



## U.S. National Aerobatic Championships

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Greetings members of the IAC. Spring is finally upon us, and with it comes the start of the 2023 contest season. I, like many of you, am looking forward to getting back into the contest box and spending time amongst dear friends, many of which we only have the pleasure of seeing at IAC events.

Planning and preparations for the 2023 U.S. Nationals in Salina continues. As a reminder, the official contest dates are September 24-29. Practice dates will be September 21-23. Contest registration will be opened on the IAC contest calendar beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. As always, registration and payment are required to reserve a practice slot on the official practice day (Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>) via the IAC website. Practice on unofficial practice days (Sept 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be coordinated onsite or via email with Gary Debaun and Jeff Granger, who do an exceptional job keeping us safe and on-schedule each year.

The Hilton Garden Inn will once again serve as the official contest hotel and host the Sunday Mixer (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>) and the awards banquet on Friday evening (Sept 29<sup>th</sup>). A separate event will be organized on Thursday evening (Sept 28<sup>th</sup>) for the presentation of the individual flight medals and the auction. This event is in the very early stages of planning, but will be an evening filled with fun, laughter, and celebration.

Discounted hotel rates have been negotiated with the Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn and the Courtyard by Marriott. The discounted rate of \$109 will be available to IAC pilots through August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton and August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton and Marriott. I recommend making reservations early. This discounted rate is only available by phone. Please mention that you are with the IAC when making the reservation. Contact information for each hotel is below:

Hilton Garden Inn: (785) 309-0440  
Courtyard by Marriott: (785) 309-1300  
Hampton Inn: (785) 823-9800

The national's planning team has elected not to negotiate discounted rental car rates with a particular vendor for the 2023 contest. There are several items that led to this decision, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may create for you. We have notified the rental car

companies onsite at KSLN of the contest and recommended additional inventory be available to support participants and volunteers.

The registration fees for the 2023 Nationals are as follows:

Collegiate - \$250

Military - \$300

Primary - \$300

Sprt-Unl - \$480

4-Minute Free - \$100

Hangar - \$125

Fundraising for the contest continues. To those companies and individuals who have graciously supported the IAC and the national contest in the past, thank you! We hope you'll consider continuing your support once again this year. If you would like to donate this year, please reach out to the national's treasurer, Robin Simmons, at [acronats@outlook.com](mailto:acronats@outlook.com). The IAC is a 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible. The U.S. Nationals provides a unique advertisement opportunity to companies. Sponsors will be featured in the contest program, on the contest website and in Sport Aerobatics magazine. Additionally, Lorrie Penner is working hard to expand the IAC's social media footprint and viewership of the contest livestream on YouTube, which will also feature our sponsors.

I am incredibly grateful for the support given by the many volunteers who step up to help seamlessly execute the national contest year after year. The bar has been set high and the goal of this year's team is to continue that legacy of excellence. That said, this is not our contest...it is yours. We want to hear from you! Feel free to contact me at [shadcoulson@gmail.com](mailto:shadcoulson@gmail.com).

There are few things I value in life more than my free time. I will be the first to acknowledge that a week away from the various personal and professional commitments we all juggle to attend the IAC Nationals can be a difficult task to navigate. I hope many of you will choose to attend and we look forward to welcoming you to Salina in September.

Respectfully,  
Shad Coulson  
Contest Director