



2024 IAC Nationals - Bulletin 1

September 22-27, 2024
Salina, Kansas

Greetings members of the IAC. Spring is finally upon us, and with it comes the start of the 2024 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 for the 2024 nationals began before the conclusion of the 2023 contest. We have assembled a great team of volunteers, many of whom are returning from last year and were instrumental to the success of the 2023 contest. That team is hard at work organizing and finalizing the various elements of the contest. Keep an eye on future issues of Sport Aerobatics, In the Loop, IAC social media channels, and the Nationals section of the IAC website for additional information in the months to come.

During my short time with the IAC, I have noted our reliance on the same group of core judges and volunteers. It is my hope to continue building a more robust cadre of judges and volunteers in the coming years to allow those who have served so devotedly to take some time away or to enjoy the sport and contest in other capacities if they so choose. Let me use this opportunity to challenge each of you to get involved in your regional contest or at the upcoming nationals. Begin building your knowledge base as a judge, scorer, registrar, volunteer coordinator, contest direct, etc. We will need your knowledge, participation enthusiasm and support in the future if we hope to continue the legacy of the IAC and the nationals in years to come.

The 2024 nationals will once again be held in Salina, KS. Official contest dates are September 22-27. Practice dates will be September 18-21. Discounted hotel rates have been negotiated with the Hilton Garden Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, and the Hampton Inn. For those wishing to stay at the Hilton, the discounted rate of \$112 will be available to IAC pilots through August 14th. For those wishing to stay at the Courtyard or Hampton, the discounted rate of \$112 will be available to IAC pilots through September 3rd. 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 2024 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.

Contest registration will be opened on the IAC contest calendar beginning May 15th. As always, registration and payment are required to reserve a practice slot on the official practice days (Sept 21st & 22nd) via the IAC website. Practice on unofficial practice days (Sept 18th-20th) 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 registration fees for the 2024 Nationals are as follows:

Collegiate - \$250
Military - \$300
Primary - \$300
Sprt-Unl - \$480.00
4-Minute Free - \$100
Hangar - \$125

I am honored and humbled by the confidence entrusted to me by the IAC BOD and the members of this community. I'm looking forward to serving as the CD once again and building on the success of the 2023 contest. 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 many of you to Salina in September.

Respectfully,
Shad Coulson
Contest Director