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Section: 701
Selection of U.S. Aerobatic Teams

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701.1 Mission

The mission of the U.S. Aerobatic Team selection process will be to field teams of pilots who can and will win the World Champion Team and individual World Champion titles.

701.2 Delegation of Authority

In accordance with its Letter of Agreement with the National Aeronautic Association found in IAC Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 301, the IAC is responsible for the selection of all U.S. Aerobatic Teams and for U.S. participation in World Aerobatic Championship events.

701.3 Process for Team Pilot Selection Conducted at the US Nationals

701.3.1 Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for selection to any team that is being selected at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships (“Nationals”), a pilot must be a registered Nationals competitor or receive a waiver to this requirement. The pilot must sign the Aerobatic Team Agreement (“Agreement”) in advance of the first flight at the Nationals.

The pilot must, at the time of the first flight, meet all applicable FAI eligibility requirements for the applicable World Championship, and be eligible, including citizenship or residency requirements, for an FAI Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association.

701.3.2 Number of Selections

The number of selected pilots shall not exceed the maximum permitted by the applicable FAI Sporting Code, including any gender limitations as stated therein.



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701.3.3 US Nationals Team Selection Process

Pilots will be selected in this order of priority:

a) Pilot Selection Based on Demonstrated World Championship Success

Team Pilot slots on the U.S. Aerobatic team shall be awarded to all pilots who;

(1) meet the Demonstrated Success criteria listed below,

(2) notify the IAC Board of Directors of their intention to accept a Demonstrated Success team slot prior to Nationals,

(3) compete at the Nationals in the team selection year in the team selection category.

A pilot earns a Demonstrated Success team slot by achieving one of the following at the immediately preceding World Championship in the category for which the Pilot seeks team selection:

- 1) Overall first place
- 2) Overall second place
- 3) Overall third place
- 4) Four Minute Freestyle first place
- 5) First place in any flight, ranked according to score
- 6) Any pilot finishing in the top 10 overall standings

In the event the number of pilots selected by Demonstrated Success exceeds the maximum number of team members allowed by section 701.4.2, above, team member slots shall be filled in the order listed. Pilots earning a top 10 overall finish shall be taken in their order of finish.



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b) Pilot Selection Based on Nationals Ranking

Team member slots not filled by Demonstrated Success shall be filled based upon rank order of finish at Nationals. A pilot must achieve a minimum overall score of 65% to qualify for a team member slot. The Known flight and at least one other flight must be flown before the Nationals ranking process is considered complete.

701.4 Process for Team Pilot Selection for teams not using the U.S. Nationals Selection Process

701.4.1 Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for membership on any U.S. Aerobatic Team that is not using the Nationals Process (701.4) the pilot must sign the Agreement and Code of Conduct for Team Pilots and Other Team Members (“Agreement”), must meet all applicable FAI eligibility requirements for the applicable World Championship, and be eligible, including citizenship or residency requirements, for an FAI Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association. These requirements must be documented and submitted with the Team Proposal as described below. For Advanced Glider, the pilot must also meet the eligibility requirements of FAI Sporting Code, regarding previous Unlimited World Glider Championship experience.

701.4.2 Team size

Team sizes shall not exceed the maximum permitted by the applicable FAI Sporting Code, including any gender limitations as stated therein.



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701.4.3 Non-US Nationals Team Selection Process

Pilots interested in representing the U.S. at the World Championships for any team not being selected via the Nationals process, must either:

- 1) Be selected by a Chair appointed by the Board of Directors (e.g. Glider Chair), in which case this Chair is responsible for appointment of the Team Manager and all initial Team Members, with notification to the Board of Directors.
- 2) submit a Team Proposal to the IAC Board of Directors, preferably at the Fall Board meeting in the year prior to the World Championship event.

Proposals may be submitted by any IAC member and must include the names of proposed Team Pilots, Manager and Captain. The Team Captain and Manager positions may be held by one person and may be a Team Pilot.

There may be more than one Formation team from the U.S. as permitted by the FAI Sporting Code. Each team must submit a Team Proposal.