

# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



## INTERNATIONAL TEAMS PROCEDURE

**MOP024**

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This Policy and/or Procedure forms part of the MAAA Manual of Procedures. This entire document is for the use of all classes of members of the MAAA in the conduct of activities associated with the MAAA and is not be used for any other purpose, in whole or in part, without the written approval of the MAAA Executive.

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## **INTERNATIONAL TEAMS PROCEDURE**

### **1. PURPOSE**

This procedure ensures:

1. That Team Trials for World, Oceania Continental and Trans Tasman Championships are conducted in accordance with MAAA requirements.
2. That Team Members are aware of the MAAA assistance package that is provided and the conditions of payment.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

<b>Affiliate Member</b> .....	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated with an MAAA Ordinary Member.
<b>Australian Nationals</b> .....	An Aeromodelling event run annually under the auspices of the MAAA. The location of the Nationals is normally rotated amongst those State Associations having venues to support the event. Apart from the social aspects, the Nationals have a serious competitive side and all of the major classes in Free Flight, Control Line and Radio Control are catered for.
<b>CIAM</b> .....	Commission Internationale d'Aero Modellisme – the International Aeromodelling Commission of FAI.
<b>Club</b> .....	A club properly affiliated with a State Association.
<b>Contest Director</b> .....	A person who is appointed by the Organiser to be responsible for conducting the Team Selection Trial in accordance with the FAI rules to be used at the relevant Championship (or as approved under 8.2). The Contest Director shall submit the results of the Team Selection Trial to the Organiser.
<b>Continental Championships</b> .....	Biennial international aeromodelling contests between countries in an FAI designated grouping and run in accordance with current FAI rules.
<b>FAI</b> .....	Federation Aeronautique Internationale
<b>MAAA</b> .....	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
<b>MAAA Ordinary Member</b> .....	A State Association properly affiliated with the MAAA Inc.
<b>MAAA Subcommittee</b> .....	A committee comprising representatives from State Associations appointed by the MAAA Council.
<b>National Special Interest Group</b> ....	A body established with interstate membership for the purpose of encouraging a particular facet of aeromodelling throughout Australia. See MOPO20: Recognition of National Special Interest Groups.

<b>Nationals</b> .....	See Australian Nationals
<b>NSIG</b> .....	National Special Interest Group
<b>Organiser</b> .....	A person officially appointed by the MAAA Executive to organise Team Selection Trial/s.
<b>Oceania Continental Championships</b>	International competitions run to FAI rules for countries bordering on seas adjacent to the Western Pacific and including the islands of the Western Pacific.
<b>SIG</b> .....	Special Interest Group. A group formed within a State with local members only for the purpose of encouraging a particular facet of aeromodelling within the State.
<b>State Association</b> .....	See MAAA Ordinary Member
<b>State Championships</b> .....	Aeromodelling contests run by State Associations on an annual basis.
<b>Team Manager</b> .....	A person holding a valid FAI Sporting Licence for Aeromodels who manages an Australian team. The Team Manager does not need to be an Affiliate Member but it is advantageous. Refer to MOP010: Duties of a Team Manager.
<b>Single Team Trial</b> .....	The use of a single competition scheduled within the designated time frame which can either be a specially organised trial or an existing event to select members for an Australian Team.
<b>Multi Team Trial</b> .....	The utilisation of the results from a series of nominated competitions run within the designated time frame as a means of selecting members for an Australian Team.
<b>Time Frame</b> .....	The period of time, normally 12 months, during which the team selection trial/s for a forthcoming international championship event is to be held.
<b>Trans Tasman</b> .....	International Contests between New Zealand and Australia.
<b>World Championships</b> .....	Biennial international aeromodelling contests fully endorsed by the FAI and run in accordance with current FAI rules.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Federation Aeronautic Internationale, more commonly known as the FAI, was founded in 1905. It is a non government and non profit making international organisation with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. The basic aim of the FAI is to further aeronautical activities world wide, including ratifying world records and coordinating the organisation of international competitions for manned and unmanned aerial vehicles. The aeromodelling section of the FAI is known as CIAM.

- 3.2 Australia, for many years, has been an active member of the FAI. The annual CIAM meeting is held normally at Lausanne in March. This meeting is responsible for:
- Decisions regarding the awarding and supervision of World Aeromodelling Championships.
  - The establishment and maintenance of the rules under which these contests are conducted.
  - Decisions regarding the future inclusion of new or developing classes of models within the programme.

The MAAA believes in the ideals of the FAI and it is a policy of the MAAA that every affiliated member of the MAAA receives a combined Membership Card/FAI Sporting Licence which is valid in all countries represented by the FAI.

#### **4. POLICY**

- 4.1 All current Affiliate Members are entitled to attempt to qualify for places on all MAAA Australian teams.
- 4.2 All current Affiliate Members of the MAAA shall be given reasonable opportunities to be selected for teams representing Australia. It is a requirement of the MAAA that the location of trials, over the years, be spread as evenly as possible amongst interested States.
- 4.3 The Single Team Trial is the preferred method of team selection.
- 4.4 An Organiser is appointed by the MAAA Executive to be responsible for the approval, planning, running and for advising the MAAA Secretary the results of a team selection programme. The MAAA would expect the Organiser to be a member of the relevant MAAA Subcommittee or NSIG, who is prepared to undertake the liaison necessitated by this role.
- 4.5 The details, including dates, location/s and format, of a Team Trial/s must be approved by the MAAA Executive.
- 4.6 No Team Trial in any discipline should be conducted sooner than six months following the last World Championship, or any later than six months prior to the next Championship. With World Championships in most classes being held on a two yearly basis, this effectively leaves a twelve month Time Frame in which team selection trials can be held.
- 4.7 Where an MAAA Nationals falls within the time frame for team selection of a particular discipline, then the Nationals Committee is expected to offer the Nationals event as a Team Trial. Organisers of trials need to consider this aspect when formulating proposals.
- 4.8 The details of Team Trial/s shall be advertised widely, with the intention of informing as many Affiliate Members as possible.
- 4.9 In general, all Team Trials are to be conducted in accordance with the current FAI rules applicable to the discipline. See 8.2.
- 4.10 Only current Affiliate Members of the MAAA are entitled to be Members of an MAAA Team, except for Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (see 8.6). The MAAA assistance package shall be paid in accordance with this Procedure.

## **5. TEAM TRIALS**

### **5.1 Single Trial Process**

5.1.1 The Organiser of a Single Team Trial shall request approval from the MAAA Executive for the Trial in accordance with 6.5, no later than 6 months before the Trial is to be held.

### **5.2 Multi Trial Process**

5.2.1 It is acknowledged that at various times some disciplines, in accordance with the wishes of the majority of members, may consider it necessary to utilise multiple Team Trials for a specific World, Oceania Continental or Trans Tasman Championship.

5.2.2 The Organiser, on behalf of a discipline seeking Multi Team Trials, shall forward a written request for approval to vary the process to the MAAA Executive in accordance with 6.5, no later than 6 months before the first Trial is to be held.

5.2.3 The application shall contain in addition to 6.5:

- (a) the proposed system of awarding points at each contest.
- (b) the system that will decide the order of offering team places.
- (c) the method used to separate entrants with the same total number of points at the end of the Trials.

5.2.4 The MAAA Executive, in considering the application would have to be satisfied that the majority of members from within the applicant's group are in favour of holding multiple trials and at the same time, that interstate members are not being continually disadvantaged.

5.2.5 Approval to use a Multi Trial System shall only be in effect for a two year period.

## **6. RESPONSIBILITY AND PROCEDURE**

6.1 The MAAA Secretary is responsible for advising MAAA Subcommittee Chairmen of the expected dates and locations of the relevant World and Continental Championship events, the time frame in which the Team Trial for the championship is to be run and which Nationals, if any, falls within the relevant time frame.

6.2 The MAAA Secretary shall also advise the relevant MAAA Subcommittee Chairmen of the requirement to nominate an Organiser. The Chairman shall submit the name of the Organiser to the MAAA Secretary for approval by the Executive prior to commencement of Team Trial organisation.

6.3 The MAAA Secretary shall confirm the appointment of the Organiser.

6.4 It is the responsibility of the Organiser to liaise with the relevant MAAA Subcommittee, NSIG or SIG and the Nationals Committee (see 4.7) in order to formulate the Team Trial/s proposal and to seek the required approvals from the MAAA Executive.

6.5 Team Trial proposals must contain at least the following information:

- The format (single trial or multi trials). Refer to 5.1 and 5.2 above.
- Location/s (actual names of venue/s, town/s and state/s)

- Exact date/s (day, month and year) of the Trial/s
  - A copy of the approval from the organisers of the Nationals and/or State Championships if being used as a Team Trial
  - Details of any entry fee and/or deposit required if applicable. See 8.4
- 6.6 The Organiser shall submit the Team Trial/s proposal to the MAAA Secretary for the approval of the Executive no later than 6 months before the Trial/s is to be held.
- 6.7 The MAAA Executive shall consider the Team Trial/s proposal and subsequently the MAAA Secretary shall advise the Organiser of the decision.
- 6.8 If the proposal is approved, the MAAA Secretary shall advise the Organiser of the approval together with any conditions.
- 6.9 The MAAA Secretary shall ensure that the date/s and locations of approved Team Trial/s are published in the MAAA Newsletter and shall advise the MAAA Web Master of the details to be placed on the MAAA web site.
- 6.10 It is the responsibility of the Organiser to ensure all Affiliate Members receive adequate notice of approved Team Trial/s by distributing full details, including dates and locations, through the MAAA Subcommittee, NSIG & SIG newsletters and web sites.
- 6.11 If the proposal is not approved, the MAAA Secretary shall advise the Organiser together with the reasons for the rejection. The Organiser shall then prepare another submission to the MAAA.
- 6.12 The Organiser of the Team Trial/s is responsible for the overall planning of the trial/s which includes the appointment of Contest Director/s and the selection of flying sites, including Team Trial/s which occur at Nationals and State Championships.
- 6.13 The Organiser shall advise the MAAA Secretary of the results of the Team Trial/s within fourteen days of the completion of the trial/s.
- 6.14 It is the responsibility of the Organiser to determine who is eligible for the positions in the Australian Team, including reserves, and to ascertain their willingness to accept the position. The Organiser shall then advise the MAAA Secretary of the outcome within twenty-eight days of the completion of the Trial/s including their names, AUS numbers and full contact details.
- 6.15 The MAAA Secretary shall formally offer Australian Team positions.
- 6.16 The Organiser shall solicit nominations for the position of Team Manager and the team members shall decide who is to be recommended. The Organiser shall advise the MAAA Secretary of the recommended Team Manager within 28 days of the final Team being confirmed.
- 6.17 Selection criteria for the Team Manager position is available at Section 4 of MOP010: Duties of a Team Manager.
- 6.18 The MAAA Secretary shall confirm the appointment of the Team Manager and advise members of the team.
- 6.19 If a non-flying Team Manager is appointed that person shall be officially entered as part of the Australian team.

## **7. TRANS TASMAN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Trans Tasman Contests are different to World Championships in the manner they are arranged. World Championships are arranged by the FAI whereas the Trans Tasman events are contests between New Zealand and Australia. These contests are normally organised/arranged between the National Special interest Groups in the participating countries and as such it is the Australian NSIGs who normally advise the MAAA of forthcoming events and effectively run their own trials.

However each NSIG is expected to run Trans Tasman competitions in accordance with relevant sections of this document namely: 6.2 and 6.3 (appointment of Organiser), 6.5 and 6.6 (informing the Secretary of dates of trials and requesting approval), 6.9 and 6.10 (Secretary and Organiser distributing information), 6.12 (Organiser's responsibilities), 6.13 (advising Secretary of results), 6.14 (advising Secretary of details of Team Members) and 6.15 (offer of team positions).

## **8. GENERAL**

### **8.1 Eligibility to Participate in a Team Trial**

Only MAAA Affiliate Members are entitled to enter World Championship, Oceania Continental and Trans Tasman Team Selection Trials unless an existing event.

### **8.2 FAI Rules and Team Selection**

The trials shall be conducted in accordance with the FAI Rules to be used at the nominated Championship. A variation permitted is that extra rounds may be run during the selection process. Team Selection and reserve team places are to be based on final placings from specific Team Selection Trials, and at other events the results of non MAAA members should be ignored for the purpose of the agreed Team Selection criteria. The Organiser of a Trial can apply to the MAAA Executive for a further waiver of FAI Rules.

### **8.3 Cancellation of a Team Trial**

8.3.1 When weather conditions are such that the Team Trial is abandoned on the day, the Contest Director (who made the decision to postpone and only after consulting immediately with all intended competitors who attended on the day) is empowered to set an alternative day. Provided the decision is made on site and at the time of postponement, then the Contest Director can set a date from the following day up to a day that is no closer than six months prior to the World Championship in question.

8.3.2 In all other circumstances the cancellation of a trial for any reason, prior to a scheduled date and the setting of an alternative date will need the approval of the MAAA. The MAAA will normally consider this type of application as a new application from the Organiser requiring six months prior notice.

### **8.4 Entry Deposit**

8.4.1 The Organiser of the Team Trial can impose an Entry Deposit on the entrants and set the conditions of operation, refund or retention by the Organiser. An Entry Deposit may be used to ensure that entrants attend a Team Trial so that officials are not inconvenienced with the cancellation of a Team Trial due to lack of numbers on the day. Details of how the Entry Deposit will operate the amount it will be and what happens to forfeited deposits shall be published on the entry form for the Team Trial. In the case of an Entry Deposit being imposed, a Team Trial Entry Form is compulsory.

- 8.4.2 If a special Team trial is organised then an Entry Fee may be imposed to cover costs.
- 8.4.3 If the Team Trial is offered as part of an MAAA Nationals then the setting of the entry fee is the responsibility of the Nationals Organising Committee.
- 8.4.4 Each Team Trial for which an Entry Deposit or Fee is sought must be submitted to the MAAA Executive for approval. See 6.5.

### **8.5 Scale Models**

A member of a team selected to fly in an international scale contest shall enter the same model with which the member qualified for the contest. If the model is not available for any reason, a team member may submit an alternative model to a panel of three nominated by the Organiser to determine its suitability. If no model is available or the replacement model is not up to standard then the place may be offered to a reserve team member, subject to the Rules and Regulations for Change of Entries for the event.

## **9. MAAA ASSISTANCE TO TEAM MEMBERS OF WORLD AND OCEANIA CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **9.1 Team Members**

For the purpose of receiving financial assistance from the MAAA, the following are considered to be members of Australian Teams for World and Oceania Continental Championships:

- a. Team Managers who are Affiliate Members of the MAAA
- b. Competitors (Fliers/Pilots)
- c. Mechanics in FAI Team Race (F2C)
- d. Callers in F3D and F5D (R/C Pylon events)
- e. Assistant Team Managers (one only, applicable for only Free Flight, Control Line, Scale and Space Models and where allowed by FAI Rules) who are Affiliate Members of the MAAA

### **9.2 Uniform**

Members of World and Oceania Continental Championship teams shall wear clothing of uniform pattern as agreed by the Team.

### **9.3 Uniform Subsidy**

The MAAA shall provide a grant of A\$500.00 to each Team Member including Team Manager, and Assistant Team Manager where applicable (who are MAAA Affiliate Members - see 9.1a & e), representing Australia, and an Australian defending World Champion at World and Oceania Continental Championships, towards the cost of the uniform.

### **9.4 Entry Fee**

- 9.4.1 The MAAA shall provide A\$1000.00 to each Competitor, the Team Manager (if an MAAA Affiliate Member) and an Australian defending World Champion at World and Oceania Continental Championships towards the entry fee and incidental costs.
- 9.4.2 The MAAA entry fee subsidy payable to an Assistant Team Manager, where applicable (if an MAAA Affiliate Member - see 9.1e), shall be half that of the Team Manager.

## **9.5 Subsidies and Grants**

9.5.1 All monetary subsidies and grants shall be paid to the Competitors when proof of payment to the Championship Organisers has been made.

9.5.2 The subsidy payable to the Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager will be paid upon the receipt by the MAAA Secretary of a report on the Championship and the return of the Australian flag and National Anthem CD provided to the Team Manager prior to departure.

## **9.6 Badges**

The MAAA shall give each Team Member a pack comprising of 5 each of the MAAA badges and decals prior to leaving for the Championship.

## **9.7 Eligibility**

MAAA Team Members' assistance is only available to current MAAA Affiliate Members.

## **9.8 Variation of Assistance**

The amount of, and conditions for, MAAA assistance to Team Members can only be varied by resolution of the MAAA Council.

## **9.9 Other**

Only members of the relevant NSIG are entitled to financial support from any special fund created by an NSIG to assist its members.

## **10. FAI DATABASE REQUIREMENTS**

10.1 All FAI licence holders competing in FAI Class 1 or 2 events need to be registered on a centralised data base held by the FAI and distributed to the organisers of the various events. (This requirement does not apply to Trans Tasman events) The required information is to be submitted on the approved form.

10.2 The form, *FAI Data Base Information*, needs to be completed and returned to the MAAA Secretary. The form, sample shown at Annex A, is available from the MAAA Secretary.

10.3 The form gives approval for the personal information provided by competitors, to be stored on the centralised data base and distributed to organisers of FAI World and CAOCC Championship events. If these details are not registered with FAI, then the entrant will be unable to compete. Members under the age of eighteen should have one of their parents/guardians sign the form on their behalf.

**ANNEX A** FAI Data Base Information

ANNEX A



MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC  
MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPORT AVIATION CONFEDERATION INC.  
ABN 64 819 095 900

**FAI DATA-BASE INFORMATION**

This form is required to be completed in full by all MAAA Affiliate Members who are competing at FAI events as members of Australian teams. This includes Team Managers and Vice Managers

This information is for sole purpose of enabling the FAI to have a centralised data-base of Sporting Licence holders. It will be released on the express understanding that it is only to be used as required for FAI Contest purposes and shall be secured and distributed by the FAI only in accordance with FAI rules.

**Please return the completed form to:**  
**MAAA Secretary**  
**16 Illidge Road**  
**Victoria Point Q4165**

First Name	
Last Name	
Gender	
Licence Number	
Licence valid from:	
Licence valid to:	
Date of Birth	
Nationality (country of citizenship)	
Address	Number & Street:
	Suburb/Town:
	Postcode:
Country of Residence	

**Sample**

Please read and sign the following statement:

I hereby authorise the MAAA to release the above personal information to both the Australian Sport Aviation Confederation (ASAC) and the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) for the purpose of enabling the FAI to have a centralised data base of Sporting Licence holders taking part in international competition, which will be distributed by FAI when needed to FAI Contest Administrators and others as required by the FAI.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

(Print Full Name)..... AUS Number.....