Policy and Procedures
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1. General

Due to its Letter of Agreement with the National Aeronautic Association outlined in *IAC Policy and Procedures Manual* Sections 302 and 302A, the IAC is indirectly tied to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Lausanne, Switzerland. FAI is the world sanctioning body for sport aviation and its authority extends to most aviation disciplines including aerobatics.

The NAA Letter of Agreement requires IAC to represent the United States at appropriate FAI air sports commission meetings. In the case of aerobatics, the applicable air sports commission is the Commission Internationale de Voltige Aerienne (CIVA). This commission meets once a year with various subcommittee meetings at different times throughout the year. Each member country is entitled to send a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to CIVA meetings. CIVA establishes rules for world, international, and continental championships at these meetings.

2. Program Administration

The IAC Board of Directors has the authority to elect the CIVA Delegate, the Alternate Delegate and the Alternate to the Alternate Delegate (Second Alternate). Terms of office for these delegates shall be two years or longer at the discretion of the IAC Board of Directors, which shall elect them by means of a majority vote.

3. Program Policy

a. Contest Rules

While CIVA Regulations and sections of the FAI Sporting Code are applicable to world, international and continental championship competitions, this does not extend to contests held within the United States that are not of this type. Thus, such competitions as the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships are held strictly in accordance with *IAC Official Contest Rules*.

As a matter of policy, however, the Board of Directors, through the Rules Committee, will make every effort to insure standardization from the world level down to the local competition in the rules that affect every pilot. Such standardization limits itself, for the most part, to judging standards, size of the aerobatic zone, and the aerobatic catalog of figures in use. However, this is ultimately determined by the Board of Directors.

b. U.S.A. Proposals to CIVA

The CIVA Delegate is responsible for preparing the United States proposals to CIVA. He or she will make every effort to coordinate the formulation of these proposals with the Board of Directors and members of the U.S. Aerobatic Team, when such proposals affect team pilots. Proposals for rules changes are submitted to FAI Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland by 1 May of each year, Sequence proposals are submitted by 1 September. The CIVA Delegate will notify the IAC Board, IAC Rules Committee, and current U.S. Aerobatic Team members, and Unlimited Aerobatics USA (when proposals affect the Unlimited Category) when the proposals are posted on the CIVA website.

The delegate may also be called upon to submit proposals at other times during the year if CIVA requires such submissions for sub-committee meetings. The delegate will be authorized complete flexibility regarding these proposals and their coordination. In all cases, he or she should review his or her work with the President of IAC. The President will ensure that appropriate people, such as the IAC Board of Directors, Unlimited Aerobatics USA Board of Directors, IAC Rules Committee, and U.S. Aerobatic Team members, are notified of the work that is being done.

In the event of major changes occurring at FAI and CIVA that would affect IAC pilots at all levels, the delegate will seek approval of the IAC Board of Directors regarding U.S. positions on such matters. In the event these major changes would affect U.S. Aerobatic Team members, the delegate will also confer with the U.S. Aerobatic Team members and Unlimited Aerobatics USA regarding
U.S. positions on such matters.

To assist in the preparation of U.S. proposal submissions to CIVA and U.S. positions on CIVA matters, a CIVA Relations Committee has been formed. This committee will meet prior to all CIVA meetings to review the proposals. The following persons shall be automatic members of the committee: CIVA Delegate, CIVA Alternate Delegate, CIVA Second Alternate Delegate, IAC President, IAC Rules Committee Chairman, Unlimited Aerobatics USA President or designee, a representative of the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team, and such other members as the Board of Directors will appoint.

c. Other Country's Proposals to CIVA

The CIVA Delegate will notify the IAC Board, Unlimited Aerobatics USA, IAC Rules Committee, and current U.S. Aerobatic Team members when other nation's proposals are posted on the CIVA website.

d. Expenses

In the formulation of the annual budget, the IAC Finance Committee will be responsible for the allocation of adequate funds to cover travel expenses for the delegate, alternate delegate, second alternate delegate and U.S. subcommittee technical specialists as it deems appropriate. The Finance Committee will keep in mind that the U.S. presence at such meetings has a significant impact on the future direction of the sport of aerobatics. The IAC President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may negotiate an agreement with Unlimited Aerobatics USA to cover some portion of these costs. If such an agreement is reached, it will be appended to this Section as Section 205A.