

Free Flight Team Trials Rules

Trials shall be held during the calendar year preceding World Championship or Trans Tasman Competitions to select F1A, F1B, and F1C Teams to represent New Zealand in these events.

Eligibility for Team Selection:

To be eligible for Team selection, a trialist must:

1. For senior championships have achieved three maximum trials scores of 1000 seconds in sanctioned events for trials purposes during the selection period.
2. Be a New Zealand citizen,
3. Include at least one score from a New Zealand Specific Trial or Nationals after residence abroad for longer than three years,
4. Comply with applicable age limits for Junior World Championship consideration,
5. Be eligible to represent New Zealand under FAI Rules, and
6. Be deemed a suitable representative by the NZMAA Council.

Team Selection:

1. The F1A, F1B, and F1C Teams will consist of the three highest scoring eligible trialists in each category willing to take a Team place. The total score considered for each trialist will be the aggregate of the three highest scores achieved in sanctioned events for Trial purposes. In the event of ties, the next best scores from sanctioned events will be used to break the tie, this to continue until the tie is broken.
2. Irrespective of Trial scores "resident" New Zealanders shall have first option on Team places.
3. Where a Team finds itself short of a member for any reason, "on the day" the Team Manager may co-opt a flyer to fill the vacancy. Any such flyer must be eligible to represent New Zealand under the competition rules.

Sanctioned Events for Trial Purposes:

Sanctioned events from which scores may be submitted for consideration as Trial scores are:

1. Specific Trials sanctioned by the Free Flight SIG.
The number of Specific Trials is limited to one per calendar month in each of the three geographical areas known as Northern, Central, and Southern.
The Free Flight SIG is responsible for advertising Specific Trials with a minimum of one months notice of these to be given by advertisement in the "Model Fliers World" or the NZMAA web pages. Such advertisements must be inserted by the Free Flight SIG.
2. FAI Events at the New Zealand Nationals.
These will be the concluding events for Trial purposes during any Team selection period.
3. The Trans Tasman Competition.
4. Events on the FAI International Calendar.

Scores for Trial Purposes:

1. Scores from Specific Trials must be submitted by the official Organiser or Contest Director. All other scores submitted for consideration as Trial scores must be those officially released or published by the event Organiser or Contest Director.

2. Where competitions are advertised in rounds or are flown to more than seven flights or rounds, only scores recorded for the first seven flights or rounds can be considered for submission.
3. Where scores gained from events other than Specific Trials are submitted for consideration as Trial scores they shall be normalised by applying Specific Trials maximums round by round. Round time in excess of the equivalent Specific Trials Rules maximums shall be deleted from the score.

Rules for Specific Trials:

1. Specific Trials are limited to seven flights which are not required to be flown in rounds.
2. First flight maximums for Specific Trials shall be:
F1A & F1B 210 seconds
F1C 240 seconds
The maximum for the following six flights shall be 180 seconds.
3. Organisers shall specify the start and finish times of Specific Trials but are not required to advertise finish times.
4. Wind/rain dates are allowed only on the day after the sanctioned date of a Specific Trial provided that the day is either a weekend day or a statutory holiday. Contest Directors have full discretion concerning postponement and the use of wind/rain dates.
5. For Rules not covered in this document, consult current FAI Rules.