Policy and Procedures
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1. General

IAC Championship events are defined as events involving direct expenditure of club funds, that are run in the name of the International Aerobatic Club, and that involve the awarding of prestigious and significant titles in the aerobatic community.

2. Policy

The IAC Board of Directors has the authority to establish the following areas of control for all IAC Championship events:

a. Approval of Contest Director: The appointment of all IAC Championship Event contest directors will be made by the IAC Board of Directors in ample time to perform his/her responsibilities. The contest directors may be asked to make periodic reports to the Board on event planning. The President will act as the liaison between the Board and the contest directors.

b. Budget: The IAC Finance Committee has the authority to allocate funds for IAC Championship events as part of the annual budgeting process. The contest directors of IAC Championship events are expected to observe these budgetary limits and report any extraordinary anticipated expenses to the IAC Executive Director.

c. Contest Juries: The Contest Jury will be selected in accordance with IAC Policy and Procedure 505.

d. Contest Staff:
   1) The contest directors for all IAC Championship events have the authority to select contest officials. Approval of any selection is not required by the IAC Board of Directors.
   2) Contest Director, Chief Judges, and Volunteer Coordinator will be compensated for their participation at each competition. This compensation will consist of either a prepaid single-occupancy room at the headquarters motel for the duration of the competition, or a payment equivalent to the single room rate at the designated headquarters motel for the duration of the competition at the sole discretion of the IAC Board of Directors.

e. Dates and Location: The IAC Board of Directors has the authority to establish the dates and locations for all IAC Championship events.

f. Establishment of Supplemental Rules/Regulations and Policies: The IAC Board

of Directors has the authority to establish supplemental rules and regulations to the *IAC Official Contest Rules* and supplemental policies for IAC Championship events.

g. Event Administration:

1) The contest directors for all IAC Championship events will be responsible for overall contest administration including all duties and responsibilities delegated to contest staff.
2) IAC Headquarters will be responsible for administration of all special events and activities peripheral to the administration of the contest itself including all duties and responsibilities delegated to event staff.
3) A sample organizational structure is attached as a guideline only. IAC Board of Directors approval is not needed to modify this organizational structure where the change does not alter the intent of any existing rule or policy.

h. Judges: Judges will be selected for each category of competitions in the following manner:

1) All current IAC National Judges will be invited to participate no less than 90 days prior to the start of the Championship.
    a) Judges who provide an affirmative response of plans to attend and willingness to judge the U.S Team Selection category for the entire contest no later than 75 days prior to the start of the Championship will be placed on a ballot of "U.S. Team Selection Judges" as follows:
        (1) Judges who will also be competing in another category in the Championship will not be placed on the ballot if their category is scheduled to fly immediately following the Team Selection category unless they specifically indicate they will be available to judge prior to flying in the next scheduled category. A competition schedule will be made available when the Judges are invited to participate.
        (2) Judges names will be organized on the ballot according to the IAC Region in which they reside.
        (3) The ballot will be provided to all pilots declaring for a spot on the U.S. Team (Advanced-Power, Unlimited-Power, Unlimited Glider) who have completed the pre-registration paperwork, including the required entry fee no later than 45 days prior to the start of the Championship. The ballot will instruct the U.S. Team aspirants to vote for no more than

two judges in each IAC Region.

(4) Completed ballots will be forwarded via e-mail to the Volunteer Coordinator at the end of the pre-registration process.

(5) The Volunteer Coordinator will count all ballots received by the deadline and then rank the team selection according to the number of votes received. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the date of each judge's response and then by a random draw conducted by the Volunteer Coordinator. Any ballot with votes for more than two judges in any region or any "write-in" votes will result in the votes for that region on that ballot being discarded.

(6) The Volunteer Coordinator will contact each Judge, starting with the highest ranking, giving each Judge an opportunity to accept or decline judging the category until there are seven confirmed Judges for each U.S. Team Selection Category.
In the event that a judge who had initially accepted the invitation to judge is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities at the contest site, the next highest ranked judge present at the competition will be asked to judge. All judges present will be asked in rank order to substitute before any unranked judge will be used as a replacement.

b) Judges who provide an affirmative response of plans to attend and willingness to judge at least one category for the entire Championship, including those who respond after the deadline for inclusion on the U.S. Team Selection Judge ballot, will be selected by the Volunteer Coordinator to judge the remaining categories as follows:

(1) Judges will be selected for each category based on Regional location, the individual judge's preference, and experience.

(2) Judges who will also be competing in another category in the Championship will not be selected to judge the category scheduled to fly immediately prior to their category unless they specifically indicate they will be available to judge prior to flying in the next scheduled category. A competition schedule will be made available when the Judges are invited to participate.

c) All Judges will be notified of their selection no later than 40

days prior to the start of the Championship.

2) The contest director will receive a copy of the confirmed list of Judges for the Championship.

3) The Contest Director will schedule a Judge Refresher Course on the *IAC Official Contest Rules*, judging criteria, and specific procedures related to judging at the U.S. National Championships. This Judge Refresher Course will be conducted by the IAC Judge Program Chairman or their designee immediately prior to the start of the Championship. All judges who will be judging the Championship will be required to attend.