

**2016 PRECISION AEROBATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
AMA NATIONAL FLYING SITE
MUNCIE, INDIANA
JULY 10-14, 2016**



**To: NATS Contestants
From: Albert Glenn, 2016 Event Director**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Saturday July 08 Check in and aircraft processing 1200 -1600
- Sunday, July 09, Check in and aircraft processing 0800 -1600, Pilots' Meeting 1700 site 3 / NSRCA meeting following Pilot meeting site 3
- July 10 – July 12, Preliminary Rounds (All classes) July 11 FAI semi-Finals
- Wednesday, July 12, 1800 Banquet and Awards for Intermediate and Advanced, Masters and FAI finalists announced
- Thursday, July 13, Final Rounds, Masters and FAI
- Thursday, July 13, 1700 Awards Presentation for Masters and FAI. Closing Ceremony
- Friday, July 14 is reserved as a rain day in case we need it
- Hospitality Tent Site 4 1700 until July 10 and 11

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the Wednesday night banquet!

WHEN YOU GET TO THE NATS SITE, CHECK IN

Drive to the AMA Museum. Headquarters for the NATS is at the main AMA headquarters building on your left when you come to the site. **Check in will begin on Saturday 1200 to 1600 and Sunday 0800-1600 at the AMA museum.** When you check in, you will be given your Contestant Package containing your contestant number and important information about the days ahead of you.

NO EARLY CHECKINS WILL BE ALLOWED.

PILOT NUMBER TAG

In your Contestant Package you will receive a Pilot Number tag. This tag must be displayed when you approach the flight line. Your pilot number is your identification for judging and scoring purposes. Without your pilot number we have no way of identifying you. No Tag, NO Flight! If you lose your tag, you can get a replacement at Headquarters.

MODEL PROCESSING

Weight and measure checks will be available at the museum from 1200 until 1600 on check in, Saturday July 8 and Sunday, July 8 from 0800 -1600. ALL aircraft and batteries will be weighed and measured prior to the start of the contest and have official stickers. Master and Fai will be

random check during the contest except in finals when all aircraft will be weighted. At that point, any illegal aircraft will be scored zero for any round failing.

JUDGING

All US pilots should expect to judge and should be prepared to do so. Every AMA contestant is required to be certified for judging and should be prepared to do so. **DO NOT miss your judging assignment.** If you miss your judging assignment your highest round score will be changed to a zero. **NO ON SITE JUDGING CLINIC WILL BE PROVIDED for Test. THE TEST AND MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NSRCA WEBSITE. (www.nsrca.us)**

E-Scribe will be used as following :

- 1. Advance and Intermediate classes will use E-scribe for all rounds as primary and manual as backup along with the use of NCR- 2-part paper by the judges.**
- 2. All pilots who have not use the E-Scribe should familiarize themselves with YouTube Electronic Scribe for Precision Aerobatics and try to attend a contest that is using the system.**
- 3. All other Classes will use Manual Scoring as primary and backup along with the use of NCR- 2-part paper by the judges.**
- 4. If and only if there is no process challenges during E-Scribe use at Site 4 and Masters Pilots Finalist agree by majority vote we will use E-Scribe in Master Final.**

PILOTS MEETING

A mandatory pilots' meeting will be held at the NATS site at 1700 on Sunday, July 10. You will be given the meeting location at Check In. All pilots are required to attend.

Important: If you get detained and will miss the Pilots' Meeting, call NATS Headquarters at (765) 287-1256 ext. 261 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, you will be considered a no-show.

Agenda:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Introduction operations personnel
- Safety Briefing
- Final check of flight orders and judging assignments
- Judges' Briefing

OTHER WORK ASSIGNMENTS

Every pilot should expect to work one half-day. If you do not have a judging assignment you will probably be assigned some other task. If so, you will be notified.

PRACTICE

ONSITE PRACTICE IS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR at Site 4 on Saturday July 8 and Sunday on Site 1,3,4 .

TRANSMITTER IMPOUND

All competitors are required to be on 2.4 GHz. There will be no transmitter impound.

WHERE WILL SCORES BE POSTED?

Intermediate and Advanced scores will be posted at site 4. Masters and FAI will be posted at Site 1, Site 3, and Headquarters.

Any questions regarding scores should be brought to the attention of the contest management starting with the Site Director, who will contact the appropriate person for resolution.

WEIGHT, SIZE, SOUND, AND REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ALL aircraft will be checked for weight and measurement and stickers at the beginning of each flight. The Site Directors will check all aircraft for proper AMA numbers. Numbers are required in accordance with AMA Competition Regulations.

There will be a courtesy sound check at Site 1 from 1200-1600 on Sunday.

Each Round flown with an illegal aircraft will not be scored

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COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS

If you have any complaint, take it to your Site Director first. We expect your Site Director to be able to resolve most problems. If not, they will contact the appropriate people to handle the situation.

If you have a protest to file, you will receive specific instructions from your Site Director. AMA requires that all protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$50 protest fee. The \$50 protest fee will be returned to you if your protest is upheld.

Protests that question site operations or flight line procedure must be filed within one hour of the occurrence.

Remember, the AMA NATS is an AMA rule book event. It is your responsibility to prove your case using the current AMA rules. In class 406 (FAI) the FAI rulebook will be followed to the extent possible as determined by the Event Director and Contest Director.

BANQUET INFORMATION

NSRCA's Social Banquet, in conjunction with the awards presentation for Intermediate and Advanced, as well as the finalists announced for Masters and FAI, is being held on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. **BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE. PLEASE PURCHASE THEM EARLY SO WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT.**

And! On Thursday at 5:00 pm, the 2015 Awards Presentation for Masters and FAI will be held on site.

IN CONCLUSION

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the NATS. Come prepared to enjoy the best competition of the year. It's a good time full of great flying, excitement and fun. Be safe as you travel.

Thanks for supporting the 2016 AMA PRECISION AEROBATICS NATIONALS!

Albert Glenn
2016 Event Director