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## 2014 USA F2C World Championship Team Selection Program

The program described in this document complies with the requirements set forth in the AMA's *World Championship Teams, Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams For US teams competing in 2014*.

### ***Team Selection Program Overview:***

The Team Selection Program (TSP) is a single venue program. There is a single Finals contest to select the team from the participants. All interested parties are invited to participate in the Team Selection Finals to determine the 2014 F2C team membership.

The Team Selection Finals will select the top three teams to represent the United States in the 2014 Control Line World Championships.

Details are contained in the following sections.

### ***Team Selection Program Calendar:***

The 2014 Team Selection Program run from the release of this program description through the conclusion of the Team Selection Finals contest in 2013.

The Team Selection Finals may be scheduled as early as the AMA National Championships in 2013 or as late as November 2013. The Team Selection Committee will announce the date and location for the Team Selection Finals contest by [April 1, 2013](#).

This schedule results in the USA F2C team selection prior to the World Championships host organization publishing their initial participation bulletin.

## ***Specific approach:***

### **Program Entry:**

It is strongly encouraged that all interested persons enter the F2C Team selection program. Entry fee is \$20 per person and is payable to:

Competitions Department  
Attention: Colleen Pierce.  
AMA Headquarters  
5161 East Memorial Drive  
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All teams who are participating in the qualification process must be entered in the F2C Team selection program.

### **Team Selection Finals Contest:**

All interested parties are invited to the Team Selection Finals contest. The Team Selection Committee makes the venue selection by [April 1, 2013](#). The contest is expected to be held in the period of September 2013 to October 2013, with the possibility of being held at the AMA National Championships in 2013. This contest is described in greater detail in Appendix A.

### **Definitions:**

Team Selection Committee:

The Team Selection Committee is defined in the AMA's *World Championship Teams, Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams For US teams competing in 2014*. The committee has five major responsibilities. The number one responsibility is the program for selecting the World Championship Team and to recommend improvements to the program.

The Team Selection Committee has the responsibility to conduct the Team Selection Program.

Team Selection Finals:

The Team Selection Finals is the last contest in the F2C Team Selection program racing series. The purpose of this contest is to select the top four F2C teams to represent the USA at the World Championships. (Three teams that attend, plus an alternate team). This contest is a multiple day contest with each team having the opportunity to race in multiple heats each day.

## **Appendix A: F2C Team Selection Finals Contest**

This section describes the F2C Team Selection Finals contest to the level of detail available prior the actual identification of the contest organizer and the selection of the contest venue.

### ***Contest Scope:***

The F2C Team Selection Finals contest is the contest in the F2C Team Selection Program. Its purpose is to make the final selection of the three (3) F2C teams which will represent the USA at the next FAI World Control Line Championships.

### ***Contest Description:***

The F2C Team Selection Finals Contest is a two (2) day contest with contestant and equipment processing accomplished the day prior to the start of the contest.

The contest consists of six (6) rounds of racing. Three (3) rounds are flown on each day. All races are 100 laps in length. Each team has the opportunity to race in each round.

The structure and organization of the individual rounds is dependent on the total number of participating teams. A team's specific heat within a round and the other teams within a specific heat are determined by a drawing prior to the start of racing on a particular day. The drawing for the first day of racing may be accomplished during the equipment and contestant processing.

### ***Scoring:***

A team's score is the average of their three (3) fastest heats. In the case of a tie, the other heats will be used by comparing next fastest heat, and so on until the tie is resolved.

The USA F2C World Championship Team will be comprised of the three (3) teams with the best scores. The alternate will be the team with the fourth best score.

All teams selected must have exhibited sufficient capability to represent the United States at a World Championship event. To this end, a team must average 3:30 or better in order to be included on the United States team.

### ***Entry:***

#### **Eligibility:**

Contest entry is limited to AMA members who are members of an F2C team and who will be eligible to represent the USA at the 2014 Control Line World Championships.

### ***Finals Entry:***

The entry fee for all teams participating in the Finals will be \$100. Pre-entry is encouraged and may be made by sending payment to AMA at the address listed earlier in this document.

### **At the Contest:**

Entry at the contest is accomplished by paying the entry fees to the contest director. Entries are accepted up to the completion of the equipment and contestant processing.

### **Refund:**

If a pre-entered participant is unable to attend the Finals, a refund will be granted if requested in writing to AMA Headquarters no later than 30 days after the event.

### ***Contest Conduct:***

The Team Selection Finals contest is an AMA sanctioned contest for the purpose of selecting the F2C teams which will represent the USA at the next FAI Control Line World Championships. As such, contest organization, administration, and management shall conform to AMA standards and to AMA's "World Championship Teams – Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsoring of FAI Teams". Aka "The Blue Book".

Event rules will be those which will be in effect for the 2014 CL World Championships. The conduct and oversight of the racing shall conform to the *FAI Sporting Code, Section 4 -Aeromodelling, Volume ABR* and *Section 4 – Aeromodelling -Volume F2 Control Line Model Aircraft* with the following tailoring:

1. Section 4B of the *FAI Sporting Code* "GENERAL RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS" does not apply, except as noted.
2. The following paragraphs from the 2013 *FAI Sporting Code* - Section 4B apply to this contest (quoted for clarity):
  - B.17.1 "The number of model aircraft eligible for entry are as follows  
...  
Class F3D, F2C, F3B, F3J, F5D, F3F Three (3) only  
..."
  - B.17.2 "Any model may only be used by one competitor during a competition."
  - B.17.3 "The competitor may provide himself with spare propellers and rubber motors, piston motors, electric motors or gas turbines."

- B.17.4 "A competitor may interchange various parts as he wishes provided the resulting model conforms to the rules of the contest and that the parts have been checked before the start of the contest."
  - B.17.5 "Repairs are permitted provided that the model still conforms to the requirements of the rules and regulations."
  - B.17.12 "Results are subject to the re-checking of the characteristics of the first, second and third place winning models."
- 3. Sharing of engines between competitors is not allowed.
  - 4. Section 4C, Volume F2, Paragraph 4.3.10 "Team Qualification and Classification" is replaced by the scoring section of this document.
  - 5. Section 4C, Volume F2, Paragraph 4.3.11 "International Team Classification" is not applicable.
  - 6. Section 4C, Volume F2, Paragraph 4.3.12 "Judges and Timekeepers"  
Sub paragraph "a" is replaced by the team race jury section of this document.  
Sub paragraphs "b" and "c" are replaced by "Only two time keepers per entrant will be required, three may be used. The average of the watches will be used after applying sound judgment as to the validity of the recorded times."
  - 7. Section 4C, Volume F2, Paragraph 4.3.13 "Duties of the F2C panel of judges"  
Sub paragraph "b" is revised as follows:  
was: "Warning and cancellation are notified to each team by means of three coloured lights:"  
to: "Warning and cancellation are notified to each team by means of three coloured lights or other effective visual signal."

### ***Jury:***

#### **Team Race Jury:**

The Team Race jury will be comprised of three people who are experienced in Team Race competition. The Team Race jury will be selected by the contest organizers in consultation with the F2C Team Selection Chairman.

#### **FAI Jury:**

The FAI jury will consist of one appointed member who will have the authority to select two additional members on-site to resolve jury matters. The appointed member is one who is experienced in F2C Team Race competition. The appointed member will be selected by the contest organizer and approved by the AMA FAI Executive Committee.

### ***Event Specific Information:***

<b>Contest Director:</b>	<b><i>To Be Determined</i></b>
<b>Contest Location:</b>	<b><i>Stahl Field, Bowling Green, KY</i></b>
<b>Contest Dates:</b>	<b><i>October 15-16, 2013</i></b>
<b>Team Race Jury:</b>	<b><i>To Be Determined</i></b>
<b>FAI Jury:</b>	<b><i>To Be Determined</i></b>

### ***Contest Budget***

Entry fees are intended to support the team members after reasonable amounts have been used to defray the cost of the team selection.

No more than 50% of the entry fees will be used for the costs of the team selection.

All fees collected at the contest are sent in full to AMA. Reimbursement for expenditures will be as outlined below.

### ***Contest Expenses:***

Reimbursement of expenses for members of the F2C Jury will be limited to mileage at current AMA-defined rates, and motel expenses at one-half double occupancy rate for a maximum of two nights.

All expenses must be approved by the Team Selection chairman. All expenses must be submitted in writing to AMA with receipt for expenditure.