are Advanced or Unlimited, within the current or previous contest year prior to application for Regional Judge Certification.</p>	<p>This change serves two purposes: The first is the more subtle, but significant, in that it provides an editorial change in wording regarding judge training courses to provide for alternative forms of delivering training besides, or in complement of in-person attendance. The second purpose of this change modifies the rule on how long prior to application said training must be completed. The time interval of “the current or previous contest year” is only slightly different than the old rule and although the revised wording makes the window of eligibility variable, it much easier for the membership to understand and for the Judge Program Chair to manage without adversely affecting the quality of judges.</p>
11-10	Changes wording of rules governing new applicants for National Judge to make it easier to understand and manage.	2.6.2	<p>(a) Completing an approved IAC “Advanced Aerobatic Judging” or “recurrency portion” of an approved IAC “Introduction to Aerobatic Judging” course within the current or previous contest year prior to application for National Judge Certification.</p> <p>(b) Passing the current IAC National Judge Exam with a minimum score of 80% within the current or previous contest year prior to application for National Judge Certification.</p> <p>(c) Performing as a Regional Judge in at least 3 contests for no less 80 flights, of which 25 are Advanced or Unlimited, within the current or previous two contest years prior to application for National Judge Certification.</p>	<p>This change serves two purposes: The first is the more subtle, but significant, in that it provides an editorial change in wording regarding judge training courses to provide for alternative forms of delivering training besides, or in complement of in-person attendance. The second purpose of this change modifies the rule on how long prior to application said training must be completed. The time interval of “the current or previous contest year” in 2.6.2(a) and (b) and “the current or previous two contest years” in 2.6.2(c) are only slightly different than the old rule and although the revised wording makes these windows of eligibility variable, it much easier for the membership to understand and for the Judge Program Chair to manage without adversely affecting the quality of judges.</p>

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11-11	Simplifies the administration of the IAC "Current Judges" list.	2.6.3(d) Fig. 2.6.1	DELETE paragraph 2.6.3(d) MODIFY Figure 2.6.1 accordingly	It defies logic that a Judge is unqualified to grade flights due to neither grading a mere 30 flights in the previous contest year, nor attending a judge school in the previous two contest years, but then still be qualified to supervise those who have met those same requirements! It should be noted that in any given contest year, there are rarely more than one or two "Regional-Chief Only", "Regional-N-Chief Only", or "National-Chief Only" judges appearing on the IAC Approved List of Judges. These three states of "Chief Only" currency provide extremely little value balanced against the administrative burden of continuing to carry them in the IAC rules. Furthermore, with the advent of more options on the near horizon for Judges to receive the required "continuing education" required to regain currency, deleting these three "Chief Only" currency states would pose no significant impairment to the IAC Judge ranks.