

## Canadian National Aerobatic Team Selection Method A

### ***Abstract:***

In order to select the most competitive pilots for the Canadian National Aerobatic Team to attend the Advanced World Aerobatic Championships (AWAC), a selection process is required in case the number of interested candidates exceeds a total of eight (8) pilots, which is the maximum number of pilots allowed at Advanced Championship events per the FAI Sporting Code, Section 6, Part 1, Chapter 2.6.1.b.

The following outlines a selection process based on individuals' Final Result scores in the Advanced category at a national level North American championship held the year prior to the World contest year (ie. For AWAC 2023- Las Vegas, the contest utilized for selection will be in 2022).

### ***Governing FAI Sporting Code Regulations:***

Per the FAI Sporting Code, Section 6, Part 1, Chapter 2, the rules and restrictions for team composition are as follows:

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i) NACs shall notify the Organiser of a World Championships, not less than **two months before** it is due to start, of the number of competing pilots to be entered from their NAC up to a **maximum of eight (8)**. The Organiser shall have the right, without reference to CIVA, to reduce this maximum number of pilots of each nation from 8 to 6 competitors. In this event the Organiser shall at once notify NACs accordingly.

ii) Solo entries are allowed from NACs.

iii) In the event that fewer than 3 teams comprised of 3 or more pilots compete, the number of pilots required to constitute a team will be reduced to 2. The requirements of paragraph 1.2.5.2 still apply.

c) The team of each NAC may include the following officials: 1 chief delegate, 1 team manager, 1 chief trainer, trainers, doctors, interpreters, mechanics etc

d) Every competitor must be a member of his or her NAC and must be in possession of a valid FAI sporting licence.

e) Every official must be a member of his or her NAC.

f) The admission of observers depends on the facilities available and is subject to agreement with the organising NAC.

### ***In summary:***

- Each competitor or official must be a member of their National Airsport Control (ie

Aeroclub of Canada)

- Each country may have a team consisting of a maximum of 8 pilots, which may be reduced to 6 at the Organizer's discretion.

- Each country may have solo entries participating, not associated with the official team.

- Each country may also have, as part of the team: 1 chief delegate, 1 team manager, 1 chief trainer, trainers, doctors, interpreters, mechanics

### **Team Selection Method A -Proposal:**

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

In order to qualify for Team Selection, each pilot shall:

- Be a **Canadian citizen** and **hold of a Canadian passport** with an expiry date of no sooner than six months after the start date of the Championship

- Be a current **member** of a **Provincial Aerobatics Canada chapter** for the year of, and the year prior to, the year the Championship is scheduled to take place (ie for a 2023 Championship, competitors would be required to be active members of their Provincial chapters during the years of 2022 and 2023). For reference, membership in a Provincial Chapter automatically includes membership in Aerobatics Canada- National

- **Hold a pilot's license** for single engine land aeroplanes **issued by Transport Canada**, valid for at least six months past the date of the final day of the World Championship event.

- **Hold a medical** which validates the respective pilot's license, issued by Transport Canada, and be valid for at least six months past the date of the final day of the World Championship event.

- Be an **active competitor** in the Advanced or Unlimited category for at least **one** of the prior **three** consecutive years leading up to the Championship year.

Additionally, after selection as a team member:

- Each pilot must complete all registration items required for entry and participation prior to established deadlines

#### **Performance Based Qualification:**

- Team selection will be based on eligible competitors' **Final Overall result at a North American Championship in the Advanced category** in the year prior to the scheduled AWAC Championship. The North American Championship to be utilized will be either the US National Aerobatic Championships, or the Canadian National Championships- the decision to use either Championship as the Selection contest will be made by the Board no later than March 1, 2022.

- The team will be selected as the **highest eight (8) Final Overall scoring competitors** who meet the Minimum Qualifications stated above and have expressed intent to Aerobatics Canada- National to be considered as a competitor candidate ( intent will be indicated via a check box on the Championship registration form)

- The **highest Final Overall** scoring competitor who meets the Minimum Qualifications above will have first right of refusal for the **position of Team Captain**. If this competitor declines the position, the Team Captain will be selected by a democratic vote by the **selected Team Members only**
- Two (2) Alternate competitors will be selected from the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> highest Final Overall scoring positions. These competitors must meet the Minimum Qualifications above and have submitted written intent to Aerobatics Canada- National to be considered as a competitor candidate
- In the case that a team of eight (8) has not been filled due to a lack of turnout at the National Championship, pilots meeting the Minimum Requirements above will apply in writing to the Team Captain for consideration. The Team Captain will present the applications to the Qualified Team Members, per above, and the Team shall vote to fill the remaining positions with a method of their own choosing.

#### **Rationale for this methodology:**

The competitors who can train effectively and independently, carry the costs of a training season, successfully manage Championship attendance, and then go on to fly well under pressure to achieve tangible results among the toughest National competition will be the best candidates to represent Canada on the world stage. Each of the independent challenges required to be overcome to achieve a good contest standing reflects an individual's inherent nature for teamwork, focus, personal management, and performance.

The aim of this method is to produce a strong team which stands the best chance of placing well, getting the attention of the world stage after so many years away. This will in turn pave the way for additional sponsorship support to continue sending the Team to attend WAC/ AWAC Championships worldwide.