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General:

A Contest Jury is appointed for all IAC Championship Events such as the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships to assure these events are properly monitored and supervised, held in strict accordance with the *IAC Official Contest Rules*, and to insure greater supervision of this event.

Policy:

a. The Jury will consist of a Chairman, who will be approved by the Executive Committee of the IAC Board of Directors, plus at least 5 members selected by the Contest Director in consultation with the Jury Chairman. One or more alternates will be chosen in the event a member cannot serve.
b. All contest Jury members will be selected by the Contest Director in consultation with the Jury Chairman.
c. In every US Nationals, the Chairman of the IAC Safety committee will be the 6th member of the Jury. Should the Safety Chairman not be present one of his Committee members will be selected by him to serve in his absence.
d. The IAC Executive Committee has the authority to approve or reject any Jury Member on the list provided by the Contest Director.
e. In the selection of Jury members, the Contest Director shall take into account the following:
    1. Experience of candidates. If possible, at least one member should have Advanced category experience and one additional member with Unlimited category experience.
    2. Contest background.
    3. Knowledge of rules and precedents.
    4. Stature within the sport of aerobatics.
    5. The Jury Chairman may not be the Contest Director.
f. Any action to be taken by the Contest Jury requires a quorum of three Contest Jury members. Therefore, at least three Jury members must be available at all times during the "working hours" of the contest.
g. If a Jury member determines that the contest is being run in violation of *IAC Official Contest Rules* he/she will contact the Contest Director and the category Chief Judge and advise him/her of the problem. If the problem is not corrected, the Jury member will consult with the remainder of the Jury. The Jury is authorized to stop the contest until the deviation is corrected or resolved. The contest can then proceed with the permission of the Contest Jury.
h. The Contest Jury is authorized to hear protests from contest participants. Protests will be conducted in accordance with 3.17 of the *IAC Official Contest Rules*. Exceptions to this policy are those rules referencing the Contest Director. For IAC Championship events, the Chairman of the Jury will receive all protests and will preside over the meetings of the Jury.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Areas of responsibility of Jury members will be as follows:
   1) Flight line operations.
   2) Weather
   3) Computer Room
   4) Boundary Judges
   5) Judges Line

b. Jury Member Duties will be as follows:

   1. Each Jury member will be assigned one of these areas on a daily basis with rotation to occur at a time set by the Chairman of the Jury. Generally, this will take place at mid-day depending on the progress of the contest.
   2. Jury members will be expected to monitor all aspects of the area they are assigned during their duty period to make sure it is run in accordance with the rules and in keeping with good contest practice.
   3. Discrepancies will be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Jury who will discuss them with the Jury at the debriefing session held at the end of each flying day, if necessary, or who will discuss them with the Contest Director or other applicable officials.
   4. Jury members are expected to answer questions, if asked, at their duty areas.
   5. Jury members assigned to "flight line operations" will attend any pilot briefings held during that period that would affect the contest operation during their time on duty.
   6. Interpreting the general rules, the judging rules, and the general regulations of the contest.
   7. Participating in Jury selection of Unknown sequences in accordance with IAC Policy and Procedures Manual Section 503.2.

Facilities:

The Contest Directors of these events will be responsible for providing the necessary facilities for the Contest Jury to complete its work, including office space for meetings, and any technical support it might require.