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#### **MAAA Competition Rules Secretary**

Congratulations to Ross Cant on his appointment to the position of MAAA Competition Rules Secretary until the 2009 Council Conference. Ross brings his knowledge and experience to the position on this, a year when the rules are considered by the Annual Conference.

#### **MAAA - ASAC President**

At the 2008 Australian Sport Aviation Confederation (ASAC) AGM the MAAA President, Mike Close, who was the ASAC Vice President, was elected to the position of President. In accepting the position, Mike indicated that he was happy to take on the extra responsibility providing it was not detrimental to MAAA now or in the future. Congratulations Mike.

#### **Manual of Procedures**

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MAAA058 POLICY	2.4GHz Equipment (Acceptance of JR and Sanwa)
MAAA001 FORMS	Application for a Permit to Conduct a Display
MAAA002 FORMS	Display Directors Statement
MAAA005 FORMS	Application for Exemption from CAR (1998) Part 101
MAAA006 FORMS	Application to Register an "Approved Flying Area" for Model Aircraft
MAAA007 FORMS	Application for Temporary Ceiling Height Extension
MAAA010 FORMS	Incident Report Form

MAAA012 FORMS	Application for an Exemption from the Indoor Model Specifications
MAAA023 FORMS	Application to be Registered as a Commercial Model Aircraft Instructor

#### **62<sup>nd</sup> Nationals**

The 2009 Nationals is being hosted by the NSW Associations and will be run as a 'split' event. **Control Line and Free Flight** are to be held at Albury NSW from 28 December 2009 to 3 January 2009. There will be no registration day. Registration and late entries will be processed prior to each event at the event site by the Contest Director. Full details can be found on the MAAA web site [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

**Radio Control** will be held over the Easter period from 12 April to 24 April 2009 at the MAS NSW State flying field at Cootamundra. Bulletin number #1 is now available from the MAAA Web site at [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

#### **Insurance / Instructors**

A large number of clubs support their Instructors by agreeing that they will pay the excess in the event of an incident, certainly if it falls on the Instructor, while a student is under instruction. This may avoid any doubt in an Instructor's mind. If he tries to recover a seriously out of shape aircraft, and fails, he is potentially up for \$250 whereas not trying enables him to walk away with no financial liability whatever the result. If your club does not have such an arrangement with your Instructors, it may be a point to raise at your next club meeting.

#### **Public Flying Displays**

The MAAA occasionally hears second hand reports of displays being held by people who are Affiliated Members of the MAAA but without State Association approval. It would be appreciated if you could make sure that your club is aware that all displays carried out under the banner of the MAAA need to conform to the requirements of MOP 019. This not only covers public displays but also those that are carried out at private events, where the organisers allow people who are not MAAA members to attend. Obviously individuals are free to take part in any event but unless conducted within the definitions and requirements of MOP 019, then the flying at displays, public or private, will not be covered by the MAAA Insurance Policy. The MAAA would advise anyone taking part in events outside the MOP, to satisfy themselves that the organiser has arranged adequate independent insurance cover.

This procedure is to ensure that the general MAAA membership does not have the risk of their insurance cover, and the costs of it, prejudiced by displays whose flying conditions have not been independently assessed by the relevant State Association as meeting the required safety standards.

#### **Concessional Membership**

From 1 January 2009, a person who has not been an MAAA member the previous membership year is entitled to half MAAA fees. Current MAAA Rules require that any person who was a member in 2007-2008 shall pay the full fee. Clubs should note that

Concessional Membership is only available to new members and those who have not been affiliated since 1 July 2007.

### **Introducing the MAAA Competition Rules Secretary - Ross Cant**

I have been active in aeromodelling since 1974, mainly in gliding, scale models, electric aircraft, and more recently in indoor flying. During this time I have been involved with competitions at the club, state and national level as a competitor, contest director and member of National Organising Committees. The highlights of my competition career were to win Large Scale at the Mandurah Nationals and to attend the Electric World Champs in the Czech Republic as a helper and whilst there to win the Big Glider Contest at the Electric Games (small beer compared to some other careers).

I have been on the AWA executive since 1983 and have been an MAAA delegate for 10 years. I have served as club and state secretary for at least 24 years, and state treasurer for 14 years.

I look forward to serving as the MAAA Competition Secretary.

### **Competition Rules Year**

Members are reminded that 2008/2009 is a Competition Rules year. Australian competition rules are available through the MAAA web site [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au). All disciplines are requested to review their particular section of the rules and make any suggested amendments through the relevant Subcommittee. Subcommittee members for the discipline will collectively review all amendments prior to submitting the final recommendations to the MAAA Secretary. All received recommendations will be added to the rules agenda to be presented to the MAAA Council in May 2009.

### **Team Trial Notification**

Organisers of Team Trials for World, CAOCC Championships and Trans Tasman events are reminded of their responsibility to advise the MAAA Secretary of the dates of intended team trials a minimum of six months in advance. MOP024 states the procedure. This is to give all members adequate notice.

### **F1 A, B & C Team Trials for the Trans Tasman Event 2010**

Notification of the Team Trials as follows:

Tentative Team Trial Dates are:

62nd Nationals

F1A Mon 29 Dec 2008

F1C Tue 30 Dec 2008

F1B Fri 2 Jan 2009

To be held at McMahon's Field Springhurst.

Proposed program for AFFS Championships and Southern Cross Cup.

SCC

F1A Tue 7 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A Sat 11 April 2009

F1C Sat 11 April 2009

F1B Sun 12 April 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera.

### **2009 F3A World Championships Team Trials**

Team trial details for the F3A World Championships to be held in Portugal have been finalised. These trials will be held as part of the Australian Masters Contest at Valley Radio Flyers field Shepparton, Victoria on 25 April 2009. Entries will close one week prior to the event, 17 April 2009. Late entries will not be accepted. For enquires please contact Chris Simmons 0419 362 005.

### **2009 R/C Scale Trans Tasman**

Team trials for this event will be held as part of the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Scale event at Cootamundra in April 2009.

The Trans Tasman Scale event will be held at Monarto SA between October/November 2009.

### **World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar**

<b>2009</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
F4A FF Scale	Trans Tasman - Patetonga, Sth of Auckland 4-5 April
R/C Scale	Trans Tasman - Monarto SA October/November
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia. Bjelopolje <b>Dates:</b> July 19 to July 26
F3A	Portugal <b>Dates:</b> August 21 - 29 2009
F3B	Czech Republic Dares: August 2 - 9 2009
F3C	USA - Muncie
F3D	Germany <b>Dates:</b> July 20 - 26 2009
<b>2010</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Bids From</b>
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary - July
F3J	France <b>Dates:</b> August 14 - 22 2010
F4B, F4C	Poland
F5B, F5D	Offers Invited
Space Models	Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
<b>2011</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Bids From</b>
F1 A,B & C	To be Awarded - 4 Bids
F3A	To be Awarded - USA (tentative)
F3B	To be Awarded - Spain (tentative)
F3C	To be awarded - Italy
F3D	To be awarded - Australia has bid