

Bureau proposals formulated after the publication of the 2014 Plenary Agenda Issued on Friday 11th April 2014

a) A.15. CHANGE FROM PROVISIONAL TO OFFICIAL RULES

- A.15.1. Before being considered for adoption by the CIAM as official FAI rules, provisional rules must first have been used **in each year of a two-year period up to the year of consideration. The rules must have been used** in at least five international contests, **or three World Cup contests. All the contests must be registered on the FAI Sporting Calendar and involving** a total of at least five FAI member countries ~~(but not necessarily five countries per contest)~~ **with at least two countries per contest and at least 50 competitors in total per year.**
- A.15.2. ~~Where there is great demand for a class, the Plenary Meeting may decide to waive the conditions contained in paragraph A.15.1 and adopt the provisional rules as official rules, effective from the following January.~~

A.16. ELIGIBILITY FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A.16.1. Before they can be considered by the CIAM for use in World and/or Continental Championships **and/or any other FAI Category 1 event**, there must be a minimum period of two years from the time the rules were made official. **The rules must have been used** in at least ~~two~~ **five** international contests, **or three World Cup contests**, each with a minimum of ~~five~~ **six** FAI member ~~nations~~ **countries** participating. **At least two contests must be held in each of the two years with a total of at least 60 competitors in each year. All the contests must be registered on the FAI Sporting Calendar.** Also, reports from the President of the Jury in each contest must be sent to the appropriate Sub-committee Chairman for the latter's recommendation to the CIAM.
- A.16.2. ~~In cases where the conditions in A.15.1 have been waived, the rules may be considered eligible for use in World and/or Continental Championships from, and including, the year in which they became effective.~~
- A.16.3. From 1st January 2014 and for at least four years, there is a moratorium on any class being permitted to apply for championship status.

Reason: With these proposals for modifying rules A.15 and A.16, Bureau wishes to make sure that any class being considered for moving from provisional to official status, and thereafter to be eligible to hold an FAI CAT I event, meets specific criteria and that NACs and competitors are going to support it. With the deletion of A.15.2 and A.16.2, the fast-track procedure practiced in the past, is cancelled.

Note: With the deletion of A.16.2, rule A.16.3 will be re-numbered to A.16.2.

A.17. MAINTAINING WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS

A.17.1 The status of any existing World Championship class must be re-considered if, during a four-year period, it has either:

a) Had no bids for a World or Continental Championship.

or

b) Participation in a World Championship was less than 14 countries for the same period of time.

A.17.2 The above mentioned limits are not applicable to any Junior-specific Championship class, or World or Continental Championship classes that are permitted to hold separate Junior Championships.

A.17.3 Limits for Championships with combined classes are the same as the limits described in point 2, but as a sum of the participants over all the classes and not per individual class.

Reason: The CIAM Plenary Meeting must consider the status of any existing World Championship class over a four year period. The Bureau proposal for the new rule A.17 indicates the criteria for a class to maintain its Championship status. Classes with lower participation will no longer be able to organise CAT I events unless the class can be combined with a different class. The proposed date of implementation is 1st January 2015.

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- Note i): A 1st January 2015 implementation date would be the first year of the four-year period for odd-year championships and 2016 would be the first of the four-year period for even-year championships.
- Note ii): With the new A.17 the existing A.17 & A.18 will be re-numbered to A.18 & A.19 respectively. There will be consequential changes to the paragraph reference for the old A.18 at rule A.14.2 and on page 13: Contents.
- Note iii): Those Championships such as F3C & F3N; F4C & F4H; F5B & F5D will need to be formally re-designated as F3CN; F4CH; F5BD along the lines of existing combined class Championships such as F1ABC, F2ABCD; F1ABP (Jun).

b) A.6. Proposal Submitted to the CIAM

A.6.1 Each proposal must conform to the following requirements:

Amend sub-paragraph h) as follows:

- h) Amendments to rule changes not yet implemented **shall be as follows:** ~~will not be accepted.~~
- (i) Not permitted for rules approved for implementation in the year following approval.**
- (ii) Permitted for “advanced publication” rules that have been approved by Plenary with an implementation date of at least three years in the future. These rules must have been published in a special Annex at the back of the appropriate volume of the Sporting Code. This advance publication must be made in the year following approval by the Plenary.**

Reason: Currently, any rule amendment approved by Plenary for implementation three or more years in the future is not permitted to be changed until after it has been implemented, even though the new amendments could be an improvement

So an amendment to A.6.1.h) is necessary to permit further amendments to be submitted for rules that have been approved by Plenary a minimum of three years in advance of their implementation date.

Proposals for amendments for “advanced publication” rules should still be submitted for Plenary consideration in the usual two-year World championship cycle. Urgent safety matters, indispensable rule clarifications and noise rulings would still be permitted out of the two-year cycle under ABR A.13.e)

Supporting Data: For a rule change with an implementation date three years in the future, one opportunity for change would be permitted after the "published for information" instead of none under the "not implemented" date. See the example below.

Example Sequence for a even-year WCh over a 3-year period

Proposal Submitted	Valid for next Plenary?	Plenary Approved	Advanced Publication	Implementation Date (ECh Year)
2011	Yes	2012	2013	2015
2012	No: not a Wch Year	-	cont in 2014	2015
2013	Yes	2014	-	2015

For a rule change with an implementation date five years in the future, two more opportunities for change would be permitted after the "published for information" instead of none under the "not implemented" date. See the example overleaf.

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Example Sequence for a even-year WCh over a 5-year period

Proposal Submitted	Valid for next Plenary?	Plenary Approved	Advanced Publication	Implementation Date (ECh Year)
2011	Yes	2012	2013	2017
2012	No: not Wch Year	-	cont in 2014	2017
2013	Yes	2014	2015	2017
2014	No: not Wch Year	-	cont in 2016	2017
2015	Yes	2016	-	2017

c) ANNEX A.1c CIAM CHAMPIONSHIP NAMING POLICY

Replace the existing Annex A.1c with the following table and paragraphs:

All Elements of the Main Title are Mandatory						
YEAR	FAI	F CLASS	DESIGNATION (where appropriate)	REGION	TYPE	CATEGORY
2015	FAI	F1 F1D F1E F2 F3 F3A F3B F3D F3J F3K F3M F3P F4 F5 S	Juniors	World European Asian-Oceanic	Championship Championships	for Free Flight Model Aircraft for Indoor Model Aircraft for Control Line Model Aircraft for Aerobatic Model Aircraft for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft for Model Gliders for Model Helicopters for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft for Scale Model Aircraft for Electric Model Aircraft for Space Models
Optional Sub-Titles						
(Class Name/s & Description/s) (For Seniors and Juniors) (For Seniors and/or Juniors)						
Mandatory Sub-Title						
From - To			Year	Venue	Country	

The championship logo design is free to encourage creativity but it is mandatory that all the elements of the championship name are included however they may be in any order or layout to suit the logo shape.

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The dedicated Free Flight Junior Championships are the only championships to require a designation (“Juniors”).

For internal use and communication, CIAM is permitted to use the “F” designation along with the accepted abbreviation for World or Continental Championships (WCh, CCh).

- Where **Note:**
- The plural “Championships” is used only when the competition covers multiple classes (**combined Championships**).
 - The word “World” should be substituted with “European”, “Asian-Oceanic” etc as appropriate.
 - The word “FAI” may be substituted with the FAI logo in a position immediately adjacent to the Championship title.

Reason: To have a Championship Naming Policy that informs the general public but at the same time is appropriate for competitors, officials and others who are familiar with our championships. The title must easily separate the different types of championship within those categories that have multiple separate championships. It is necessary to include the “F” designation. And, always, the name must comply with the FAI regulations.

To the general public and other “outsiders” it will not matter, for example, what type of Free Flight or Soaring championship it is, what matters is that it is model aircraft or model gliders or model helicopters. But, nonetheless, it would still be helpful to have the category in the title.

What matters to the competitor, official or other “insider” is the “F” number. And they need this early in the championship name ie near the beginning.

d) Annex A.1d “F” Designations for Championships

Insert a new Annex as follows:

The “F” designations for championships shall be known and used as follows:

F1ABC	F1ABP	F1D	F1E
F2ABCD	F3A	F3B	<u>F3CN</u>
F3D	F3F	F3J	F3K
F3M	F3P	<u>F4CH</u>	<u>F5BD</u>
Space Modelling			

Reason: In the F3 category, we have championships for F3C & latterly for F3N and also F4C & latterly F4H. F5B and F5D have long been held at the same time and venue. It is necessary to formalise these three “sets” of championships and make them into three distinct “combined championships” with the designation of F3CN, F4CH and F5BD.

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A.4 Sub-Committees

Update the table at A.4.2 b), including correcting F3M as an odd-year championship, as follows:

World Championships are held as follows:

World Championships in Odd years	World Championships in Even Years
F1ABC Seniors	F1ABP Juniors
F1E	F1D
F3A	F2ABCD
F3B	F3F
F3C —F3N	F3J
<u>F3CN</u>	F3M
F3D	F4C —F4H
F3K	<u>F4CH</u>
<u>F3M</u>	F5B —F5D
F3P	<u>F5BD</u>
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Note that multiple class “F” designations refer to “combined championships”.

e) **B.2.3. Continental Championships**

- a) These are limited international contests in which the competitors are **must be** nominated by their NACs and are **must be** persons or teams from at least four different nations from one continent. **For the European region the required participation must be from at least six different countries.** These contests are for individual and possibly team classification and will be organised only in the years when there is no World Championship in the particular class.
- b) The Continental Championships shall be planned and scheduled by the CIAM.
- c) The number of classes in one Continental Championship is limited to five (5) for Seniors and five (5) for Juniors except for the case of Space Models, where the number of classes shall be limited to eight (8) for Seniors and eight (8) for Juniors.

B.2.4. World Championships

- a) These are limited international contests in which the competitors must be nominated by their NAC **and there must be persons or teams from at least eight different countries.** These contests are for individual and national team classification. The Sporting Code General Section 3.5.3.1 applies.
- b) The World Championships shall be planned and scheduled by the CIAM.
- c) Each World Championships is normally held every other year.
- d) The number of classes in one World Championship is limited to five (5) for Seniors and five (5) for Juniors except for the case of Space Models, where the number of classes shall be limited to eight (8) for Seniors and eight (8) for Juniors.

Reason: Bureau proposes that B.2.3 & B.2.4 be amended to bring the rules in line with the changed criteria of General Section 3.5.3.1. Plenary may decide to amend upwards the minimum limits in the proposal but it is not expected that the minimum limits will be amended downwards.

f) **B.2.6 World Cup**

Add new second & third paragraphs as follows:

There must be at least five valid competitions held in any class of World Cup for medals and diplomas to be awarded. Classification for any particular category is contained in the World cup regulations in the appropriate volume of the Sporting Code.

FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors.

Reason: (1) It was agreed at the April 2013 Bureau meeting that World Cup medals would be awarded to the top three competitors and so a proposal is necessary to include this principle in the ABR volume of the FAI Sporting Code.

(2) We do not currently define the minimum number of valid competitions that must be completed for a specific set of World Cup competitions to then qualify for medals and diplomas. This means that even if there were only two competitions held in a particular class of World Cup, then medals and diplomas would be awarded to the top three placed competitors. It is believed that, when World Cup competitions were instituted, the intention was for any World Cup series of competitions to have more than a very low number competitions.

g) **B.3.4 Age Classification for the Contest**

Delete the final sentence of sub-paragraph b) as follows:

- b) World or Continental area. ~~For a disabled junior, the start helper (5.7.3.1) must also be a junior.~~

Reason: “Start helpers” and “disabled competitors” were approved by the 2013 Plenary for deletion from the F3 Soaring volume of the 2014 Sporting Code and so the sentence referring to these needs to be deleted from clause B.3.4 b) in the ABR volume.

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h) **B.4.4 Contest Officials**

Add a new sub-paragraph at e) as follows:

- e) **With the exception of FAI Jury members under B.4.3 c) & d), organisers must reimburse Jury members and Judges expenses, where necessary, in the currency of the individual's choice. In doing so, the organiser is not permitted to charge an exchange rate fee nor reduce the reimbursement in order to recoup any currency exchange charges that the organiser may have incurred.**

Reason: At CIAM competitions, especially championships, the FAI Jury and Judges are often reimbursed their expenses in the currency of the host country which often means that they incur a cost in exchanging the currency to that of their own country. And sometimes, when the organiser *does* pay in the individual's preferred currency, he levies a "currency exchange" fee for doing so. No FAI Jury member, who is not competing in the competition, or Judges, should be out of pocket in any way.

i) **B.4.5. Jury Pack**

- a) **The Jury Pack is a set of the FAI (CASI and CIAM) documents to be used as guidance for FAI Juries in FAI Aeromodelling Category 1 events and other international events, where appropriate, for taking uniform action in organisation supervision, Jury administration, protest processing, preparation of reports and all other activities within the Jury's control and responsibility for these events.**
- b) **It must be assembled by the Jury President after his appointment.**
- c) **All documents listed in item d) below need to be downloaded from the FAI website: www.fai.org/documents or www.fai.org/aeromodelling/documents updated on 1st January of the current year.**
- d) **The Jury Pack must contain:**
1. **FAI Sporting Code, Section 4, Volume for the appropriate category or class:**

<u>F1 - Free Flight</u>	<u>F2 - Control Line</u>
<u>F3 - Radio Control Aerobatics</u>	<u>F3 - Radio Control Soaring</u>
<u>F3 - Radio Control Helicopters</u>	<u>F3 - Radio Control Pylon Racing</u>
<u>F4 - Scale Model Aircraft</u>	<u>F5 - Electric Model Aircraft</u>
<u>F6 - Airsports Promotion</u>	<u>F7 - Aerostats</u>
<u>S - Space Models</u>	
 2. **FAI Sporting Code, Section 4, Volume ABR
(Section 4B – Special Rules for International Contests)**
 3. **FAI Sporting Code – General Section
Chapters of importance for Aeromodelling 1st Category events:**
 - Chapter 3 – Sporting Events,**
 - Chapter 4 – Control of Sporting Events,**
 - Chapter 5 – Complaints, Penalties, Disqualifications, Protests.**
 4. **FAI CASI – International Jury Members Handbook, 2001 – 3rd Edition:**
 - Appendix A – Jury Final Report Form**
 - Appendix B – Report of the President of the Jury**
 - Appendix D – Report by the Jury President to the Air Sport Commission
(Including a narrative report on a separate sheet/s)**
 5. **FAI Category 1 Events – CIAM Jury President's Check list
(FAI Sporting Code, Section 4, Volume ABR, Annex B.5)**
 6. **Protest/Complaint Form
(FAI Sporting Code, Section 4, Volume ABR, Annex B.6)**

Note: the use of this form is not mandatory but is recommended.
 7. **Trophy Transfer Form**
 8. **Bulletins produced by the organiser for the particular event.**

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9. Local Rules, if any, approved by CIAM Bureau for particular Championships.

Note: CIAM Rules should be used first, but in the case of ambiguities, the Jury should consult CASI documents.

Reason: To ensure a standard operating procedure for all FAI Juries at international Aeromodelling competitions but especially World and Continental Championships. The Jury Pack is intended for use beginning with the 2014 Championships. The Jury Pack basis was uploaded to the Documents page (other Documents) of the CIAM website on 20th March 2014.

An early implementation date of **1st May 2014** is requested so that the new Annexes B.5 and B.6 will be available for this year's upcoming Championships.

j) B.5.5 Results

Add a new paragraph a) and re-number the subsequent paragraphs.

a) Results for CIAM competitions are deemed to be official only when the FAI Jury has checked, validated and finally signed them. In accordance with GS 3.16.1, the official (final) results must be made public before the prizegiving.

Reason: It is necessary to clarify exactly how and when results become official

An early implementation date of **1st May 2014** is requested so that the rule is applicable to this year's upcoming Championships.

k) B.8.Special Contest Organisation Requirements

Amend sub-paragraph 8.9 as follows:

B.8.9 Organisers of World and Continental Championships and of Open International events on the CIAM Contest Calendar must provide the ~~same third party insurance cover to foreign participants that their own members enjoy domestically.~~

B.8.9 Organisers of World and Continental Championships and of Open International events on the CIAM Contest Calendar must provide, **at no cost to the competitor, third party liability insurance to the standard required for competitors participating in the competition including flying at off-site practice facilities.**

Reason: In a number of championship bid documents recently, the organisers have required competitors to provide their own liability insurance cover for flying model aircraft. The ABR currently requires, and has done so for at least 12 years, the organiser to provide third party liability insurance *equal to that which its own members enjoy*.

If that insurance is less, for example, than the site owner or perhaps the host country's national legislation requires for flying in competitions, then greater liability insurance will be required. However, this should not be something that the competitors should be required to provide and neither should they be forced to buy this greater liability insurance from the organisers. It should be the responsibility of the organiser to provide liability insurance cover to the required standard for all third party injury and property damage which could occur while competitors participate in a competition, including flying at off-site practice facilities.

The only additional insurance competitors should have to provide would be personal travel insurance if they so wish or if it is a national requirement of the country hosting the competition.

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l) **B.15.1 Interruption of the Contest**

Amend the sub-paragraph v) (Roman numeral) as follows:

- B.15.1. a) The contest should be interrupted or the start delayed by the Jury in the following circumstances and in other exceptional circumstances decided by the Jury:
- v) For F3A, F5A, F3C, **F3N**, F4C, **F4H**, F3D and F5D contests when the sun is in the manoeuvring area.

Reason: The paragraph needs to be updated to include classes F3N & F4H alongside the other Helicopter and Scale classes.

m) **F1D**

3.4.6. Collision Rule

Amend the paragraph and add a second paragraph as follows:

In the event of a collision between two models in flight, each competitor must choose, in the time span between the collision and two minutes following the termination of his flight, either to retain the time of flight as an official time, or to have a reflight. ~~The reflight must be flown before his next official flight.~~

The competitor has the right to a reflight even if the round time has expired when the collision occurs. The reflight must be flown before his next official flight. **In the case of the last round of the competition, when there are no more official flights, the launch of the reflight should happen within one hour from the end of the round.**

Reason: To clarify when a reflight may take place and to give some preparation time for that reflight.

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