

## AMA Released- Jan 2009

### 2010 USA FAI JUNIOR FREE FLIGHT TEAM SELECTION PROGRAM (JrTSP)

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Junior Team Selection Program (JrTSP) exists to provide a substantial opportunity to young Free Flight modelers who have demonstrated a high degree of interest in the sport and the willingness to continually improve their flying skills and the performance of their models. They must demonstrate a degree of proficiency of competing with their models without direct adult involvement. The purpose of this program is to provide a fair process of selecting the Junior Free Flight flyers to represent the USA in the Junior FAI Free Flight World Championship currently scheduled for the summer of 2010 in Romania.

#### 1. Program Entry

- A participant must have a current AMA membership.
  
- Any person who will be under the age of 19 throughout the entire calendar year of 2010 is eligible.
  
- Participants are to send a program entry application (Form A) postmarked on or before July 1, 2009 to the AMA. This requirement is needed to facilitate the planning for timers at the Jr. NATS selection contest. On-field entry will be accepted with a \$50 late fee. Other than the late application fee, there is no monetary charge for JrTSP entry.
  
- The AMA license fee and any contest entry fees are the responsibility of the entrant. The events to be flown are F1A Nordic, F1B Wakefield, and F1P Power.

#### 2. Junior Team Selection Committee

The Free Flight Team Selection Committee (TSC) will govern the Junior Program. The TSC shall appoint a Junior Team Selection Committee (JrTSC), which is to be composed of three or four open flyers. The JrTSC members will hold the following positions at a minimum: JrTSC Chairman, Scorekeeper and Fund Raiser. It is also desired to have one JrTSC member in the East, Central and West part of the country. Interested individuals should contact the JrTSC Chairman after the proceeding Junior World Championships.

#### 3. Team Selection

The USA Junior FAI Free Flight Team for the 2010 Jr World Championships will be the three flyers with the highest times of 14 rounds to be flown in conjunction with the 2009 Free Flight Nationals (NATS), to be held at AMA Headquarters, in Muncie, Indiana, between July 26<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>. The first day of flying, rounds one through seven, will be flown before the NATS (see section 3.6). The second day of flying, rounds eight through fourteen will be the NATS F1A,B and P events. These

fourteen rounds from here out will be referred to as the Jr Finals.

Five completed rounds is the minimum required to select a team. In the event of extenuating circumstances at the Nats that prevent a total of five rounds from being completed, the JrTSC will determine if the Jr Finals times will be used to select the team or an alternate plan will be generated to select the team.

Final team selection is contingent on meeting the qualification requirement (see section 3.1).

**3.1 Qualification** To qualify for the 2010 Jr team, the flyer must score a minimum of 75% (flyoff time not counted) of the winning Jr Finals time for his/her event.

In addition, the Jr must accumulate 75 minutes in their respective event at any AMA contest sanctioned for the Jr's event(s). The Jr shall maintain a written record with the Contest Director's signature validating the time flown. The Jr TSP Scorekeeper will keep a record from published contest results, but it is the responsibility of the Jr flyer to provide the Contest Director's validated times to the Jr TSP Scorekeeper, if requested to resolve any discrepancies (see Form B).

The 75 minute qualification will be retroactively scored after program entry per Section 1.0. The Jr must fly at two contests after the Jr Finals but before the end of the program (see section 3.2), even if they have already achieved the 75 minute qualification time.

### 3.2 Program Schedule.

The JrTSP starts January 1, 2009 and ends at the conclusion of the 2009 King Orange, if not concluded in 2009. The three team members and alternate for the three events will be notified approximately two weeks after the King Orange contest by the JrTSC, but the official notification will come from AMA.

### 3.3 Jr Finals, First Day, Rounds One through Seven

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, before the start of the 2009 Nats, day one of the Jr Finals will be flown. This will be a seven-round, one-hour long rounds, and contest with three-minute maxes. Details will be communicated using JrTSC Bulletins and the NFFS website. There will be no fly off at the end of this first day of flying. Each flyer is entitled to use up to 4 models for Rounds One through Seven.

#### **\*\*Special restrictions and conditions for the Jr Finals, Day 1\***

The purpose of the first day of flying is for the junior participants to demonstrate their flying skills and proficiency. Adult involvement will be limited and individual pole positions and timers will be assigned.

-Access to the flight line will be strictly limited to only juniors entered in the program, officials, officially designated timers and F1A launcher.

-Non-participants may only watch the activities on the flight line from two designated areas, one located near the flight line and the other down wind. Both areas will be clearly identified.

-F1A launchers must leave the flight line immediately after launch, and return to the designated viewing areas.

-Junior participants shall not receive outside communication while on the flight line or when towing in the case of F1A.

-Non-participants may retrieve models and shall return the model to the competitor at the designated areas only. At no time should a non-participant approach the flight line.

-Helpers must not intervene with any Jr while on the flight line. Specifically, they are not to check the model for flight worthiness and should not have any part in the decision when to launch.

-If outside communication is deemed by the Contest Director (CD) to have potentially influenced a flight, the CD will void the flight in question and a re-flight will be given. However, additional time will not be added to the round.

-The junior participant may leave the flight line and retrieve.

### 3.4 Jr Finals, Second Day, Rounds Eight through Fourteen

There are no special restrictions. Only 180 seconds of any extended max times will be used. The Nats F1A, B and P fly off times are not used in the Jr Finals total time. The Jr is responsible for the Nats entry fee(s) (see section 1.0). Each flyer is entitled to use up to four models for Rounds Eight through Fourteen, but they do not have to be the same models used for Rounds One through Seven.

### 3.5 Official team designation.

The top three junior flyers will be required to complete the AMA team membership agreement form, which will be sent from AMA. The final announcement of the Junior Team will then be made for the 2010 Junior World Championships. It is the prerogative of the JrTSC not to select a full 9-member team as deemed appropriate due to the qualifications of the applicants per paragraph 3.1 and/or funding constraints.

Competitors will be chosen for the Junior Team in only one event. If a junior qualifies in more than one event, he/she will notify the selection committee of their preference by the end of the Nats.

The JrTSC will also maintain the authority to place late entrants in uncontested Junior Team positions, but is not obligated to fill an open team position. Application for an uncontested team position must be submitted in writing or email to the JrTSC chairman by April 30, 2009. The Jr must enter, (per Section 1.0) and provide contest performance information as an attachment to Form A. If more than one application is received, the JrTSC will use the following criteria to make a selection: the provided contest performance information; other contest performance information; verbal and written references from other free flight flyers; the number of future JrTSPs the applicant is eligible for. The applicant must fulfill the Qualification requirement per Section 3.1.

#### 4.0 Team and Travel Requirements

Team members must have a current NAA membership (FAI Stamp, available from AMA), along with a passport for travel and to verify age as required by the FAI. The Academy of Model Aeronautics requires that all minors have a parent or legal guardian with them during the Jr. World Championship trip. A legal guardian must have a documented Power of Attorney, be committed to traveling with the minor, and be responsible for the minor for the entire trip. The Junior Team Manager has the discretion to accept or not to accept the legal guardianship of a minor if so requested. The Junior Team Manager must submit to a background check in compliance with AMA regulations.

#### 5.0 Financial Requirements

AMA will provide up to \$400 for travel to and from the Jr. World Championship per team member. Additionally, AMA will provide necessary funding for World Championship entry fees, and room and board per team member. Donations will be sought to offset additional costs of travel and competitions. However, it will be the responsibility of the team member to pay for any costs if donated funds are not available.

#### 6.0 Certification of Models

Team member's models must have an identifying voucher on the model and a Class F Aeromodels Specification Certificate filled out per the FAI Sporting Code for each model. Vouchers and Specification Certificates are available through AMA Headquarters. The team member's models must also have "USA" and the flyer's AMA number on the upper surface of the wing(s) as specified in the FAI Sporting Code. Other regulations, as specified for that model type in the FAI Sporting Code, must be certified on the voucher.

**FORM A -- APPLICATION**

**2010 USA FAI FREE FLIGHT JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION PROGRAM**

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMA#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Team Event(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Please provide a 200-word summary of your modeling experience and your interest in the Junior Team Program. A 5 x 7-inch photo of you with a model should be included. This information and photo will be used on the Junior Team Web site and other model aircraft publications to promote the Junior Team Program.

Applications submitted after the 2009 Jr Finals, for a non-contested Jr team spot, attach a separate sheet showing the applicant's contest performance.

**Mail Completed Form to:**

Academy of Model Aeronautics

Attn: Jr Free Flight Team Selection Program

5161 East Memorial Drive

Muncie, Indiana 47302

