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Subject: Rules Program

1. General

The purpose of the Rules Program is to:

1) Review and recommend rule changes to the *IAC Official Contest Rules*
2) Review and recommend Known compulsory sequences for use during each IAC contest year
3) Provide Unknown sequences to be used at IAC-sanctioned regional contests.

The Rules Program is overseen by the IAC Rules Committee, which is charged with the responsibility of representing the wishes of the membership, providing direction for building safe and reasonable sequences, promoting safe competition, and insuring standardization between the IAC and CIVA in the rules that affect IAC pilots.

2. Program Administration

The Rules Program is administered by the IAC Rules Committee. Members will be selected who represent a varied viewpoint, background, and experience in order for the decisions of the committee to be carefully and thoroughly derived. The following persons shall be automatic members of the committee:

IAC President – ex-officio Member
CIVA Delegate or Alternate Delegate
Judges School Chairman
Glider Aerobatics Chairman
Four members-at-large

3. Program Policy

A. Rule Changes proposed by the Membership

1) Any new rule or rule change that may alter the intent of an existing rule shall pass through the full rules proposal cycle outlined below. Typographical errors, or changes to the text or illustrations that only serve to clarify an existing rule may be changed in the *IAC Official Contest Rules* without further involvement from the IAC Board of Directors.

2) Rule changes may be submitted by any member to the Rules Committee Chairman. These proposals must be submitted to the Rules Chairman no later than the deadline published in the Foreword of the current *IAC Official Contest Rules*. This date will also be posted on the IAC website.

3) Each proposed rule change shall include:

   a. Name and contact information for the proposing member;
   b. A synopsis of the proposed change;
   c. A reference to all current rules affected by the change;
   d. The proposed change itself;
   e. The rationale behind the requested rule change

4) All proposed rule changes will be reviewed by the IAC Rules Committee.
5) All Proposed rules changes approved by the Rules Committee will be posted on the IAC website for member comment.
6) Final approval will be made by the IAC Board of Directors at the Fall Board meeting.
7) Approved rule changes go into effect on January 1 of the calendar year following Board approval (see flow chart).

B. Rule Changes as a Result of the CIVA Delegate's Report

1) The Rules Committee will evaluate CIVA approved rule changes and make recommendation to the IAC Board of Directors whether or not to adopt those changes into IAC competition.
2) CIVA changes to the Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue (Condensed) will be automatically adopted by IAC on January 1 of the calendar year following CIVA approval.

C. Proposed Known Sequences

1) Proposed Known sequences may be submitted by any member to the Rules Committee Chairman no later than the

deadline published in the Foreword of the current *IAC Official Contest Rules*. This date will also be posted on the IAC website.

2) Sportsman and Intermediate Proposed Known Sequences
   a. Proposed power Sportsman Known sequences shall be flyable by aircraft without inverted fuel or oil systems, in the class of 115hp Citabrias.
   b. Proposed power Intermediate Known sequences shall be flyable by aircraft in the class of Great Lakes.
3) The Rules Committee will review all proposed Sportsman and Intermediate sequences and select ~~a~~ candidates from each category based on: adherence to the Aresti System and IAC Official Contest Rules; appropriate level of difficulty for the category; safety; and flyability by the baseline aircraft.
4) The Rules Committee Chairman will ensure that copies of the Primary Known (if changed from the previous year) and Sportsman and Intermediate (power and glider) proposed Known sequence submissions are provided to the Known Sequence Committee for review. The Known Sequence Committee shall consist of not fewer than three IAC members, with representatives from both power and glider competition, chosen for their knowledge of competition aircraft, sequence construction, and overall competition experience.
   The Committee will review each sequence and provide a report of their nonbinding recommendations to the IAC Board in sufficient time for consideration prior to the Fall Board meeting. This report will also be posted on the IAC website for member review.

5) Advanced and Unlimited Proposed Known Sequences
   a. The Rules Committee will review the approved CIVA compulsory sequences for the Advanced and Unlimited Power and Glider Unlimited categories to determine if the sequences are suitable for IAC sanctioned competition.
   b. The Committee will take into consideration that the Advanced category sequence must be flyable by aircraft in the class of a Pitts S2B.

6) The candidate Sportsman and Intermediate Known sequences (Power and Glider) chosen by the Committee, and all sequences proposed as candidates for the CIVA Advanced and Unlimited (Power and Glider) Knowns will be posted on the IAC website for member comment.

7) At the Fall Board meeting the Board may take only one of three actions:
   a. Approve a Known sequence without change for use in the upcoming competition year
   b. Reject candidate sequences in their entirety; or
   c. Return a sequence to the Rules Committee with recommendations. Should a sequence be returned to committee, the Rules Chairman will respond within 10 days to the Executive Committee, who will be empowered by the Board of Directors to accept or reject the changes.
8) Approved Known sequences shall become effective on January 1 of the calendar year following Board approval.

D. Unknown Sequences

The Rules Chairman is responsible for providing IAC headquarters with Unknown sequences to be used at IAC-sanctioned competitions. These Unknowns must be flyable by the respective category's according to the *IAC Official Contest Rules*.
The Rules Chairman may or may not compose and draw these sequences and is authorized to seek as many knowledgeable and experienced IAC members baseline aircraft and legal to perform these duties as may be necessary.
This section does not apply to Advanced and Unlimited Unknowns for IAC Championship events, which will be devised as outlined in IAC *Policy and Procedures* Manual, Section 500.

E. Additional Duties

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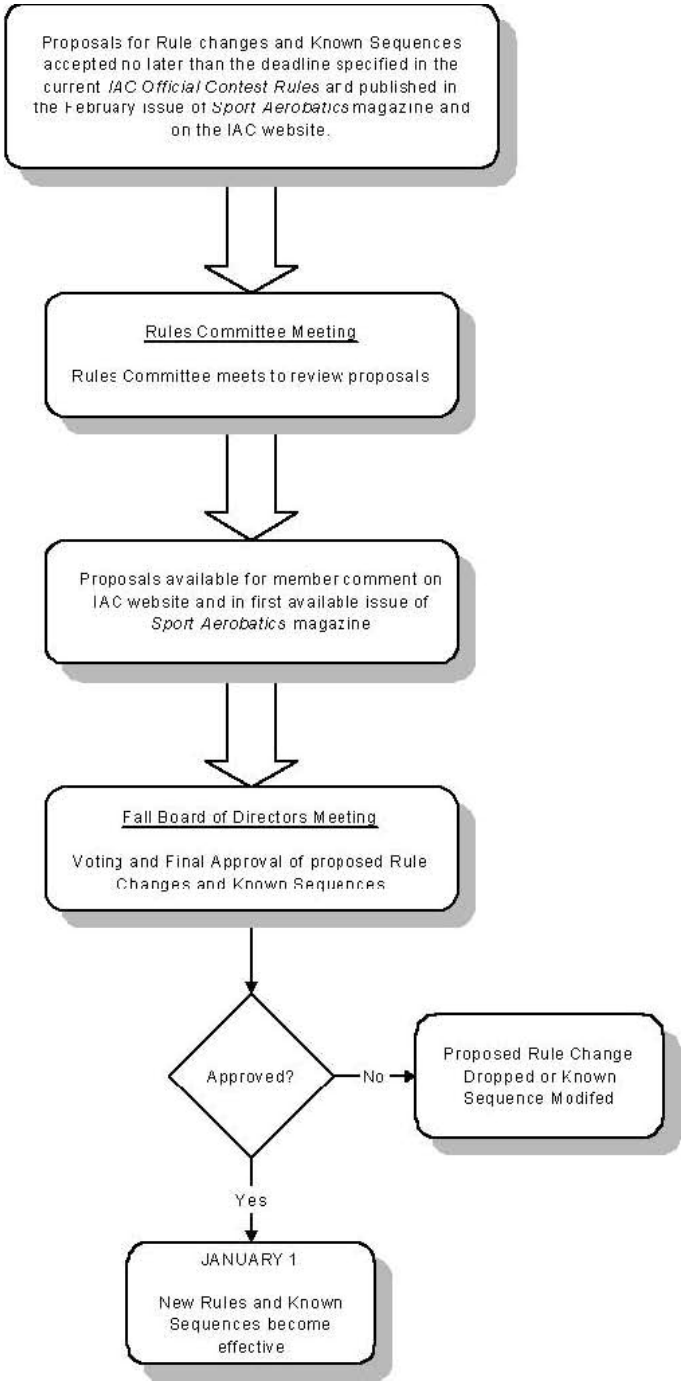
1) The Rules Chairman shall provide all Board-approved rule changes to the IAC *Official Contest Rules* book editorial sub-committee for inclusion in the IAC *Official Contest Rules.*

2) The Rules Chairman will coordinate with the Judges Program Chairman to recommend changes to the content of the Judges' Schools and Judges Certification Program to reflect any new or changed rules.

4. Flow Chart


Proposals for Rule changes and Known Sequences accepted no later than the deadline specified in the current IAC Official Contest Rules and published in the February issue of Sport Aerobatics magazine and on the IAC website.
Rules Committee Meeting
Rules Committee meets to review proposals
Proposals available for member comment on IAC website and in first available issue of Sport Aerobatics magazine
Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Voting and Final Approval of proposed Rule Changes and Known Sequences
Approved?
No
Proposed Rule Change Dropped or Known Sequence Modifed
Yes
JANUARY 1
New Rules and Known Sequences become effective