



504.1. Mission

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

504.2. Policy

504.2.1 Member Comment Period

When any proposed changes are made to Section 504, there will be a two-month member comment period before the IAC Board of Directors casts a final vote to approve the proposed policy changes. IAC members should direct their comments to the IAC Director assigned to their region or to an address provided by IAC.

504.2.2. Delegation of Authority

504.2.2.1. In accordance with its Letter of Agreement with the National Aeronautic Association found in IAC Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 302, IAC is responsible for the selection of the U.S. Aerobatic Teams and for U.S. participation in World Aerobatic Championship events.

504.2.2.2. Once a pilot has been chosen through the IAC team selection process and enters the training program, he or she will be considered a “member” of that U.S. Aerobatic Team until the next team is chosen.

504.3. IAC Team Selection Process

504.3.1. Unlimited Power Team Eligibility Requirements

504.3.1.1. To be eligible for membership on the U.S. Unlimited Power Aerobatic Team, a pilot must be a registered Unlimited Power competitor at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. The pilot must declare intent to try out for the Team and must sign the *Code of Conduct* and the *Declaration Document & Pilot Agreement* in advance of the first flight at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships.



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- 504.3.1.2. The pilot must be eligible, including citizenship or residency requirements at the time of the first flight, for issuance of an FAI Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association.
- 504.3.1.3. The two highest scoring U.S. Unlimited Power Team members who placed in the overall top ten at the most recent World Aerobatic Championship (WAC) will automatically be selected as the first members of the next Unlimited Power Team as long as CIVA has gender specific aerobatic teams. If both men and women place in the top ten at WAC, one man and one woman will be chosen. They will not be required to attend the U.S. Nationals for team selection. These pilots must commit to take these team positions, and so notify the IAC President in writing, by January 1st of the year for the selection of the next team. If a pilot elects to take one of these positions, then they will agree to attend and fly in the European Championships during the selection year. If this is not accomplished, that pilot will forfeit his/her place on the team.
- 504.3.1.4. Whatever flight programs are actually completed at the end of the competition will determine a pilot's qualification for the U.S. Unlimited Power Team. The Known flight and at least one other flight must be flown before the selection process is considered complete.
- 504.3.1.5. After the combined results are compiled, equal numbers of men and women adding up to the total team size allowed by current CIVA regulations will be selected by IAC in rank order within gender category as qualified for the U.S. Unlimited Power Aerobatic Team.
- 504.3.1.6. In the event that too few pilots of either gender qualify to make up half of the team, qualifying pilots may be added to the team in rank order, up to the maximum number of pilots of either gender allowed by CIVA regulations.
- 504.3.1.7. In the event that a member of the Team is unable to participate in the World Aerobatic Championship, a pilot(s) may be added to the Team, provided that pilot(s) meets all of the eligibility qualifications previously specified in this section, and that pilot(s) ranks next in the team selection order of finish at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, subject to the current CIVA allowed maximum number of pilots of either gender.



504.3.2. Advanced Power Team Eligibility Requirements

- 504.3.2.1. To be eligible for membership on the U.S. Advanced Power Aerobatic Team, a pilot must be a registered Advanced Power competitor at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. The pilot must declare intent to try out for the Team and must sign the *Code of Conduct* and the *Declaration Document & Pilot Agreement* in advance of the first flight at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships.
- 504.3.2.2. The pilot must be eligible, including citizenship or residency requirements at the time of the first flight, for issuance of an FAI Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association.
- 504.3.2.3. Whatever flight programs are actually completed at the end of the competition will determine a pilot's qualification for the U.S. Advanced Power Team. The Known flight and at least one other flight must be flown before the selection process is considered complete.
- 504.3.2.4. After the results are compiled, eight (8) pilots will be selected by IAC in rank order, without regard to gender, as qualified for the U.S. Advanced Power Aerobatic Team.

504.3.3. Glider Team Eligibility Requirements

- 504.3.3.1. Glider Team selection is not conducted at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. The IAC Glider Chairman will be responsible for gathering the names of potential team pilots and will present these names for approval to the IAC Team Council. The Council will review the list of candidates for the teams and will approve or disapprove the nominations. This will be done not later than the Fall Board meeting. The IAC Board of Directors will review and approve the team selected by the Council. Pilots must sign the *Code of Conduct* and the *Declaration Document & Pilot Agreement* before their appointment to the Team by the Board of Directors.
- 504.3.3.2. The pilot must be eligible, including citizenship or residency requirements, for issuance of an FAI Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association.
- 504.3.3.3. For Advanced Glider, the pilot must also meet the eligibility requirements of FAI Sporting Code, Section 6, Part 2, regarding previous Unlimited World Glider Championship experience.



504.4. Entry Fee Payments

All Team entry fees will be handled between team members and the FAI World Championship organizers and not routed through IAC's Team Restricted Funds.

504.4. Judges

504.4.1. The process for judge selection shall be as set forth in IAC Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 501.4.