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Manual of Procedures

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the M.A.A.A. web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The M.A.A.A. has recently released the following documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MOP 024 Procedure: International Teams - Amended.
MOP 033 Procedure: Travelling With Models - New.
MOP 042 Policy: Visitor Insurance - Amended.
MOP 057 Policy: Insurance Conditions - Amended.
MOP 065 Policy: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - New.
MOP 015 Procedure: Large Model Aircraft Inspection and Operation – Amended.
MOP 033 Form: Check List for Inspection of a Rotary Wing Model Aircraft - New.
MAAA Statement of Rules – Amended.

These documents are now on the M.A.A.A. web site in the Manual of Procedures section.

Club Committees are recommended to pay particular attention to previously released MOP022 and are encouraged to use the document to do a risk analysis of their operations.

The 61st Nationals

The 61st Nationals will be held in Perth over the period December 29 2007 to January 4 2008. Why not start making plans to attend? Details can be found on the MAAA web site or at www.aeromodellerswa.info/nationals/index.html

Team Trials

All M.A.A.A. affiliate members are eligible to represent Australia at World and Continental Championships. Team trials for places in the teams are organised by National Special Interest Groups (NSIGs) or M.A.A.A. Technical Subcommittees. If you are interested, you should make contact with the relevant NSIG or Subcommittee Chairman for information. Your State Association Secretary has contact details for NSIGs. The M.A.A.A. web site has links to NSIGs and also details of up-coming events and team trials, on the "Championships and Other Competitions" page.

2008 CL World Champ Team Trials

Due to the NSW State Champs being cancelled because of weather, they have been rescheduled for 26-27-28 January 2008, at Kelso Park, Milperra NSW. An F2C trial is scheduled for 17 November, at Whiteman Park, Perth, WA.

F1 Trans Tasman & Team Trials

Multi Team Trials for F1A, F1B & F1C will be held as part of the WA Nationals and at Easter 2008 in Narrandera NSW on 21 -24 March. The Southern Cross Cup F1A will be held on 25 March, F1B & C on 26 March. 27 March will be a reserve day.

F3C Asia Oceanic. Philippines/ Cebu 25-30 May 2008

Team Trials are set down for 17-18 November as part of the Victorian State Championships. For further details contact Mick Warren:
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Congratulations to the Australian World Championship Teams

F1A, B & C Team who, in July, competed in Odessa, Ukraine. Reports from the event indicate that it was held in trying weather conditions to say the least. The Australian Team placed 10th.

F3B Team competed in Emmen, Switzerland during July 2007. Overall team results placed the Australian team 7th.

F3C was held in Wloclawek, Poland from 25 July to 5 August 2007. The Australian team placed 15th overall.

F3D was flown in Munci USA in June. Congratulations to the Australian team who placed 1st with outstanding individual performances from Ranjit Phelan 3rd, Chris Callow 4th, Barry Murphy 9th and Chris Graham 11th.

Special congratulations also goes to the many supporters and helpers of all the teams on a job well done.

M.A.A.A. Insurance

The M.A.A.A. Council in May 2007 decided to keep the insurance excess amount to be paid by the person or association on which the third party claim is made, to \$250. This was done even though the current policy has a \$5,000 excess for each claim.

This means that for each claim, the person or association has to pay the first \$250. The M.A.A.A. then pays the balance of \$4,750 on the excess and the insurance company covers the remainder of the claim. Naturally the M.A.A.A. does not wish to pay these large excesses out of its reserves. To make provision for these payments an additional \$1.60 per member is included in the fees. The amount collected is put into a fund to cover any excess payments.

On Personal Accident and Injury claims, there is a waiting period of 7 days for weekly income benefits and a \$50 excess applies to each injury claim. The insured person must be under 90 years of age.

As you can see, it is to everyone's benefit to work toward minimising insurance claims and hence the amount we have to pay out on excesses. The best method to reduce claims is for us all to fly and operate safely. Please take an active interest in safety and set a good example yourself. A good claims record is very important in obtaining suitable coverage each year.

Overseas Visitor Insurance

MOP 042 - Policy for Visitor Insurance at Flying Fields has recently been amended to assist and guide clubs who have overseas visitors wishing to fly from their facilities while holidaying in Australia. Such Visitors will hold MAAA Honorary Membership providing the requirements within MOP 042 are met. Clubs are reminded to make themselves familiar with these requirements and ensure the details are passed to the MAAA Secretary/ Registrar so the Honorary Membership Card can be issued.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

With the increasing numbers of UAVs starting to appear around the country, the question of these machines operating from registered MAAA flying fields, was raised at the last Council Conference. In a decision carried at this conference, Council decided to prohibit the operations of UAVs from or at recognised MAAA flying sites.

MOP 065 - Policy on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles was recently released and distributed as a guide to clubs on UAVs and their operations. Definitions contained within the MOP on UAVs may be upgraded as more information is gathered regarding them and their operations.

Membership Cards.

The 2007/2008 membership renewal period is well underway with approximately two thirds of our members renewing. All cards are printed according to the information supplied by the State Registrars. Should your card have incorrect details or you change your circumstances, such as your address, please follow the directions in the red banner over the top of your new card, and contact your State Secretary to have the alterations made. It is also vital that any changes to your situation are recorded by your Club Secretary/Registrar. By following this procedure, all changes will be recorded in the State Association's Database which is used to update the MAAA Database, ensuring a smooth renewal process each year.

World Championship Events Calendar

2008	
EVENT	Information
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	France – Landres Dates: 28/07/2008 - 04/08/2008 Website : http://www.f2cmbl.org
F3J	Turkey – Istanbul Dates: 01/08/2008 - 10/08/2008 Website: http://www.soarist.com
F4B, F4C	Poland - Wloclawek Dates: 11 – 20 July 2008
F5B, F5D	Ukraine
F3A Trans Tasman	Australia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Chinese Taipei No dates announced
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Philippines- Cebu Dates: May 25 – 30 2008
2009	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia
F1E	Germany
F3A	Portugal (Tentative)
F3B	Ukraine (Tentative)
F3C	USA
2010	
EVENT	Bids From
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary (Firm), Serbia & Montenegro (Firm)
F3J	Czech Republic, Hungary, France (Tentative)
F4B, F4C	Poland (Firm), Czech Republic (Firm)
F5B, F5D	USA (Tentative)
Space Models	Poland, Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited

M.A.A.A. Badges and Decals For Sale

The M.A.A.A. Secretary has a selection of badges and decals for sale.

M.A.A.A.:

Metal Badge 25 X 25mm	\$3-00
Cloth patch 70mm diameter	\$2-00
Decal Sheet 130 X 240mm (2 large & 2 small stickers)	\$3-50
Replacement Gold Wings	\$6-00
Cloth Gold Wings	\$2-50
Replacement Bronze Wings	\$6-00

There is also a VERY limited stock of FAI cloth patches and decals. These are of the old FAI logo.

FAI Cloth patch 80mm diameter	\$3-00
FAI Decal 100mm diameter	\$2-00

To obtain any of the above, please send a cheque or Money Order for the total amount of your order plus \$1-00 for postage to the M.A.A.A. Secretary.