



506.1. General

A Contest Jury is appointed for all IAC Championship Events such as the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships to assure these events are properly monitored and supervised, held in strict accordance with the *IAC Official Contest Rules*, and to ensure greater supervision of these events.

506.2. Policy

506.2.1 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships Contest Jury

The Jury will consist of a Chair plus at least four (4) members selected by the Contest Director in consultation with the Jury Chair. Alternates will be chosen in the event a member cannot serve. The Contest Director, Assistant Contest Director(s), and Chief Judges are prohibited from serving on the Jury.

506.2.2 Recommended Representation and Alternates for U.S. National Contest Juries

For Regional diversity, it is recommended that each IAC region be represented on the Jury and that alternate jurors from each region, not competing in the same category as the primary jurors, be identified for each region, to serve in the event that the primary juror is recused.

It is recommended that a member of the IAC Safety Committee and a member of the IAC Rules Committee be jury members. These jury members can satisfy the regional representation recommendations.

The contest director will make a best effort to comply with these recommendations.

506.2.3. The Contest Director will inform the IAC president of the Jury Chair, the jury members, and alternates no later than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the contest. The IAC president will inform the board of the jury selections. The IAC president will call a Special Meeting if the board wishes to reject any jury members.

506.2.4. In the selection of Jury members, the Contest Director shall take into account the following:

- (a) Experience of candidates
- (b) Contest background
- (c) Knowledge of rules and precedents
- (d) Stature within the sport of aerobatics



- 506.2.5. Any action by the Contest Jury requires a quorum of three (3) Contest Jury members. Therefore, at least three Jurors must be available at all times during the "working hours" of the contest.
- 506.2.6. If a Jury member determines that the contest is being run in violation of *IAC Official Contest Rules* they will contact the Contest Director and the category Chief Judge and advise them of the problem. If the problem is not corrected, the Jury member will consult with the remainder of the Jury. The Jury is authorized to stop the contest until the deviation is corrected or resolved. The contest can then proceed with the permission of the Contest Jury.
- 506.2.7. The Contest Jury is directed to hear protests from contest participants, recommendations regarding disqualification of a competitor and notifications of safety and procedure violations. Jury deliberations will be conducted in accordance with the IAC Official Contest Rules as supplemented by Section 503 of this Policy Manual. The Jury Chair will receive all protests, competitor disqualification recommendations, safety and procedure violation notifications, and will preside over the Jury deliberations. The Jury chair will abstain from voting on protests except in the case of a jury tie vote in which case the Jury Chair will cast the deciding vote.

506.3. Duties and Responsibilities

- 506.3.1. At the discretion of the Jury Chair, Jury members may be assigned areas of responsibility to monitor for compliance with *IAC Official Contest Rules* and the *IAC Policy and Procedures Manual*. These areas would include:
- (a) Flight line operations
 - (b) Weather
 - (c) Scoring Office
 - (d) Boundary Judges
 - (e) Judges Line
- 506.3.2. In addition to the provisions of *IAC Official Contest Rules*, Rule Section 1.4, Jury member duties will be as follows:
- (a) Each Jury member may be assigned one of the areas listed in 506.3.1 on a daily basis with rotation to occur at a time set by the Jury Chair.
 - (b) Jury members will be expected to monitor all aspects of the area they are assigned during their duty period to ensure it is run in accordance with the rules and in keeping with good contest practice.
 - (c) Discrepancies will be brought to the attention of the Jury Chair who will discuss them with the Jury at the debriefing session held at the end of each



flying day, if necessary, or who will discuss them with the Contest Director or other applicable officials.

- (d) Jury members are expected to answer questions, if asked, at their duty areas.
- (e) Jury members assigned to "flight line operations" will attend any pilot briefings held during that period that would affect the contest operation during their time on duty.
- (f) Supervising the selection of Free Unknown figures and checking of these sequences in accordance with Section 503.

506.4. Facilities

The Contest Director will be responsible for providing the necessary facilities for the Contest Jury to complete its work, including office space for meetings, and any technical support it might require.