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## **221.1. General**

- 221.1.1. The purpose of the Rules Program is to review and recommend rule changes to the IAC Official Contest Rules which represent the best interests of the membership.

## **221.2. Program Administration**

- 221.2.1. The Rules Program is administered by the IAC Rules Committee. Members will be selected who represent varied viewpoints, backgrounds, and experience in order for the decisions of the Committee to represent the views of the membership at large. The following persons shall be members of the Committee:

- (a) IAC President – Ex Officio Member
- (b) CIVA Delegate or Alternate Delegate
- (c) Judges Program Chair
- (d) Glider Aerobatics Chair
- (e) Up to four (4) members-at-large appointed by the Chair

## **221.3. Program Policy**

### **221.3.1. Rule Changes proposed by the Membership**

- 221.3.1.1. Any new rule or rule change that may alter the intent of an existing rule shall pass through the full rule proposal cycle outlined below.

- 221.3.1.2. Rule change proposals may be submitted by any member to the Rules Committee Chair.

These proposals must be submitted to the Rules Chair 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.

- 221.3.1.3. Each proposed rule change shall include:

- (a) Name, membership number, 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.
- 221.3.1.4. All proposed rule changes found or made suitable by the Rules Committee will be posted on the IAC website for member comment, the close of which shall not be later than 10 days prior to the Fall Board Meeting.
- 221.3.1.5. The Rules Committee will evaluate all proposals and member comments and publish its recommendations for each proposal with sufficient time for review by the IAC Board of Directors prior to the Fall Board Meeting.
- The rules committee shall strive to keep the rule book short, both by heavily scrutinizing the wording of rule proposals and by recommending against the inclusion of any rule change that is unnecessary.
- 221.3.1.6. The IAC Board of Directors will review the published recommendations at the Fall Board Meeting and return decisions to the rules committee for implementation.

### **221.3.2. Rule Book Maintenance**

- 221.3.2.1. The Rules Chair shall ensure all Board-approved rule changes are incorporated into the subsequent edition of the IAC Official Contest Rules.
- 221.3.2.2. 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 involvement from the Board of Directors.
- 221.3.2.3. All changes to the IAC Official Contest Rules shall be clearly marked.
- 221.3.2.4. Approved rule changes go into effect on January 1st of the calendar year following Board approval.

### **221.3.3. Emergency Rule Change Proposals**



- 221.3.3.1. By majority vote of the IAC Board of Directors, rule changes may be adopted outside of the normal schedule, after a sufficient period for member and rules committee comment.
- 221.3.3.2. Additional Rules Proposals resulting from issues arising at the most recent U.S. National championships will be accepted up to one week following the close of that contest. This does not include any submissions which solely affect U.S. Nationals, Team Selection, and the IAC Policy & Procedures which govern Nationals.

#### **221.3.4. Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue Changes**

- 221.3.4.1. CIVA changes to the Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue (Condensed) will be automatically adopted by IAC on January 1st of the calendar year following CIVA approval.

#### **221.3.5. Additional Duties**

- 221.3.5.1. The Rules Chair will coordinate with the Judges Program Chair to recommend changes to the content of the Judges Schools and Judges Certification Program to reflect any new or changed rules.
- 221.3.5.2. The Rules Chair will notify the IAC IT Technical Committee Chair of any IAC Board-approved rules changes that may impact contest scoring or other IAC software processes.
- 221.3.5.3. The Rules Chair will notify those maintaining OpenAero, and other non-IAC software known to be commonly used by members, of any IAC Board-approved rules changes that might impact that software.
- 221.3.5.4. The Rules Chair shall ensure that all references to the IAC Rule book in IAC communications (web site, P&P, the rule book itself) are made using rule titles rather than rule numbers. This is to prevent broken references to renumbered rules after an insertion or deletion.