

Model Flying NZ Flying Rules
Section 10: Radio Control Aerobatics

1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 There are three R/C Aerobatics classes flown in New Zealand. F3A and Advanced are flown to the latest FAI Sporting Code, which is published and available to download from the FAI website <http://www.fai.org/fai-documents>. The Sportsman class is flown to our own domestic rules, but the FAI sporting code also forms a basis for this class. The Sportsman Schedule can be found in a separate document 'Section 10a: Radio Control Aerobatics Sportsman Schedule'.
- 1.2 A contestant may enter only one class at a given contest.
- 1.3 The winner of Sportsman at the MFNZ Nationals can no longer fly Sportsman and must progress to the next class for future competitions. Exemptions to this rule may be obtained by agreement with the R/C Aerobatics Special Interest Group.
- 1.4 A newcomer will normally start at the Sportsman level and advance by self-promotion. Provided rule 1.3 is complied with, a flier may revert from Advanced to Sportsman. Any pilot who consistently wins Advanced at multiple competitions should consider moving to F3A. Pilots flying F3A can self-demote to Advanced provided rule 1.5 is adhered to.
- 1.5 No member (or past member) of a New Zealand F3A representative team may fly in a lower class. Exemptions to this may be obtained by agreement with the R/C Aerobatics Special Interest Group.

2. FLYING RULES

- 2.1 **FAI Rules.** The FAI sporting code, section 4, F3 aerobatics forms the basis of our rules, including for the Sportsman class. The following additions/changes to the FAI rules apply to sportsman:

Add to FAI rule 5.1.12 "Execution of Manoeuvres":

... except for Sportsman. All Sportsman manoeuvres called shall be judged provided they are flown in the correct sequence. Manoeuvres may be omitted but should be replaced by a blank pass to maintain the sequence. This pass must be called as "Manoeuvre Omitted". In the event of incomplete sequence the landing will still be judged.

- 2.2 **Normalising and TBL.** The result of all contests in New Zealand will be determined by a normalised total. If one to three rounds are flown, they will be added together to determine the winner. If four or five rounds are flown, the one lowest round will be dropped. If six or more rounds are flown, the two lowest rounds will be dropped. Note TBL will be used if there is a suitable number of judges and pilots.

2.3 Safety. Flying over or at spectator areas or the pits is deemed hazardous and may be grounds for disqualification. All pilots must stand in the assigned area; which is not to be in the pits or in the approach, landing or take off paths. The contest director may suspend any contestant from flying if he considers the flying by the pilot hazardous or the model or radio apparatus unsafe.

2.4 NZ Team Selection. The MFNZ Nationals (if held in the North Island) will be used to select New Zealand teams for the following 12-month period (or until the following Nationals). Separate entry fees, advertisements or cut of times will not be required as part of the selection process. If there happens to be a South Island Nationals, the SIG will determine a suitable North Island event to be used as the team selection trial. The trial result provides a ranking list from which to select the team. Contestants must confirm their commitment to attend a particular international competition in a timely manner, as determined and communicated by the SIG, to ensure sufficient preparation times for all contestants.