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**1. Procedure for Australian Team Selections**

1.1 With the small numbers competing at the higher levels in Australia, it is unlikely that the competitive selection procedure in this Appendix need be rigorously applied. Greater international competition experience will improve the individual pilots concerned as well as the standard within the sport in Australia. Perhaps in the future there will be a need to competitively select pilots.

*Note: Unlimited Team maximum of 12, 8 of one gender. Advanced / Y52 / Intermediate Teams max. 8 (no gender restriction).*

1.2 The Committee, and the Selection Panel if convened, should be generally supportive of those pilots willing and able to travel to international contests. Members participating as part of an Australian Team have an increased chance of securing sponsorship. AAC naming of a Team is usually warranted. The AAC National Committee may, at its discretion, approve the payment of a proportion of a pilot's entry fee or a proportion of an official's expenses. If so approved then the payment will be in advance of participation in the competition. The pilot or official must conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the AAC code of conduct. The AAC has an expectation that Pilots and officials receiving financial support will contribute to the club by volunteering in an official capacity at AAC and Chapter contests.

1.3 If required, these procedures are to be used to select pilots and officials, up to the maximum allowed, for the World Championships in Unlimited, Advanced and Intermediate/Y52 classes.

**2. Nominated Contests**

2.1 The AAC and Chapters schedule a number of Championship competitions in each calendar year. The results of these contests will

be used for quantitative consideration as part of the team selection process.

- 2.2 Percentage scores (after Statistical Analysis) achieved by pilots at Championship contests in all sequences, including Programme 1, will be combined to achieve a ranking system. Each pilot's best three contests will be aggregated.

### **3. Selection Panel**

- 3.1 The AAC Committee shall appoint a Selection Panel. The Panel shall consist of no less than 2 and no more than 5 persons. These persons may be Committee Members or co-opted individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the demands of international championships.

- 3.2** The Selection Panel for the Team should include (when the positions are filled) the President of the AAC, Team Manager, Team Trainer and other members as thought appropriate by the AAC Committee.

### **4. Pilots**

- 4.1 The Panel shall select Team pilots based primarily on the results of the competitions described above. Pilots wishing to be considered for a place in the Australian Teams should attend these events. The Panel may also select pilots on the basis of other results, for example Unlimited results may be used for Advanced Team pilots subject to the pilots eligibility in accordance with CIVA regulations. Results from International contests may also be considered.

- 4.2 A pilot is not normally eligible to be considered for selection unless he/she exceeds the guideline minimum figure given to the Panel (presently 60% of possible points calculated over all the sequences considered).

- 4.3 When selecting the Teams, pilots will be graded in rank descending order starting with the first qualifying position.

- 4.4 When selecting the Unlimited Team the selection panel will select pilots based on performance at nominated contests, previous results from International contests and potential as assessed by the Team Trainer. The aim of the selection process will be to identify pilots who have most potential to excel at international contests, build a stable squad and support the continued development of individual pilots and the team as a whole.

- 4.5 The foregoing criteria also apply to the selection of a reserve pilot who may be offered a team place in the event of the withdrawal of a higher-placed pilot.

- 4.6 In the event that a selected pilot relinquishes his/her place, only the nominated reserve will automatically be eligible to take that place and the Panel may select a new reserve pilot. If the place remains unfilled, the Panel will establish an alternative selection and offer the place accordingly.
- 4.7 To become a Team member a pilot must confirm his/her acceptance of the place offered in writing and deposit with the AAC Treasurer the sum of \$100, all within one month of the date of selection. Persons selected agree to act as an integral part of the Team and to participate fully as Team members before and during the relevant championship, including participation at training camps and media events. If after the end of two calendar months following selection the deposit has not been received, and oral and written requests have been ignored, the pilot will automatically forfeit his/her place. In such circumstances the place will be offered to the next qualified pilot in accordance with Section 4.3. A Team member who is subsequently unable to comply with his/her commitment to the Team will forfeit his/her deposit unless the AAC Committee, in exceptional circumstances, agrees to refund it.

## **5. Other Team Positions**

- 5.1 The Panel will also consider nominations for other official Team positions. Persons selected should write to confirm their acceptance of the position, and their agreement to act as an integral part of the Team and to participate fully as Team members before and during the relevant championship. A deposit will also be required from officials, which will normally be forfeit if the candidate is subsequently unable to comply with his/her commitment to the Team by the final entry date or withdraws following the above agreement.

## **6. No-Contest Procedures**

- 6.1 In the event that no data is available for selection to be made on the basis of domestic competition results, and there is a requirement to select a team, the Panel shall select pilots and other members of the Team. They will take into account availability and that the pilot is in current practice and has a record of achieving the required percentage. They shall select pilots principally on the probability that they will survive the first unknown cut. To this end the results of overseas contests may be taken into account.
- 6.2 In the event that the selection panel decides to select pilots who have not recently achieved the required percentage they should only do so

subject to a qualification flight in front of at least two members of the Panel.

- 6.3** Other team members should be selected on the basis of competence and suitability to fit in to the overall team.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 The Panel shall make their selection recommendations to the AAC Committee, who will normally accept them without change.