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205.1. General

205.1.1. Due to its *Letter of Agreement* with the National Aeronautic Association outlined in *IAC Policy and Procedures Manual*, Section 302, the IAC is indirectly tied to the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FAI is the world sanctioning body for air sports and its authority extends to most disciplines including aerobatics.

205.1.2. The NAA *Letter of Agreement* requires IAC to represent the United States at appropriate FAI air sports commission meetings. In the case of aerobatics, the applicable air sports commission is the Commission Internationale de Voltige Aérienne (CIVA). This commission meets once a year with various committee meetings at different times throughout the year. Each member country is entitled to send a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to CIVA meetings. CIVA establishes rules for world, international, and continental championships at these meetings.

205.2. Program Administration

205.2.1. A CIVA Delegate, and an Alternate Delegate will be appointed to represent the United States with FAI and CIVA in matters that would affect IAC pilots at all levels. A Second Alternate Delegate may be appointed.

205.3. Program Policy

205.3.1. Contest Rules

205.3.1.1. While CIVA Regulations and sections of the *FAI Sporting Code* are applicable to world, international, and continental championship competitions, this does not extend to contests held within the United States that are not of this type. Thus, such competitions as the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships are held strictly in accordance with *IAC Official Contest Rules* and this *Policy and Procedures Manual*.

205.3.1.2. As a matter of policy, however, the Board of Directors, through the Rules Committee, will make every effort to ensure standardization from the world level down to the local competition in the rules that affect every pilot. Such standardization limits itself, for the most part, to judging standards, size of the aerobatic zone, and the aerobatic



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catalog of figures in use. However, this is ultimately determined by the Board of Directors.

205.3.2. U.S.A. Proposals to CIVA

- 205.3.2.1. The CIVA Delegate is responsible for preparing the United States proposals to CIVA. The Delegate will make every effort to coordinate these proposals with the Board of Directors and members of the U.S. Aerobatic Teams (as appropriate), when such proposals affect team pilots. Proposals for rules changes and Free Known figure groups are submitted to FAI Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland in accordance with CIVA's published deadlines. The CIVA Delegate will notify the IAC Board, IAC Rules Committee, and current U.S. Aerobatic Team members, when the proposals are posted on the CIVA website.
- 205.3.2.2. The Delegate may also be called upon to submit proposals at other times during the year if CIVA requires such submissions for committee meetings. The Delegate will be authorized complete flexibility regarding these proposals and their coordination. In all cases, the Delegate should review their work with the President of IAC and the IAC CIVA Relations Committee. The Board of Directors will be consulted and informed as necessary and appropriate.
- 205.3.2.3. In the event of major changes occurring at FAI and CIVA that would affect IAC pilots at all levels, the Delegate will seek approval of the IAC Board of Directors regarding U.S. positions on such matters. In the event these major changes would affect U.S. Aerobatic Team members, the delegate will also confer with the U.S. Aerobatic Team members regarding the U.S. position on such matters.
- 205.3.2.4. The CIVA Relations Committee assists in the preparation of U.S. proposal submissions to CIVA and U.S. positions on CIVA matters. This committee will discuss any proposals prior to the CIVA plenary meeting. The following persons shall be automatic members of the committee: CIVA Delegate, CIVA Alternate Delegate, and IAC Rules Committee Chairman. The Committee Chair may appoint other members as desired.

205.3.3. Other Country's Proposals to CIVA



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205.3.3.1. The CIVA Delegate will notify the IAC Board, IAC Rules Committee, and current U.S. Aerobatic Team members when other nations' proposals are posted on the CIVA website.

205.3.4 Expenses

205.3.4.1. In the formulation of the annual budget, the IAC Finance Committee will be responsible for the allocation of adequate funds to cover travel expenses for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and/or Second Alternate Delegate as it deems appropriate. The Finance Committee will keep in mind that the U.S. presence at such meetings has a significant impact on the future direction of the sport of aerobatics.