



**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

# ***BLUE BOOK***



**PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE  
ACADEMY'S SPONSORSHIP OF  
FAI TEAMS**



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# INTRODUCTION

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Aeromodeling is an international sport. The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), headquartered in Switzerland, is the governing body for international competition in sport aviation, including aeromodeling.

Under the umbrella of the FAI are national aerosport control organizations, which are given the responsibility of governing the participation of each country's competitors in FAI activity.

For the United States, the designated national aerosport control is the National Aeronautic Association (NAA). The NAA delegates control of particular international sport aviation activities to other organizations known as divisions. The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as a division of NAA is responsible for model aviation.

In order for the United States to participate in the international arena of competitive model flying, the Academy allocates a portion of AMA dues money to FAI activities. As well as the factor of national pride, our investment helps to ensure that the United States is in the forefront of technical process, which is the natural result of FAI competition.

As a result of these benefits, AMA is committed to a major program of support for US teams. The program encompasses the process of team selection and sending the teams to the various World Championship venues. The object of the program is to have the US represented by teams of highly skilled AMA members and world-caliber competitors within a budget authorized by the Academy's board of directors, the Executive Council (EC).

The Academy's team selection programs are considered to be activities within the jurisdiction of the Academy's president as defined in AMA's Bylaws, Article XII, Section 4.

However, the EC is the body which sets the policies considered expedient for the overall management of the FAI programs. The president does not act in conflict with the determinations of the EC.

At the discretion of the president, there exists an FAI Executive Committee. It comprises three or more members appointed by the president. It is empowered to resolve disputes and rule on or offer clarifications for time-critical problems for which solutions are not found in the program management documents.

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# I. ESTABLISHING, SPONSORING, FUNDING FAI OPEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

AMA recognizes the importance of participating in international aeromodeling competitions, especially at the World Championship level. As such, AMA will fund and support a team for every event where the FAI/CIAM has established a World Championship event and for which sufficient interest is shown by AMA members, with approval by AMA’s FAI Executive Committee. AMA will fund teams at a level as described in Section I.C.

The following are the team selection programs recognized at the time of printing that will be supported and may be **CONSIDERED** for funding for the respective World Championships.

Outdoor Free Flight	F1A, B, C, Q (Senior) F1A, B, P (Junior) F1E	Odd Year World Championships Even Year World Championships Odd Year World Championships
Indoor Free Flight	F1D (Junior) F1D (Senior)	Even Year World Championships (Concurrent)
Control Line	F2A, B, C, D	Even Year World Championships (Concurrent)
RC Aerobatics	F3A	Odd Year World Championships
RC Thermal Duration	F3B	Odd Year World Championships
RC Helicopter	F3C, N	Odd Year World Championships (Concurrent)
RC & Electric Pylon	F3D, E	Odd Year World Championships (Concurrent)
Slope Soaring Gliders	F3F	Even Year World Championships
RC Thermal Duration	F3J (Junior) F3J (Senior)	Even Year World Championships (Concurrent)
Hand-Launch Gliders	F3K (Junior) F3K (Senior)	Odd Year World Championships (Concurrent)
Indoor Aerobatic	F3P	Odd Year World Championships
RC & CL Scale	F4B,H	Even Year World Championships
Electric Motor Glider	F5B	Even Year World Championships
Electric Thermal Duration	F5J (Junior) F5J (Senior)	Odd Year World Championships (Concurrent)
Space Models	S (Junior) S (Senior)	Odd Year World Championships (Concurrent)

Since from time-to-time FAI will add additional World Championship qualified events, this table will be updated as teams are created (refer to Sect. 1.A. below on the Establishment of a New Team Program).

See Section I.C and Section V.A for team make-up and funding. The FAI rules regarding team make-up may be found in the FAI CIAM Sporting code in Section C.5.3.

## A. Establishment of a New Team Program

A petition to establish a new team program must be submitted to the AMA FAI Coordinator with names, signatures, and active AMA membership numbers of at least twenty (20) AMA members



interested in actively participating in the team selection process. (These should not be members who simply feel the establishment of a team is a good idea, but rather members who will participate in the team selection process if established.) The petition must be submitted at least eighteen (18) months prior to the scheduled World Championship. After the review, the AMA FAI Coordinator will submit the petition to the FAI Executive Committee for approval.

Upon acceptance of the petition, the AMA FAI Coordinator will announce the preliminary establishment of the team and invite all interested members to participate. AMA FAI Coordinator will establish a Team Selection Committee for the event. The formation, responsibilities and authorities of the Team Selection Committee are defined in Section II of this document.

## **B. Support of a Team**

The AMA FAI Coordinator and FAI Executive Committee are responsible for and will:

1. Work directly with the AMA president and the FAI Executive Committee.
2. Monitor the cycle's progress and initiate activity if necessary.
3. Implement the program(s) format as approved.
4. Coordinate the selection process for committee members, chairpersons, and the finals contest director.
5. Certify team members and accomplish all other administrative details necessary, as well as other requirements specified or implied in the programs.
6. Handle all mailings for the committees and chairpersons and other support functions as required or requested by the committee chairpersons.
7. Monitor the accumulation and use of the team funds. Will disburse from the team funds according to the guidelines found in each program, HQ requirements, and requirements set forth in this document.
8. Handle all correspondence with FAI and World Championship organizers.
9. FAI Executive Committee certifies team membership at the conclusion of a team selection program.

## **C. Funding of a Team**

Team funds are generated by the entry fees of program participation, donations, and other sources. The management of these funds, receipt, deposit, disbursement, banking, accounting, and reports will be by the AMA FAI Coordinator. The team funds will earn interest as determined by the AMA comptroller. The team funds are intended to be used for the team selection expenses and expenditures associated with team travel and team manager requests.

AMA Funding consists of an AMA-awarded funding using the formula below at a cap of \$1,300 per team member. That sum shall be deposited into the team fund from AMA general funds for each official team member. The team fund is the official source of funding for the team for all



expenses which relate to participation. This includes entry fees, banquets, lodging, travel, meal, and any other expenses deemed necessary for the team to participate.

As necessary expenses are paid by AMA for a Team, money will be taken from the Team Fund. When all expenses have been deducted, the Team Manager may request that the residual of the AMA-awarded funding be disbursed to the team members without need for receipt justification.

For the purposes of the formula below, a team is comprised of AMA members in good standing who comply with this Bluebook. The team(s) are competitors selected through Team Selection Final(s) and a Team Manager/Assistant Team Manager within a single FAI cycle for a team program. The team will travel to a World Championship(s) to be held at the same location with a common schedule, awards ceremony, and banquet and served by a Team Manager. If a team does not meet these criteria, the AMA Executive Council may elect to revoke AMA-awarded funding from the formula below. Unique individuals can only earn bonus funding in a single category, a single competitor cannot earn a team multiple bonus funding categories.

**AMA-AWARDED TEAM FUNDING FORMULA**

FUNDING CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	AWARDED FUNDS
\$500 Base Funding	All team members receive \$500 in funding from AMA.	\$500
Top 25% Performer +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if the USA team or any USA individual ranked in the top 25% during last cycle's team program FAI Championship.	\$
Individual Podium Finish +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if any USA individual earned a podium finish during the most recent FAI World Championship.	\$
Team Podium Finish +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if any USA team earned a podium finish during the most recent FAI World Championship.	\$
Female Participation +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if there were females, as defined by FAI, who competed in the current cycle team selection finals.	\$
Junior Participation +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if there were juniors who competed in the current cycle team selection finals.	\$
Newcomer Participation +\$200 Bonus	Add \$200 per team member if there were individuals who competed in the current program's team selection finals for the first time in three cycles.	\$
<b>TOTAL FUNDING PER TEAM MEMBER (MAX FUNDING \$1,300)</b>		<b>\$</b>

## D. AMA Budget Process

Funding of FAI World Championships teams is dependent on budgeted funds from AMA. While it is expected that funds will be provided to the level a team qualifies for using the awards table above, it may be that in any one year, conditions may make it necessary to fund at some lower level. How any shortfall will be handled will be decided by the FAI Executive Committee.

By July 1 of the year preceding the FAI World Championship for the TSC's event, the TSC Chair shall provide to the AMA FAI Coordinator a best estimate of the team make-up to allow for the AMA budgeting process. Since this time may precede the actual team selection, the TSC shall re-confirm team make-up to the AMA FAI Coordinator by October 1.

In the case of a budget shortfall, the FAI Executive Committee shall communicate to the affected TSC's and Team Managers at the earliest possible opportunity. The FAI Coordinator will then work with the individual Team Managers of each affected team to determine how to implement the shortfall.

## II. TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEES

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All committees will report directly to the AMA FAI Coordinator. The AMA FAI Coordinator will work in conjunction with the committees and chairperson to accomplish the goals and directives set forth in this document. All Team Selection Committee members are required to have access to email and the internet.

### A. Chairperson

#### 1. Appointment Procedures

A chairperson will be named each program cycle. In the months preceding the new program cycle, the AMA FAI Coordinator will send a nomination form to each committee member, who can nominate himself/herself or another person. Once the nominations have been collected, the AMA FAI Coordinator will conduct a vote by the committee on nominees. The result of this vote will guide the AMA president in appointing the chairperson.

A chairperson may be appointed from outside the committee. A chairperson appointed from outside of the committee does not vote on program issues.

The current chairperson retains responsibilities and authorities until replaced.

There is no limit to the number of terms a chairperson may serve on a committee. A chairperson may also serve several disciplines.

#### 2. Chairperson Responsibilities

- a. The primary responsibility of a chairperson is to ensure the committee functions in a democratic fashion.
- b. At the start of the team selection cycle, the chairperson shall, in conjunction with the team selection committee, review feedback and suggestions from the previous cycle, to be used while developing the team selection program for the current cycle.
- c. The chairperson shall, in conjunction with the committee, ensure the program is developed, approved, and communicated/published as soon as possible, but no later than 6 months before the finals.
- d. The chairperson shall distribute information about the program in a timely manner, call for finals site bids, and announce the finals contest details. All announcements must be copied to the AMA FAI Coordinator.
- e. The chairperson shall organize and administer the program and committee activities, including delegating tasks and responsibilities, and making or soliciting recommendations for the finals Contest Organizer and/or Director.
- f. The chairperson shall work with the AMA FAI Coordinator to solicit bids to host the finals. The chairperson shall pursue obtaining a finals site if no bids are received. All bids shall be carefully reviewed by the chairperson. The



chairperson shall coordinate a vote with the Team Selection Committee to choose the finals site and date.

- g. The chairperson shall closely monitor the use of the team fund according to the dictates of the program and the requirements of AMA HQ. Under those guidelines, the chairperson may authorize disbursements. The chairperson also coordinates, through the committee's approval, travel or other expense reimbursements due to the finals organizer and/or officials. This information is then submitted to AMA HQ.
- h. The chairperson may delegate tasks to committee members.
- i. After the finals, the current chairperson shall coordinate solicitation of feedback on program, and in conjunction with the committee shall prepare recommendations for the next chairperson and committee.
- j. By July 1 of the year preceding the FAI World Championship for the TSC's event, the TSC Chairman shall provide to the AMA FAI Coordinator a best estimate of the team make-up to allow for the AMA budgeting process. Since this time may precede the actual team selection, the TSC shall re-confirm team make-up to the AMA FAI Coordinator by October 1. (See Sect 1.D above)

## B. Committee Membership

### 1. Structure

A Team Selection Committee will comprise a maximum of one member from each of the eleven AMA districts. Only those districts represented can vote. Each represented district has one vote. A non-voting chairperson shall not be considered as the Team Selection Committee member from his or her district.

Omission of a district member is acceptable if there is little or no program participation in that district.

Alternative structures of a Team Selection Committee may be submitted to the FAI Executive Committee for approval.

### 2. Nominations

Committee members may be nominated by the entrants of the previous or current program from the district, the vice president of a district, and the presidents of the relevant Special Interest Groups.

The nominees shall be chosen based on qualification, such as current or past program participation or expertise. All committee members are required to have access to email and the internet.

The vote required to confirm committee membership shall be by majority of those responding, subject to ratification by the vice president of the district for which a vote is being conducted.

Those eligible to vote are all program participants within that district having a current AMA membership, and the team selection committee members.

Alternately, committee members may be confirmed by the FAI Executive Committee.

### 3. Replacement

If required, committee members will be backfilled with the same nomination/confirmation process described above.

The power to remove a committee member rests with the AMA president, the vice president for the district, or by a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee.

A committee member who is also chairperson may not be removed as chairperson except by the AMA president or by a two-thirds majority of the Team Selection Committee.

## C. Committee Responsibilities

### 1. Program

Please cross reference Appendix I for additional information.

#### a. Program Development

The committee shall deliver a program to select a team which will best represent the United States at the World Championship.

The program development process will begin at the start of the team selection cycle. Committee members shall solicit input from participants. An announcement of the program will be made through AMA communication channels as soon as possible, but no later than 6 months before the finals.

#### b. Program Approval

Proposed program shall be distributed to the participants prior to final approval.

All team selection programs must be submitted to the FAI Executive Committee for final approval.

#### c. Program Involvement

At the end of the cycle, the committee shall solicit recommendations for program improvements to be used during program development.

### 2. Judge Approval

The committee is responsible for the approval of judges for the finals contest if applicable.

### 3. Team Fund Management

The committee is responsible for the proper administration of the team fund in accordance with this document.

4. **Conduct of the Team Selection Program**  
The committee shall make all decisions affecting the team selection program, except those for which authority is assigned elsewhere.
5. **Finals Site Selection Approval**  
All finals site selections are subject to approval by the FAI Executive Committee.

### III. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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- A. If the discipline includes junior or female World Championship participation, the Team Selection Program shall address all the necessary details relevant to the manner in which the junior and female participants are to be selected.
- B. Each Team Selection Program shall utilize a program entry form and charge a nominal fee for program entry. Twenty dollars (\$20) is suggested as a minimum entry fee. The program entry fee is to be paid at least one month prior to the program finals. A late entry fee of (suggested) \$50 to enter the program can be paid at the finals. It is also required to enter the finals where an additional fee may be charged.
- C. Any contest used for team selection must be AMA sanctioned. Team selection contests cannot be sanctioned by AMA in locations outside the United States.
- D. The program shall provide instructions regarding possible finals-contest cancellation due to weather or site unavailability.
- E. Those entered in a Team Selection Program are entitled to a refund of all fees paid if a program is changed and the entrant wishes to discontinue participation.
- F. Potential team alternates must have participated in the team finals event. The maximum number of alternates shall be specified. Substitutes will not be chosen just to fill out a team. Example: If only two individuals enter a team selection event and/or the list of alternates has been depleted, the team will consist of only those who participated in and were selected in the selection event.
- G. The purpose of the finals contest is to provide an AMA-sponsored FAI competition format whereby the winners may be looked upon as sufficiently proficient to represent the AMA/US on a World Championship team. All selected team members should be capable of performing at a level expected at a World Championships event.
  - 1. The finals contest shall be conducted in accordance with the FAI rules which are scheduled to be in effect at the World Championship for which the selection is taking place. The only applicable rules for team selection contests are the AMA Bylaws and standing rules, the approved program details, the current FAI Sporting Code (version to be used at next World Championship), and this document. Deviations shall be defined in the Team Selection Program and are subject to approval by the FAI Executive Committee.
  - 2. The model(s) flown and the equipment used by entrants in a team selection program must conform to the FAI rules which are scheduled to be flown in the World Championships for which the team is being selected. Deviations must be defined in the Team Selection Program and are subject to approval by the FAI Executive Committee.

- H. Neither the FAI team selection committee nor the chairperson shall have authority at the finals contest. All decisions at the site will be handled by the Contest Director and the AMA-appointed jury.
- I. An inexperienced Contest Director should not be assigned to direct a finals team selection contest.
- J. To enter a Team Selections Finals for an event, an individual must meet the following conditions:
  - 1. Must be an Adult AMA member for minimum 6 months or have a Youth membership.
  - 2. Need not possess a USA-issued FAI Sporting License but must be able to meet the requirements for one at the time of the Team Selection Finals.
  - 3. Must hold NO FAI Sporting License from any other country.
  - 4. Must be a US citizen, or a documented legal resident with two years US residency and expectation of residency at the time of the World Championship.
  - 5. Cannot be a current World Champion in the event who has committed to participating in the pertinent World Championships as the defending World Champion.
  - 6. In addition to meeting the FAI requirement “3.5.4 Change of Representation” for the pertinent World Championships, must not have been a competitor for any other country at the immediately preceding World Championships for the event.
- K. Participation in a Team Selection Finals by any competitor who cannot be a member of the team, where such participation can affect the results of another, is not allowed.
- L. If selected for a team, team members must have or obtain a USA-issued FAI sporting license within 90 days of selection to the team.



## IV. TEAM SELECTION FINALS CONTEST

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### A. Contest Director for the Finals Contest

The choice of a finals contest director must be acceptable to the AMA FAI Executive Committee. The Contest Director may not be a competitor in the finals contest.

Prior to a finals contest, the contest director is responsible to the chairperson of the relevant team selection committee. When the contest commences, the CD is responsible to the AMA appointed jurist/jury. After the contest, the CD is responsible to the AMA FAI Coordinator.

The Contest Director shall be responsible for, but may work in conjunction with, defer to or delegate to a person named to be the Finals Organizer for logistical preparation:

1. Adhere to the Finals organization schedule set by the TSC and described in the program.
2. Be directly responsible for the fair conduct of the finals contest.
3. Have a working knowledge of the FAI rules for the event and shall run the contest in accordance with those rules and the approved program.
4. Abide by the instructions from AMA concerning the organization and financial arrangements which have been established by the committee and coordinated by the AMA FAI Coordinator.
5. Submit to the team selection committee chairperson and AMA FAI Coordinator a proposed finals budget as soon as possible (prior to the event)
6. Obtain an AMA sanction.
7. The Contest Director, Designated Finals Organizer, or TSC may suggest candidates for the FAI Jurist.
8. Recruit for the contest officials, workers, and any other personnel specifically determined by the team selection committee. The FAI Executive Committee shall make the final appointment of the head FAI jurist who will in turn select two others on site to assist as needed.
9. Arrange as necessary for equipment such as stopwatches, PA system, scoreboards, impound areas, processing equipment, portable toilets, motels, meeting facilities, and so on.
10. Prepare and have distributed site maps, directions, lodging information, meeting schedules, and all other pertinent details to all of the finalists.

11. Recruit alternates for each critical position noted in line 7 above or prepare a line of succession for contest officials in lower positions so that the contest will run smoothly should anyone in a critical position be unable to fulfill their responsibilities.
12. Post competition standings as the competition progresses.
13. Accept and respond to complaints from the competitors under Section IV.B.
14. Accept, implement, and abide by the decisions of the FAI jury.
15. File a report with the results to AMA Headquarters/FAI Coordinator after the event. This report must be filed within 14 days of the completion of the event. The report is required to include the competitor's documents and a financial statement regarding money received and disbursed. This report is to be in addition to Forms #10 & #11 which are required to be for all sanctioned events.
16. Before the start of the event, receive in writing from the current World Champion his or her intent to participate in the contest for the purpose of winning a team position.

## B. Complaints and Protests

### 1. Complaints

- a. The purpose of a complaint is to request a correction be made to an issue or situation without the need to make a formal protest.
- b. Complaints shall be made directly to the CD and may be made at any time during the competition. Complaints need not be presented in writing unless aspects of the complaint would be better understood in such fashion. The CD may respond verbally to either mode of complaint.
- c. When a CD's response to a complaint is unsatisfactory to the petitioner or an official, either may submit a formal protest, which must be in writing, to the CD who must then give it, without comment, to the AMA-appointed jurist for jury resolution.

### 2. Protests

- a. All protests must be presented in writing to the CD and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20. The \$20 deposit is returned only if the protest is upheld. An unreturned protest fee shall be deposited into the team fund for that program.
- b. Prior to the first flight of the contest, protests may be lodged, for example, against the validity of an entry, contest rules, contest site condition, processing of models (if done before flying starts), the judges, contest officials, or any similar procedural or administrative act, interpretation, or condition.
- c. During the contest, a protest may be lodged against a decision of the judges or other contest officials (excluding the jury) or against an error or irregularity

committed during an event by another competitor; but the protest must be lodged in a timely fashion, in accordance with the FAI rules. Subjective scores given by judges cannot be protested.

- d. Protests may be lodged up to one hour after the announcement of the results.

### C. AMA-Appointed Jurist

Each AMA team selection finals contest shall be assigned a jurist to deal with protests and to monitor the conduct of the event. The on-site AMA-appointed jurist is the highest authority at the finals contest.

Travel and lodging expenses for the AMA-appointed jurist will be paid by AMA in accordance with current AMA policies and budget.

#### 1. Jury Composition/Selection

- a. Jurist recommendations are expected from the TSC chairperson and finals CD. The FAI Executive Committee shall appoint one jurist. The appointed jurist has the authority to select two additional jurors on-site, to resolve jury matters. The two additional members may change over the course of the contest as conditions warrant.
- b. Jury members must be knowledgeable of the relevant portions of the General and Aeromodeling sections of the FAI Sporting Code. Jury members must also have a working knowledge of the specific event rules and the team selection program rules of the finals to which they are assigned.

#### 2. Decision/Voting

- a. The three jury members shall act as a body with all three individuals contributing to a decision. It is preferable to have a unanimous decision, but if that is not possible a majority shall carry i.e., two of three.
- b. If a jury member is unable or unavailable to perform, the other jury members must attempt to select a replacement from among the knowledgeable modelers present who are not otherwise directly involved with the competition, even if the service is temporary.
- c. In order to be thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the selection program and the applicable rules upon which they may have to deliberate for a decision, the AMA-appointed jurist will obtain from AMA FAI Coordinator in advance of the finals contest all the relevant documents published or distributed to the finalists, as well as a current copy of the FAI Sporting Code.

#### 3. Authority

- a. The jury's authority is limited to the period of the finals contest.

- b. The jury is empowered to make all decisions dictated by any circumstances which may arise during the finals and to rule on any dispute.
  - c. The jury shall not directly run the contest but is empowered to advise the contest director. The jury has the authority to require correction of any discrepancy which may conflict with the applicable rules governing team selection.
  - d. The jury is the final authority concerning contest-rules interpretation, also delays or duration affected by weather factors, in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code.
  - e. The jury may clarify and interpret the FAI rules for the contest, either by its own discretion or in response to questions submitted to the jury by way of the Contest Director. The jury shall avoid discussion with the competitors regarding the operation of the contest, the rules involved and actions of the officials, except in response to official protests or upon a request from the Contest Director.
4. Responsibilities
- a. The jury is responsible for ensuring that the contest is conducted in accordance with the general and particular portions of the FAI Sporting Code pertaining to the event(s) being flown.
  - b. The jury is responsible for acting on all protests officially submitted before or during the contest, or before the results of the contest are verified and approved by the jury.
  - c. The last responsibility and action of the jurist/jury is to verify and approve the competition results. The jury must also name in its report the competitors who shall comprise the team(s) selected. This report must be done one hour after the posting of the results, which are unofficial, until the jury certifies them as official. If there is a protest during this hour, before the official verification has been pronounced, the jury will act expeditiously to minimize delay.
  - d. The jury decision certifying the results will be final and without recourse to any other authority.



# V. TEAM FUNDING

## A. Team Allotment

Maximum level of team funding to be provided if support/funding is allocated. For funding purposes, refer to Section I. The FAI Executive Committee reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any additional individual/positions associated with the team.

	Pilot	Mechanic / Caller	Jr Pilot	Jr. Mechanic	Female Pilot	Female Mechanic	Defending WC	Team Manager	Base Team	Max Team Allotment	
<b>F1 Outdoor FF Senior</b>										<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>
F1A	3				1		2	2			
F1B	3				1		2				
F1C	3				1		2				
F1Q	3				1		2				
<b>F1 Outdoor FF Junior</b>										<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>
F1A			3		1		2	2			
F1B			3		1		2				
F1P			3		1		2				
<b>F1 Outdoor FF Slope Soaring</b>										<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
Senior F1E	3				1		2	1			
Junior F1E			3		1		2				
<b>F1 Indoor FF</b>										<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>
Senior F1D	3				1		2	1			
Junior F1D			3		1		2	1			
<b>F2 Control Line</b>										<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>
F2A	3		1		1		2	2			
F2B	3		1		1		2				
F2C	3	3	1	1	1	1	4				
F2D	3	3	1		1		2				
<b>F3A RC Aerobatics</b>										<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
F3A	3		1		1		2	1			
<b>F3B RC Multi-Task Soaring</b>										<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
F3B	3	1	1		1		2	1			
<b>F3 RC Helicopter</b>										<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>
F3C	3		1		1		2	1			
F3N	3		1		1		2				
<b>F3 RC Pylon</b>										<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>
F3D	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1			
F3E	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1			
<b>F3F Slope Soaring Gliders</b>										<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
F3F	3		1		1		2	1			
<b>F3J RC Thermal Duration</b>										<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Senior -F3J	3				1		1	1			
Junior -F3J			3		1		1	1			
<b>F3K RC Hand-Launched Glider</b>										<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Senior - F3K	3				1		1	1			
Junior - F3K			3		1		1	1			
<b>F3P Indoor Aerobatics</b>										<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
F3P	3		1		1		2	1			
<b>F4 RC &amp; CL Scale</b>										<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
F4B	3		1		1		2	1			
F4H	3		1		1		2	1			
<b>F5B Electric Motor Glider</b>										<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
	3		1		1		2	1			
<b>F5J Electric Thermal Duration</b>										<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Senior- F5J	3				1		1	1			
Junior - F5J			3		1		1	1			
<b>Space Models</b>										<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			



Since from time-to-time FAI will add additional World Championship qualified events to an existing discipline, this table will be updated to reflect those additions. If an event is added that creates a separate World championship contest, that forces the creation of a new Team Selection Committee (refer to Sect. 1.A. of this document on the Establishment of a New Team Program).

## **B. AMA Team Budget**

AMA will provide funding for each member of a team program according to the funding formula under Section I.C of this document. That sum shall be deposited into the team fund from AMA general funds for each official team member once the team has been selected. The team fund is the official source of funding for the team for all expenses which relate to participation.

## **C. Team Fund**

Each AMA-sponsored team selection program has its own team fund. These are funds maintained by the Academy but are under the control of the appropriate team selection committee. The team selection committee chairperson and/or the FAI Executive Committee may grant approval for disbursement of team funds.

Team funds are generated by the entry fees of program participation, donations, AMA team allocations, and other sources. The management of these funds, receipt, deposit, disbursement, banking, accounting, and reports will be by the AMA Comptroller to the Team Selection Committee Chair(s) on a quarterly basis. The team funds will earn interest as determined by the AMA Comptroller. The team funds are intended to be used for the team selection expenses and expenditures associated with team travel and team manager requests.

Each program, via definition from the applicable team selection committee, shall specify how the team fund may be used, for what purposes, within what limits and by whom.

Decisions regarding disbursement of funds by the team selection committee chairperson may be appealed to the FAI Executive Committee.

Advances from the team fund may be given to finals contest directors or the named Team Manager for up-front costs when authorized by the applicable team selection committee chairperson in accordance with approved program-expense allocations.

## **D. Fund Raising Campaigns**

In order to cover the cost of additional team expenses, supporters of various aeromodeling categories may conduct separate fund-raising campaigns to assist a team beyond that which AMA provides. Because AMA supports several teams each year, several supplemental campaigns may operate simultaneously.

If Team Selection Committees choose to run supplemental funding campaigns, AMA will help promote those fund-raising campaigns after review by the FAI Executive Committee. All monies raised with the specified purpose of supporting Team programs shall be deposited in the appropriate team fund.



## **Blue Book**

*Academy of Model Aeronautics*

Contributions can be made directly to the AMA team fund referencing where the donation is to be allocated. The AMA FAI Coordinator will send a thank-you letter to the donor for tax purposes. Tax deductions are not available for donations made directly to the team.



## VI. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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Becoming a team member carries with it the obligation to work in harmony with the other team members, and in particular, to be responsive and submit to the guidance and direction of the Team Manager. A team member's conduct should never cause embarrassment or discredit to the Academy or the United States.

All team members must be present at all official functions at a World Championship. This includes the opening and closing ceremonies and the banquet.

### A. Team Manager Selection

1. Qualification
  - a. The Team Manager should be a person from the discipline. Someone who is unknown to the team or who has no familiarity with the events to be flown should not be nominated. It is unfair to the team for the Team Manager to not be competent in what they are flying.
  - b. Communication between the Team Manager to the team is vital. A nominee must communicate easily and well.
2. Team Managers are expected to function in accordance with this document. In addition, the Team Manager must balance his/her responsibilities to AMA and the team. This may be difficult when the team's desires conflict with AMA requirements. Teams are partially funded by, and represent AMA, thus team actions must not be encouraged or allowed which are at odds with AMA policies and directives.
3. Nominations
  - a. Nominations for Team Manager will be accepted from groups that are involved in this process and may include: program participants, the presidents of AMA-recognized Special Interest Groups, previous and current team members and helpers, AMA HQ, and the Team Selection Committees. A brief résumé must accompany the nomination.
  - b. A member of the selected team may perform the roles assigned to a Team Manager, both prior to and during the competition.
  - c. A prospective Team Manager need not be an FAI competitor; however, he/she must be thoroughly knowledgeable of the FAI rules, rules in this document and the rules of the event(s) for which he/she is being considered.
  - d. To be nominated as Team Manager, a person should have some level of previous experience with the team, as an Assistant Team Manager (if appropriate), a previous team member, or a supporter who has attended

earlier World Championships and who is closely familiar with the needs of the team.

#### 4. Voting Process

- a. Nominations for Team Manager will be voted upon by the team members and the first two alternates selected for the championship.

#### 5. Appointment

- a. The actual appointment shall be made by the FAI Executive Committee, taking into account the results of the vote of the team, and in consultation with the chairperson(s) of the appropriate team selection committee(s). The FAI Executive Committee may select someone of its own choosing. The FAI Executive Committee has the authority to replace a Team Manager or team members.
- b. If the appointed Team Manager is unable to perform his/her duties, the FAI Executive Committee will appoint a replacement after consultation with the Team Members and the chairperson(s) of the affected Team Selection Committee(s).
- c. When there are fewer than four months between the team selection event and the World Championship, the Team Manager must be appointed prior to the finals, and that person may not further participate in the selection program if he/she is so enrolled.
- d. When there are more than four months between the finals contest and the World Championship, the Team Manager may be nominated and appointed after the finals, but that nomination should not take place at the close of the event; a delay is preferable to afford adequate time to carefully consider all prospects.

#### 6. Assistant Team Manager

- a. For those disciplines where an Assistant Team Manager is allowed, selection is made by the Team Manager after consulting with the Team Members, and then sent to the AMA FAI Coordinator.
- b. The Assistant Team Manager should be capable of working smoothly under the direction of the Team Manager.
- c. The Assistant Team Manager should have skills that complement those of the Team Manager (e.g., expertise in the event(s) of the discipline).
- d. The Assistant Team Manager should be selected for his/her skills in the discipline. Consideration should also be given to a separation of travel arrangements between the Team Manager and Assistant manager, so that if there are travel delays/issues there is a clean line of succession.

## B. Team Manager Functions

The purpose of this guide is to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Team Manager. In addition, it is expected that the Team Manager will have leadership qualities and the congenial personality necessary to obtain cooperation from all team members.

### 1. Responsibilities

The Team Manager is the official spokesperson for the entire team. The FAI regulations stipulate that the Team Manager is the only person allowed to negotiate with the World Championship jury or organizer in the case of disputes or protests. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Team Manager must be completely knowledgeable of the FAI regulations, both technical and administrative, including the mechanism of protest.

The Team Manager represents the United States, as well as all members of the AMA, and thus is responsible for doing everything possible to make certain the team conduct is always respectful, dignified, and with integrity. The Team Manager is expected to lead the team in attending all official functions, including the opening and closing ceremonies and banquet. Thus all team members are expected to be present at all official functions and to dress appropriately, per the Team Manager's instructions.

### 2. Authority

The Team Manager may name a substitute to act on his or her behalf if the Team Manager becomes incapacitated or physically unable to act while at the World Championships.

The Team Manager has the authority to recommend the removal of a team member at any time prior to a World Championship. The recommendation must be placed before the AMA FAI Executive Committee, preferably after consultation with the chairperson of the associated Team Selection Committee. The removal recommendation may be made only after the Team Manager has exhausted all practical means of obtaining cooperation from the offending team member.

During the World Championship the Team Manager has the authority to remove a member from the team for reasons other than flying, such as insubordination, ignoring instructions regarding dress, failure to attend functions where the team is expected to be present, causing problems regarding travel and lodging, or other conduct which might embarrass the team, the United States, or AMA.

After the World Championship, the Team Manager also has the authority to recommend that a team member be censured and/or not be allowed to represent the US in the future.



### 3. Duties

The duties of the Team Manager will begin with his/her appointment and end with the submission of a final report to the AMA FAI Coordinator as outlined below.

#### a. Before the World Championship

In conjunction with the AMA FAI Coordinator, the Team Manager must assist with all arrangements for the team as follows:

1. Initiate and maintain frequent communication with the team. Unofficial communication via various social networking is acceptable, but for official communication, written is preferred so that a record exists for reference. Electronic messages are acceptable (i.e., e-mail) but all such must be copied to the AMA FAI Coordinator. When it is expedient to use the telephone, decisions reached under those conditions should be documented and sent to AMA FAI Coordinator.
2. Inform the team members of AMA's financial policy regarding travel, lodging and entry fees.
  - a. Determine the funding provided by AMA. If funding from AMA is less than that which was budgeted (see Section 1.D), the Team Manager, after consulting with the team members and the FAI Executive Committee, will specify how any shortfall will be administered for the team.
  - b. Determine the amount of money available for the team through the team fund(s) held in escrow at AMA and initiate the necessary paperwork to obtain access to the money.
  - c. Be aware of and communicate to the team all fund-raising efforts on behalf of the team.
  - d. Get and communicate expected travel expenses, such as air fare, model box transportation, car/van rental, etc.
3. The Team Manager should define a suggested travel itinerary insofar as arrival and departure at the World Championships site. It is important that the entire team arrive at the site at approximately the same time to allow the Team Manager to make the team entry with the organizers. The Team Manager will collect and maintain a list of all team members and their travel arrangements.
4. Determine availability of international insurance and communicate to team members.

5. Determine any medical issues and special requirements and then communicate to the team members, e.g., required vaccinations, travel in a wheelchair, travel with oxygen requirements, etc.
  6. The Team Manager should determine and inform the team members of the passport, visa, and any license requirements (drivers, radio, etc.) for the host country as necessary.
  7. Inform the team members of model-box transportation arrangements, luggage restrictions and what to expect at customs checkpoints. Transporting models and equipment to and from the World Championships is the responsibility of the team member.
  8. Fuel/Battery Requirements
    - a. Work with team members to facilitate their fuel/battery requirements, acquisition, and transportation to the World Championships. Coordinate acquisition and transportation for multiple team members as a single activity if the team members desire.
    - b. Inform team members of fuel/battery arrangements that may be available from the organizers. Coordinate access to the organizers for supplied components, fuel, or batteries.
    - c. Any cost associated with fuel/battery acquisition and transportation is the responsibility of the team member.
  9. Keep AMA FAI Coordinator informed of activities, the state of team preparation and request assistance when needed. It is recommended to seek out recommendations from previous team members and Team Managers to avoid mistakes. The Team Manager shall work with the AMA FAI Coordinator to coordinate paperwork (forms, photos, etc.) required by the World Championship organizer.
  10. The AMA FAI Coordinator will initiate and follow through on much of the above. However, it is the Team Manager's responsibility to accomplish as many of the aims of this guide as possible, using AMA FAI Coordinator information and assistance when available, or on his/her own if not. It is important that the Team Manager be the coordinator between the team members and AMA FAI Coordinator.
  11. The Team Manager will be held accountable by the organizer for the accuracy of the team's entry data. To this end, the Team Manager should work closely with the AMA FAI Coordinator to make certain all entry forms are correctly and completely filled out and submitted in a timely fashion.
- b. At The World Championship

1. The Team Manager is the spokesperson for the team in all relations with the World Championship management and the FAI Jury. If employed, an Assistant Team Manager will defer to the Team Manager when official communication is necessary with the contest management or jury.
  2. Work with the team members to facilitate local travel arrangements as needed. This may include logistics such as car or van rentals, etc.
  3. The Team Manager should rely upon the team members to handle the technical aspects of flying in the competition; the Team Manager may offer advice for model-flying activities, but the flier is responsible for making his/her own flying decisions. He/she should keep the pilots informed of the progress of the meet and shall help plan and facilitate the execution of necessary strategy if needed by the team members.
  4. The Team Manager shall be certain the team members are aware of the time and place of their competition and shall make certain they are there in the best possible condition.
  5. Since the Team Manager is the only person allowed to communicate with the Organizers and the FAI Jury, any protest needed must be submitted via the Team Manager. In order for the Team Manager to participate in the preparation of a protest, the Team Manager should be present whenever a team member is in competition, to actually witness the affairs that might lead to a protest. If constraints do not allow the Team Manager to be at a team member's event, presence can be delegated to an Assistant Team Manager, or as a last resort, a competent other team member.
  6. The Team Manager along with the affected Team Members will have on-hand sufficient funds to cover any protest fees required by the FAI or the organizers when a protest is filed.
  7. The Team Manager shall be certain that the final results are available to the AMA FAI Coordinator in a timely manner, by either directly sending the results or providing an internet location where they may be found.
  8. Podium finishes as well as any media or talking points should be communicated to the AMA FAI Coordinator as expeditiously as possible for possible press release or other uses.
- c. After the World Championship
1. Provide a written report of the competition within two weeks after returning to the US and submit it to the AMA FAI Coordinator. This report can be very simple or much greater but exists to close the Team Manager's responsibilities.

2. Inform the AMA FAI Coordinator of the location of any FAI trophies won by the United States.
3. Prepare and distribute as appropriate an accounting summary of all Team Fund resources accessed during the World Championships efforts. Similarly, accounting shall be made to appropriate parties for any other funding employed.

d. General

It is obvious that the Team Manager's job is very demanding, thus it is important that team members appreciate the importance of the Team Manager and that each person cooperates to the fullest. AMA members have contributed too much money to team programs to tolerate loners, however gifted. The team must work together under the guidance and direction of the Team Manager, who must always be receptive and sensitive to the legitimate needs and concerns of the team members. AMA has provided the Team Manager with considerable authority to ensure that his/her mission on behalf of the team and AMA is successful.

Concerning supporters, the Team Manager is not responsible for any arrangements or entry into the World Championship for supporters. The team manager's sole responsibility is to the official team, although he or she may assist such supporters as mechanics or team family members since these are much more closely associated with the team than others who may be only spectators or incidental helpers. Keep in mind that assisting a family member as a supporter may be to the distinct advantage of the team member.

The Team Manager will not be responsible for those who have not been included in the team's official entry to the event, who are not part of the identified team members and supporters.

e. World Champion

When a US World Champion accompanies a team, the Team Manager will assist and treat this person in the same manner as a team member. Conversely, the World Champion is expected to cooperate with the Team Manager in the same manner as the team members.

In exchange for funding, a Reigning World Champion must agree to be subject to the control of the US Team Manager in the same manner as all other US team members. Alternatively, the Reigning World Champion may forego funding and relinquish himself from that control.

The Team Manager will include the World Champion in communication and other arrangements. Further information about the World Champion is contained in previous sections of this document.

The Team Manager shall:

1. Include the World Champion in all team communications.
2. Include the World Champion in the team's travel schedule requirements.
3. Encourage the World Champion to practice with the team.
4. At the World Championship, after the Team Manager's meetings, convey all pertinent information to the World Champion; be ready to handle the World Champion's protest(s).
5. Avoid any attitude which tends to treat the US World Champion as an outsider. Remember that this person is the same as the other team members in regard to individual performance which can bring honor, pride, and respect to the US and AMA.

### C. World Champion

A reigning AMA/US World Champion who wishes to attempt to qualify for a team slot must declare in writing in advance of the final team selection contest this intent. This decision forfeits all funding and any right to attend as the Defending World Champion. If he/she qualifies for a team slot he/she will participate as a member of the US team.

#### Explanation

1. Current World Champions must declare prior to the start of the Team Selection Finals contest their intent to compete for a team slot per Section IV.A.15. Once declared, there is no further recourse and cancels their eligibility for funding as reigning World Champion. Once the contest is started, no further option is available. The declaration must be in writing and presented to the Contest Director, who will forward it to the AMA FAI Coordinator.
2. If his or her participation can have NO effect on the team selection, a current World Champions may fly in selection contests if they desire, for experience; it will have no bearing on the team selection if he/she has not declared his/her intent to compete for a team spot. Current World Champions are not required to fly in selection contests. Their status as defending World Champion provides eligibility to compete in the World Championship.

### D. Travel Logistics and Supporters

1. Schedule  
The Team Manager in consultation with AMA FAI Coordinator will define an arrival

and departure schedule that should be honored as individual team members make their travel arrangements.

2. Housing

It is recommended that team members have housing together at a World Championship. If the organizer has designated housing, it should be utilized. Otherwise team members and the Team Manager should coordinate common housing elsewhere.

3. Model Boxes and Fuel/Batteries

AMA does not pay for model-box and fuel/battery shipment. This cost must be borne by the team members. The Team Manager must work with the team members to determine their needs and facilitate satisfying them. This may involve the organizers who may provide fuel components or access to batteries.

4. Supporters

The team manager is not responsible for any arrangements or entry into a World Championship for supporters. He/she may elect to include such persons when they are closely associated with the team members. All preregistered supporter expenses must be paid through AMA prior to the deadline date for World Championship.

5. Team Travel

The norm is that each team member is responsible for their own travel arrangements, model shipment, fuel/batteries, etc. There may be special conditions at a particular World Championships that warrant the team members gathering at some location and traveling together. If this applies, the Team Manager will work with the AMA FAI Coordinator to plan for this occurrence.

## APPENDIX I

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### World Championship Cycles, Program Development, and Scheduling

#### Methods of team selection include:

1. Programs which consist of one contest known as the finals.
2. Programs which include qualifying stages leading to the finals. A program of this type shall include time to qualify, select a finals site/date, and prepare for the finals contest.
  - a. The type of program that will be used shall be decided by the team selection committee, representing the program participants.

#### Operating Schedule Guidelines

Initiation of the scheduled tasks is the responsibility of the Team Selection Committee chairperson

1. The team selection program cycle begins within 3 months following the finals. For new or resumed events, the program starts at least 18 months before the world championships.
2. The chairperson shall be named at the beginning of the cycle and shall retain the authorities and responsibilities until a new chairperson is named.
3. Committee adjustments shall be completed after naming chairperson, and ongoing as required.
4. Program improvement suggestions from the prior cycle shall be reviewed, and an updated program shall be completed, approved by AMA, and communicated to participants as soon as possible, but no later than 6 months before the finals.
5. Finals contest shall be advertised at least three months in advance of the contest, and scheduled at least six months prior to the World Championships, unless approved by the FAI Executive Committee
6. Program improvement feedback shall be solicited by chairperson and committee after the finals
7. Program improvement suggestions shall be completed by the chairperson and committee before the start of the next cycle.

#### Program Changes

Once a program has been announced, only vitally important, absolutely necessary change shall be made, and if time permits the program participants must be given the opportunity to vote on the changes.



## APPENDIX II

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### Definitions

**Team:** A ‘team’ is the collection of competitors and managers in good standing with AMA while meeting the parameters of this document who may be entered into an FAI/CIAM World Championship.

**Support:** Support is defined in two primary components:

1. AMA HQs staff is responsible for coordinating Team Selection programs and is the communication conduit for Team Selection Committees.
2. AMA, as the NAC for the United States for FAI/CIAM affairs, is the conduit for communication to the FAI and World Championships organizers. AMA HQs will prepare and submit all necessary paperwork to the FAI and event organizers. AMA HQs will make monetary payments to the FAI and event organizers.

**Fund or Funding:** AMA will monetarily support a team and team members as defined in Section 1.C.

**Sponsor:** AMA commitment to support and fund a team for an FAI/CIAM-defined World Championship event.

**Team Selection Committee (TSC):** A collection of individuals charged with managing the affairs for selecting the members of a Team. There may be a TSC for a single event or for a collection of events with similar characteristics.

**Team Selection Program or Team Program:** A document that details the process for selecting the members of a Team. Prepared by the Team Selection Committee for the event in question.

**Team Fund:** Each TSC has its own team fund, maintained by the Academy. The TSC chairperson and/or the FAI Executive Committee may grant approval for disbursement of team funds.

**Entrant:** Those who were entered in either of the last two team selection programs and have a current AMA membership.

**Participant:** Those who actually participated in competition events leading to a team selection for one or more of the last two team selection programs.

**Shall, Must, Should, May, or Will:** The use of the words “shall” and “must” indicate that the action is mandatory. The use of “should” indicates a non-mandatory recommendation. The use of “may” indicates what is permitted or what could happen, and the use of the word “will” indicates something that is going to happen.