



2020 Rule Change Proposals

The following rule change proposals were *approved for the 2020 contest season.

**It should be noted that some rule changes not list on the approved list were not accepted until the refactored rule book has been through member comment. There will be more follow up on some of those rejected rule proposals.*

RP2020-03 Eliminate most snap rolls from Intermediate Knowns and Unknowns

Proposed Change:

Please consider allowing only Figure 9.9.3.4, an inside snap roll at the apex of a looping figure from Family 7 or Family 8, in intermediate Knowns and Unknowns. This can be done by removing Fig. 9.9.2.2 from the Allowable Figures For Power Unknowns (Intermediate) and adding the following:

“Note: 9.9.3.4 can only be used on designated family 7 and 8 figures at the apex of the loop.”

RP2020-06 Achievement Awards – Safety Pilots to Intermediate

Make these changes:

(d) Safety Pilots may be used according to Rule 2.2. The award applicant must be the sole occupant of the aircraft during SMOOTH award flights, except that a “safety pilot” for insurance purposes may be carried during Power Primary, Sportsman, and Intermediate flights. Gliders may carry a ‘safety pilot’ in all categories. The applicant must be the sole operator of the controls when performing the aerobatic figures and the safety pilot must not be providing any comment(s) during the figure flown.

RP2020-08 Revise text and figure for Judges Currency Requirements to improve readability

Replace Rule 2.6.3 and Fig, 2.6.1 with more readable content and understandable flow chart.

RP2020-16 “All Averages” scores

Proposed re-wording:

“If the Chief Judge determines that none of the judges were able to judge the figure, the Chief Judge will notify the pilot by radio at the end of their sequence, to reply the figure(s) that all judges averaged.”

RP2020-17 Add Quarter Clover figures to Intermediate Power Known, Free, and Unknown flights

Proposed Change:

Change the definition of Quarter Clover on page 13 to read..."A figure (Family 0.1 and 0.2) which may be flown in the Sportsman and Intermediate categories only." Make changes as appropriate to Allowable Figures for Unknowns in Appendix 3, 4, and add to Appendix 5 for Achievement Awards.

RP2020-18 Allow Advanced and Unlimited competitors to serve as judges at regional contests

Proposed Change: Paragraph 3.4 NUMBER OF JUDGES

Add the following: At regional contests, in the absence of otherwise qualified judges to fulfill the minimum of three required judges, those pilots who have competed at the Advance or Unlimited level in the current or previous contest year may serve as contest judges.

RP2020-21 Simplifying Signaling Rules

Affected Rule(s): 1.5(L), 4.16 & its sub-sections, Tables 4.17.1 & 4.17.2, 7.6.2, A7-4

Proposed Changes:

1.5(L) -- REPLACE "improper program restarts/signaling" WITH "improper signaling".

4.16 & its sub-sections – revised content for clarity

TABLES 4.17.1 & 4.17.2 -- replace "program interruption" with "program interruption or improper signal"

7.6.2 -- REPLACE "improper restart/signaling" WITH "improper signaling".

ON PAGE A7-4 (CHIEF JUDGE PENALTY FORM), change all instances of "improper restart" to "improper signal", and replace the 2nd paragraph of "figure penalties" with: "there is a maximum of one interruption and one improper signal penalty between figures."

RP2020-22 Clarify penalty for non-centered rolls on radii

Rule(s) Affected: 8.4.2(e)

Insert the following text after the third sentence: "For example, if a competitor performs an avalanche with the snap roll beginning five degrees before the apex and ending 15 degrees after, the judge should deduct one (1) point because the roll would have been centered if it were started five degrees sooner."

RP2020-23 Fix inconsistency in Glider Unknown Figure 7.8.3.4

Rule(s) Affected: Appendix 4

Proposed Change:

Remove the optional roll symbol from 7.8.3.4 in Intermediate, or add it to that figure for Advanced. (Intermediate should not allow greater difficulty than Advanced for the same basic figure.)

RP2020-24 Fix inconsistency in Glider Unknown Figure 7.8.4.4

Rule(s) Affected: Appendix 4

Proposed Change:

For Glider Unknowns, Figure 7.8.4.4: remove the optional roll symbol on the entry line for Intermediate, and add the same figure in Advanced.

RP2020-25 Fix inconsistency in Glider Unknown Figure 7.8.8.1

Rule(s) Affected: Appendix 4

Proposed Change:

Remove the optional roll symbol from the entry line of Glider Intermediate fig 7.8.8.1, or add it to Advanced and Unlimited. (Optional roll symbol appears in Intermediate, but not Advanced of Unlimited.)

RP2020-26 Delete never used Judge Currency method 2.6.3 (c)(3)

Delete 2.6.3(c)(3) Including the person who proposed this rule, no one has taken advantage of it.

RP2020-27 Correct text of Judge currency description 2.6.3 (b)

Proposed change: "If a judge did not serve as a grading or Chief judge for the number of flights prescribed in 2.6.3(a), but has attended an approved IAC "Advanced Aerobatic Judging" seminar, or the "Practical Aerobatic Judging" seminar (may be day 2 of traditional Introduction to Aerobatic Judging 2-day school)..."

RP2020-28 Improve readability of text of Judge Recurrency 2.6.3.

Split 2.6.3 (a). into two paragraphs

RP2020-29 Apply judge currency credit for volunteering at Nationals to Regional Judges

Proposed Change: Propose moving the current 2.6.3(d)(2) to a new location in section 2.6.3(c).

The text for all of the 2020 rule change proposals is available at: [Agenda Item 6.2.a Submitted 2020 Proposed Rules Changes Fall 2019.pdf](#)