

# Motion

## 5.6 INVITATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5.6.1 INITIAL INVITATION TO NAC

5.6.1.1 The organising NAC must issue initial invitations to participate to all eligible NACs. Copies of all invitations must be sent to the respective National Balloon Federations and CIA delegates, where these exist, for information.

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of at least two competitors to each eligible NAC.

5.6.1.3 Only the initial invitation must be sent by the organising NAC to eligible NACs, all further documents pertaining to the initial invitation may be addressed directly by the organisers to the nominated participants.

#### 5.6.1.4 Nomination of Entrants

Each NAC wishing to enter a World or Continental Regional Championship shall nominate its own entrants by the time limit for entry published in the invitation.

#### 5.6.1.5 Invitation of current Medal Holders

- The World Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medal holders shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next World Championship.
- The Continental Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medal holders shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Continental Championship.
- The Junior World Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Junior World Championship and by the organisers of the next World Championship in the following year
- The Junior Continental Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Junior Continental Championship and by the organisers of the next Continental Championship In the following year.
- The Women World Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Women World Championship and by the organisers of the next World Championship in the following year.
- The Women Continental Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Women Continental Championship and by the organisers of the next Continental Championship in the following year.

### 5.6.2 EVENT INFORMATION

The following information must be given to all eligible NACs with the initial invitation:

Competitor numbers:

- Number of eligible NACs invited,
- Number of pilots invited per NAC,

- Number of medal holders invited,
- Maximum total number of competitors,

Entry-fee:

- amount,
- what is included
- currency,
- refund policy

Deadlines:

- NACs acceptance,
- First round of invitations,
- Second round of invitations
- 60 / 45 day limit (World Championships / Continental Championships)

### 5.6.3 COMPETITOR INVITATION PROCEDURE

#### 5.6.3.1 Round 1

After the deadline for NACs to accept their invitation to compete, invitations shall be sent out to nominated pilots up to the maximum number per eligible NAC as given in the Event Information.

#### 5.6.3.2. Round 2

After the closing date for Round 1 additional invitations will be sent out.

A pilot may only qualify for the second round of invitations provided their NAC has responded within the time limits and have taken up all their initial invitations.

Invitations for Round 2 shall be in accordance with the Ranking Method and up to the maximum allowed for the event.

#### 5.6.3.3 Round 3

Following a request by the organiser to the CIA, a further round of invitations may be sent out as in Round 2.

Invitations will follow on from where Round 2 ended.

Invitations will only be sent out up to the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate.

Invitations will not be accepted later than 60 days for World Championships and 45 days for Continental Championships before the start of the event.

### 5.6.4 ENTRY CONDITIONS

#### 5.6.4.1 Pilots-in-Command

Pilots-in-command shall have been authorized to act as pilot-in-command of the sub-class of aerostat for which the first category event is held. At least twelve months prior to the start of the event. Each pilot-in-command shall have accumulated at least 50 hours as pilot-in-command of aerostats of the sub-class by the closing entry date, except for the junior events where it shall be at the start of the general briefing

These experience criteria may only be modified by the CIA for a specific subclass of aerostat, under special circumstances claimed by the organising NAC.

#### 5.6.4.2 Ranking Method

The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be determined by the results of the previous similar event. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.

#### 5.6.4.3 Limitation

No NAC shall have more competitors than 10% of the total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate. The current medal holders, invited under rule 5.6.1.5 are not included in this limit.

#### 5.6.5 DEADLINES

##### 5.6.5.1 Closing Dates

The invitation of pilots for all rounds shall have their own closing dates for return of entry forms and payment of entry fee.

Organisers, NACs and entrants must adhere to published closing dates for entry.

##### 5.6.5.2 Standby List

If an NAC fails to respond by the proper deadline or if an entrant fails to fulfil his obligations, the NAC or the entrant in question may lose their respective right to enter, but may be kept on a standby list should vacancies appear.

Competitors on the standby list will be offered places should they become available after Rounds 1 & 2.

Closing dates for entries for pilots on the Standby list will be absolutely no later than the 60 / 45 day limit before the event.