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# Team Selection and Funding Bylaws

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## REPRESENTING IRELAND

(Appendix E Passed 26/2/83)

No person shall be eligible to represent Ireland at International or World Championship events unless he or she has been a member of MACI for the 24 months immediately preceding the event.

## FUNDING FOR REPRESENTING IRELAND

(Appendix E1 Passed 29/12/08 and amended 28/11/09)

The council shall consider funding aid to persons or teams representing Ireland at International aeromodelling Competitions or World Championship Events subject to the following criteria:

1. The event must be held under the auspices of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale or other world sports controlling body and must have World or European Championship status.
2. Only competitors shall be eligible to receive funding. A team manager shall be considered a competitor where the rules governing the event specify a team manager is part of a team and is required to pay a competition fee and also where the Irish team consists of at least two pilots.
3. Application for funding must be made in writing to the Secretary at least three months in advance of the starting date of the event. Application may be made jointly on behalf of a full team or by an individual (even though part of a team).
4. Application shall include details of the event, classification, FAI or other controlling body approval, entry fees, estimated travel and accommodation costs. The costs of models and equipment shall not be considered as the basis for any funding.
5. Funding per person shall be limited to a maximum of 1.5% of the MACI financial balance published at the previous AGM. The Council shall have absolute discretion to reduce the amount of funding below this maximum. The Council shall base any funding decision on the financial position of MACI at the time and the foreseeable future as well as the estimated number of members likely to apply for such funding during the year and the cost of entry and travel for the competitor.
6. Only one subvention can be paid to any person in any one year.
7. Following approval by the council for any funding, the decision shall be minuted and placed on the agenda for the following council meeting to ratify. Only following two council meetings (one to approve and the second to ratify) shall the funding become available.
8. Funding shall not be paid until after the event is over and the competitor or his team representative has sent a written report to the secretary and the newsheet editor.

Special international events (such as Triple Crown Championships, Inter Country Competitions etc) which are organized and held in Ireland shall not come under these criteria and the Council shall have the power to fund such events as it sees fit. The funding of members competing in such events shall however come under the above criteria.

## TEAM SELECTION FOR CLASSES OTHER THAN F3A, F4C AND LARGE SCALE

(Appendix F Passed 11/6/83 and amended 12/5/84)

1. The performance of competitors in the relevant class at the following competitions during the calendar year preceding the International event will qualify for selection points:
  - All Irish Nationals (R/C, C/L, T/S, Club 20)
  - All Provincial Championships
  - Any other contests designated by the Council.
2. The "relevant class" shall be the MACI class which uses a model of the same specification and uses the same flying schedule as that in the relevant FAI class.
3. Points will be awarded as follows:
  - First Place - 6 points
  - Second Place - 5 points
  - Third Place - 4 points
  - Fourth Place - 3 points
  - Fifth Place - 2 points
  - Sixth Place - 1 point.
- 4.1 Where a competition in the relevant class occurs only once in the year, then a competitor's points at that competition will be considered.
- 4.2 Where two such competitions occur, then the highest points from either competition will be considered.
- 4.3 Where three or four such competitions occur, the points from the best two competitions will be considered.
- 4.4 Where five or more such competitions occur, the points from the best three competitions will be considered.
5. The relevant MACI competition secretary will compile records from results of competitions as published in the FlightLines.

## TEAM SELECTION RULES FOR CLASSES F4C AND LARGE SCALE

(Appendix G Passed 21/1/89 and amended 27/1/90)

These procedures supersede all existing by-laws, rules, regulations and procedures defining eligibility for and relating to the selection of teams to represent Ireland at International or other contests or competition events as designated by the Council in FAI Classes F4C and Large Scale.

### 1. TEAM SELECTION

1.1 Intending team members will be offered places in sequence of descending total qualifying point's score achieved by the addition of the following:

(a) Their best three points scores in the relevant class achieved in the preceding eight ranking contests prior to the team trial;

(b) Twice their points score achieved in the team trial.

1.2 Any points tie will be broken as follows:

(a) By a single round fly-off, the order of flight to be determined by the toss of a coin;

(b) Where a fly-off is not possible, the team place will go to the highest team trial points score;

(c) Any remaining tie will be broken by the toss of a coin.

### 2. POINTS SCORING

2.1 The following system will be applied in respect of team trial and ranking contest positions. Ten points will be awarded for first place, with one point to be deducted for successive place, terminating with one point for tenth place, e.g. Qualifying points scores of 10, 9, 8, 7.....1 to be awarded for places 1, 2, 3, 4.....10 respectively.

### 3. DATES

3.1 The date for the team trial will be announced by the Council at the earliest possible opportunity and will be published in the earliest subsequent issue of FlightLines.

3.2 The team trial will be scheduled for a date between sixty and thirty five weeks prior to the event in question. It will normally take place in the latter half of the contest season in the preceding year.

3.3 In the event that a scheduled team trial does not take place, it will be re-scheduled for the earliest possible subsequent weekend.

3.4 In the situation where for any reason that a team trial result is not available by the end of the thirty fifth week prior to the event; the Team Manager may, with the approval of the Council, proceed with the selection of a team per section 1.1.(a).

3.5 The MACI General Secretary will, immediately upon receipt, publish in FlightLines, information regarding international modelling events (dates, location, classes, fees etc.).

### 4. TEAM PLACES AND FEES

4.1 The MACI Council may at any time decide not to proceed with the selection of a team for any class.

- 4.2 The Team Manager will, at the team trial, offer places to aspiring team members per section 1 (Team Selection).
- 4.3 In the event of acceptance, any further fees, charges, contributions now due must be immediately paid to the Team Manager.
- 4.4 In the event of non-acceptance or of non-payment of due fees, charges or contributions, the team place offered will be forfeited to the next highest points scorer.
- 4.5 Team place offers will go no further back than the sixth highest qualifying points scorer, except at the discretion of the Team Manager.

## 5. TEAM MANAGER

- 5.1 The incumbent Team Manager is responsible for the administration of this procedure.
- 5.2 A new Team Manager will normally be appointed by the Council within a period of ten weeks from the date on which the respective teams are selected.

## 6. GENERAL

- 6.1 Current FAI F4C contest rules will apply for team trials and for ranking contests contributing to the selection procedures.
- 6.2 Ranking contests will be designated by the Council prior to publication of the contest calendar for each season. These will normally include the National and Regional Championships.

## INTERNATIONAL TEAM SELECTION RULES FOR CLASS F3A

(Appendix G1 Passed 25/11/95)

### 1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 This procedure is to be operated during each contest season. The results obtained will determine the team selections for those events which take place during the following calendar year.

### 2. TEAM SELECTION

- 2.1 Intending team members will be offered places based on their performance in a two part team selection procedure.
- 2.2 The team trial will be flown in two legs, each comprising four rounds. The overall team trial result will be determined by the addition of each competitor's best three normalised scores from the available eight rounds.
- 2.3 Points ties will be broken as follows:
  - (a) by the performance of the tied competitors next best flight.
  - (b) where this is not possible or a tie still occurs, the team place will go to the person with the highest scores (based on 3 rounds) in the second leg of the team trial.
  - (c) any remaining tie will be broken by a toss of a coin.

### 3. DATES AND VENUES

- 3.1 The dates and venues for the team trial legs will be announced by the Council at the earliest opportunity and will be published in the earliest subsequent issue of FlightLines. Where this cannot be done at least one month in advance, or where forced late changes in arrangements occur, it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to notify all likely contenders.
- 3.2 The first team trial leg in a given season shall normally be held concurrently and as the F3A contest in the Irish Nationals. The second leg shall where possible be run as a one day event for F3A flyers only. The site shall be chosen to be as central as reasonably possible to suit the competitors who regularly compete at F3A contests. The date shall where possible be on a Sunday within one month after the last national or provincial F3A contest of the season.
- 3.3 In the event that a scheduled trial leg does not take place, the team manager shall reschedule it for the earliest possible subsequent weekend.
- 3.4 Where 2 full team trials of 4 rounds each are not held (due to weather or otherwise), the team manager shall decide what alternative arrangements, if any, are necessary to complete the selection process.
- 3.4 In the event that for any reason both team trial legs have not taken place by November 30th of the year prior to that for which team selections are to be determined, then the Team Manager may, with the approval of the Council, proceed with the selection of a team per Appendix F (points from other contests).
- 3.5 The team manager, or his appointed representative, shall act as contest director for the second leg of the team trial.

### 4. OFFER OF TEAM PLACES

- 4.1 When an international competition or World Championship event is announced the Team Manager will supervise the selection of a team.
- 4.2 The MACI Council may, at any time, decide not to proceed with the selection of a team.
- 4.2 After individual event regulations are received, the Team Manager will immediately proceed with the offer and confirmation of team places. This procedure should be completed at least within eight weeks, but sooner if circumstances require this.
- 4.3 The Team Manager will, subject to clause 4.2 above, determine the duration for which team place offers will remain open.
- 4.4 In the event of acceptance of a team place offer, any further fees, charges or contributions to expenses due, become payable and must be immediately paid to the Team Manager.
- 4.5 In the event of non acceptance, or of non payment of due monies within one week, the team place offer will be forfeited to the next highest qualifying points scorer, except at the discretion of the Team Manager.

## 5. TEAM MANAGER

- 5.1 The incumbent Team Manager is responsible for the administration of this procedure.
- 5.2 A Team Manager will be appointed by the Council at its first meeting subsequent to a team being selected. The Team Manager will remain in office until a new team is selected (replacement of individual team members due to forfeiture or a drop out prior to an international event for which a team has already been selected will not be considered as a new team as regards the appointment of a Team Manager.)

## 6. GENERAL

- 6.1 Current FAI F3A contest rules will apply for the team trials.
- 6.2 The decision of the Council will be final where any dispute or uncertainty may arise in the interpretation of this procedure.
- 6.3 Five qualified judges, drawn as far as possible from the panel used during the year, will be used at each team trial leg. Highest and lowest scores will be discarded. The director of the Nationals Aerobatic line shall select judges for the first part of the team trial, and the team manager shall select judges for the second leg.
- 6.4 The team manager shall decide upon and collect an entry fee for the second leg team trial. This fee shall be used for expenses of the event and for travelling expenses of the judges. The MACI may consider contributing to the judges travelling expenses.