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Manual of Procedures

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

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MAAA MOP 011 Allocation of MAAA Funds Policy and Procedure - MOP011 was originally named Field Purchase/Loan Application Procedure and has been re-written in accordance with the MAAA Council recommendations and requirements.

MAAA MOP 014 General Model Rules – Addition of new rules regarding 3D and Helicopter flying following the 2009 Council Conference.

MAAA MOP 024 International Teams – Addition of clarification of entry Fees and Deposits.

Amendments are currently being carried out on MOP008 Close Fields Procedure following recent changes to MOP058 2.4GHz Policy. This will include an additional procedure for 2.4 GHz only operations at one or more sites.

MAAA Rules Book - 2009 Version

All amended rules approved at the 2009 Council Rules Conference earlier this year have been processed and posted on the MAAA web site at www.maaa.asn.au. One exception to this is the Helicopter Rules, Council asked that this section be sent back to the Subcommittee for some minor amendments before being re-presented to the MAAA Executive who were empowered by Council to accept the rules when

complete. As soon as they are presented and accepted they should also be posted on the MAAA web site in time for the 63rd Nationals.

Flying With Control

Recently the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia (CASA) with the assistance of members of the MAAA Executive and State Associations produced a leaflet, 'Flying with control? Get to know the rules'. Details of the leaflet can be found on the MAAA web site at www.maaa.asn.au 'Know the Rules'. This leaflet explains the **basic** rules everyone is required to adhere to when flying models and is aimed at the general public, and those not connected with a model club, who purchase model aircraft from the various outlets available today. The catalyst for this was the incident at Perth Airport earlier this year involving a model aircraft and a passenger airliner. CASA produced, and covered the cost of printing, 10,000 of the leaflets. MAAA was asked to assist with the distribution through State Associations, Clubs and members in an effort to have these leaflets made available to as many Hobby Stores throughout Australia as possible. 6,000 leaflets were allocated to MAAA for distribution. CASA retained the other 4,000 leaflets and along with a letter of explanation targeted major retail outlets in an endeavour to educate the public who purchase model aircraft from these sources.

In response to the assistance by MAAA, State Associations, Clubs and members the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia has expressed their appreciation for our cooperation on this project.

2009 - 2010 MAAA Membership

This year's renewal period commenced with a rush and has continued strongly, with over 73% of renewals based on the 2008/09 figures completed during the first two months. With the addition of over 500 new members to date, several State Associations are already showing an increase in membership for the current year. Members are reminded to check their membership cards and contact their Club Registrar in the first instance if there are any errors. Providing your Club has all the details correct, then as stated in the red banner above your new cards, contact your State Association Secretary or Registrar if you need to amend any details. This is the only way the amended details can be corrected and added to the MAAA Membership System.

2009 World Championship Teams

With the World Championship calendar drawing to a close for 2009, thanks go to all the members and supporters who represented Australia in the various World Championships. Some of the reports received indicate that competitors were faced with weather conditions well below what would be considered normal but continued nonetheless to give their best. Congratulations.

63rd MAAA Nationals Hosted by VMAA

The 63rd Nationals are to be held in and around Albury from December 28 2009 to Wednesday 6 January 2010. Details and the program of events is available on the MAAA web site at www.maaa.asn.au as well as the VMAA web site

www.vmaa.com.au. These Nationals will host Team Trials for several upcoming World Championship events so the flying promises to be exciting for competitors and spectators alike.

2010 F5B & F5D Electric World Championships

Team selection trials for the 2010 F5B & F5D Electric World Championships in the USA are scheduled to be held at the VMAA 63rd Nationals at Albury. Dates of the event are Sunday 3 and Monday 4 January 2010. For further details contact Ray Pike stingray_f5b@westnet.com.au

2010 F2 World Championships Team Trials

Still to be held: F2A and F2C, 3-5 October at Albury.
63rd MAAA Nationals (VMAA): F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D, 28 Dec 2009 to 4 Jan 2010.

2010 F4C Scale World Championships

Team selection trials for the 2010 F4C Scale World Championships in Poland are scheduled to be held at the VMAA 63rd Nationals at Albury. Dates of the event are Thursday 31 December 2009 and Friday 1 January 2010. Entry nomination will close on 30 November 2009, and a non-refundable entry fee of \$150.00 which will be applied to team expenses will be required in addition to the Nationals entry fee for those wishing to be considered for Australian team selection. Entries, together with deposits, should be sent to the VFSAA secretary, Keith Schneider at 15 Darvall Street, Donvale, Vic, 3111.

2011 F1A, B & C World Championship Team Trials

Multiple Team Trials for this event to be hosted by Argentina in early 2011 are programmed listed as follows:

Proposed Events Program

63rd Nationals
F1A Wed 30th Dec 2009 Springhurst
F1B Sun 3rd Jan 2010 Springhurst
F1C Tue 29th Dec 2009 Springhurst

Southern Cross Cup

F1A Tue 30th Mar 2010 Narrandera
F1B Mon 29th Mar 2010 Narrandera
F1C Tue 30th Mar 2010 Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A Sat 3rd Apr 2010 Narrandera
F1B Fri 2nd Apr 2010 Narrandera
F1C Sat 3rd Apr 2010 Narrandera

Qld State Championships

F1A 29th May 2010 Dalby
F1B 30th May 2010 Dalby
F1C 14th Mar 2010 Dalby

Victorian State Championships

F1A, F1B and F1C flown over 8-9-10 May 2010
Location tentatively Springhurst

Western Australia State Championships

F1A 16th May 2010 Meckering
F1B 24th Jul 2010 Meckering
F1C 25th Jul 2010 Meckering
Additional Team Selection event for F1A classes
5th to 7th Jun 2010 Meckering

International Events

These events are to be F1A, F1B and F1C classes open to all flyers, sanctioned by CIAM and published on the CIAM website, flown to FAI rules and conducted within the selection period.

NSW State Championships.

No firm date yet but likely to be long weekend 12th, 13th and 14th of June 2010. The event is usually held on the Queen's Birthday weekend. Location will be Narrandera or Springhurst

World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2010	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary Dates: July
F3J	France Dates: 28 July - 8 August
F4C	Poland (dates TBA)
F5B, F5D	USA (dates TBA)
Space Models	Serbia (dates TBA)
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited –(location and dates TBA)
F3C Asia-Oceanic	China (Tentative)
2011	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	Argentina- Late April early May (dates to be confirmed)
F3A	USA – Late July early August (dates to be confirmed)
F3B	China
F3C	Italy Dates: 18 – 28 August
F3D	Australia Dates: 12-14 August
F3K	Sweden Dates: 4-10 July