

## **Builder of the Model (BOM) Rule Update for all NFFS Events**

The following clarification/change to the NFFS BOM rules was sparked and suggested in an inquiry to the NFFS by Joe Mekina, the 2013 NATS CD. Please follow the AMA BOM rule for all contests in 2013 and beyond.

A few years ago the NFFS adopted a rule that allowed the use of models built by deceased modelers with some specific identification requirements. For this rules cycle the AMA now allows models built by deceased and other individuals incapable of flying their aircraft. Since the NFFS rules state that all AMA rules apply to the NFFS events unless specifically stated otherwise there is no need for the NFFS rule regarding models built by deceased fliers. Specifically the NFFS BOM rule (Reference NFFS 2013/2014 Rule Book Paragraph 4.1) is immediately removed from the NFFS rule book in entirety and the AMA BOM rule applies.

The AMA rule presented in the Outdoor Free Flight Rule Book is as follows:

“Free Flight General

1. Applicability. In addition to the following General Free Flight Rules and the specific rules for each Free Flight event, Free Flight model aircraft construction, flying and competition are also governed by the rules of the following section: Sanctioned Competition, Records, and General. The following exception to the Builder of Model rule will apply: If the person who originally constructed an Outdoor Free Flight model is deceased, physically or mentally infirmed or, due to age, is no longer able to actively compete, another competitor may fly that model in competition. The model may not be flown by more than one competitor in any sanctioned contest. This exception to the Builder of Model rule will not apply to those models that were produced with the intent of being commercially marketed. Although the following general and specific rules primarily govern competitive activity in AMA events, it is strongly recommended that, in the interests of safety and consistency, they be followed in all Free Flight activity.”

Reference: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/2013-2014OutdoorFreeFlight2.pdf>

If you are planning to fly such an aircraft in competition it is suggested that you bring a copy of this notice with you to eliminate any problems. It would be very thoughtful, although not required, if you would credit the original builder with bold markings on the aircraft.

For specific BOM recommendations for the 2013 NATS and it's implementation please see <http://www.outdoorffnats.com/> .

Thanks,

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