
Composition and selection of Swiss National Aerobatic Teams “Nati”

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1 Objective

The objective of this present regulation is to :

- define the members of the Swiss National Aerobatic Teams
- define the criteria for selection of pilots for the Swiss National Aerobatic Teams (Advanced, Unlimited and other categories for the purpose of FAI competitions)
- treat the related financial aspects.

2 General

The aim of the Swiss National Aerobatic Teams is to defend the national colors as part of individual performances that share a team performance.

2.1 FAI International Competitions :

The Swiss National Aerobatic Teams will participate in :

2.1.1 Unlimited pilots

- the European Aerobatic Championships (EAC)
- the World Aerobatic Championships (WAC)
- the World Air Games (WAG)
- or other competitions or events organized by FAI

2.1.2 Advanced pilots

- the European Advanced Aerobatic Championships (EAAC)
- the Advanced World Aerobatic Championships (AWAC)
- other competitions or events organized by FAI

2.1.3 Pilots for other categories of FAI events and competitions

- corresponding continental or world championships

2.2 Composition of Swiss National Aerobatic Teams :

The Swiss National Aerobatic Teams are composed of :

- The SAA President
- The Swiss National Teams Manager
- The SAA CIVA Delegate.
- The Swiss National Teams Trainer (if there is one)
- The Swiss National Teams Support / Coach (if there is one)
- The Swiss National Pilots :
 - Swiss Unlimited Aerobatic Pilots
 - Swiss Advanced Aerobatic Pilots
 - Swiss Pilots of other categories of FAI events and competitions

2.2.1 The SAA President

Will assist the Swiss National Team Manager.

2.2.2 The Swiss National Teams Manager

He is the President of the Selection Committee which chooses the Swiss National Teams Pilots and Members. He is nominated by the SAA Committee. His main task will be to inform the selected pilots on the current competitions, search of sponsoring, public relations and spokesman of the delegation, administrative work before all competitions, respect of deadlines of registration. The Swiss National Teams Manager may be a Swiss National Team Pilot.

2.2.3 The SAA CIVA Delegate

Will assist and inform the SAA President and the Swiss National Teams Manager of the decisions and new rules of CIVA. The SAA CIVA Delegate may be a Swiss National Team Pilot.

2.2.4 The Swiss National Teams Trainer

Will be chosen, every year, according situation and availability among the international trainers available on the market.

2.2.5 The Swiss National Teams Support / Coach

Will support on site the Swiss National Team during a competition and assist individually each member of the team. If the Swiss National Teams Manager or the Swiss National Trainer can't assume that function by himself, another person could be chosen for that important mission. This person will be appointed by the SAA President and the Swiss National Teams Manager.

2.2.6 The Swiss National Teams Pilots

The selected pilots who will participate in FAI competitions. There are three categories of pilots :

- Active Swiss National Team Pilots
- Potential Swiss National Team Pilots
- Swiss National Team Warm-Up

2.2.7 The observers and accompanying person(s)

As the participation represents a huge personal and financial investment and as the Swiss National Team Members represent Switzerland in an international competition, if anybody wants to accompany a Swiss National Team Pilot or Member, the accompanying person has to be approved by all the other Swiss National Team Members in the concerned category.

3 Swiss National Teams Pilots

3.1 Size of the teams

The Swiss National Teams will be composed of a target number of minimum three pilots for each category for the current year's FAI events or competitions to assure a possible team ranking.

The Swiss National Teams of the year will be selected by 1st of January and be final by the 1st of March. Subsequent changes need the approval of the Swiss National Teams Manager and the SAA President.

3.2 General conditions :

3.2.1 For the potential Swiss National Team Pilots

- to be Swiss,
- to be member of the Swiss Aerobatic Association since minimum 2 years,
- to be holder of a valid FAI Sporting Licence,
- to have participated at a minimum of two Swiss National Aerobatic Championships (SNAC's), in any category, within the last 4 years,
- to agree with this present regulations.

3.2.2 For the active Swiss National Team Pilots

- to be holder of a valid FAI Sporting Licence,
- to have participated at a FAI international competition as a Swiss National Team Pilot and at a SNAC within the last 2 years.

3.2.3 For the Swiss National Team Warm-Up

- same conditions as « potential Swiss National Teams Pilots »,
- pilot willing to have international training with or without the Nati minimum requirements. At Selection Committee's discretion.

3.3 Selection Committee

3.3.1 The Selection Committee is composed four different people:

- The Swiss National Team Manager, as the President of the Selection Committee.
- The CIVA Delegate, as an international competitions specialist.
- The SAA President or Vice-President, as the SAA Committee representative.
- Two additional, experienced SAA Members nominated by the SAA Committee.

3.3.2 If necessary, the SAA President may appoint, another SAA Committee Member in the Selection Committee.

3.4 Selection criteria :

All the selection criteria are important ; results as well as personality and team orientation.

3.4.1 Minimum requirements

To participate in a FAI competition as a Swiss National Team Pilot, the candidate must meet these first two criteria :

- have participated to the last SNAC of the preceding desired FAI competition in the relevant or superior category (except for the active Swiss National Teams Pilots).
- have achieved one of the following results :
 - being ranked in the top 5 in the relevant category at least once in the last 4 SNAC and have obtained at least one score of 68.00% or more (overall ranking) within these last 4 SNAC's.
 - having a podium in the relevant category within the last 4 SNAC's.
 - have obtained at least one score of 65.00% or more (overall ranking) in the appropriate category in a FAI competition within the last 4 years.

3.4.2 Overall criteria

Priority is given, in order, to the Unlimited class and female pilots. The possibility to build a « strong » Advanced Team with real medal chance could limit the number of pilots to 3 in the Unlimited class.

3.4.3 Ranking criteria

The list of preferred pilots for the Swiss National Aerobatic Teams is determined by ranking criteria. These criteria are the simple addition of the obtained scores within the last three years of competition (SNAC and FAI) with a weighting coefficient :

- score in % multiplied by 2 for the preceeding year
- score in % multiplied by 1 for the penultimate year
- score in % multiplied by 0.5 for the before penultimate year

A special table with past scores and coefficients is made every year after the last competition. This table is a part of these rules and it has to be considered a guide and not a primary element of selection. This table is available on simple request by the Swiss National Teams Manager.

The Acting Swiss Champion of each category is automatically qualified as a Swiss National Team Pilot.

3.4.4 Other criteria

The Selection Committee will also consider the following criteria :

- The overall experience and results of the pilot in national competitions.
- The overall experience and results of the pilot in international competitions.
- The gender. The SAA will facilitate and promote the participation of women in the Swiss National Teams.
- The personality, the motivation, the team orientation, etc...

3.5 Unlimited pilots in FAI Advanced competition

According to Sporting Code, Section 6, 1.2.4.3, an Unlimited pilot could be member of the Swiss Advanced Team if she/he:

- never has participated in a FAI competition as Unlimited pilot.
- has not participated in a FAI competition as Unlimited pilot for 2 years or more.
- has not reached the 60.00 % overall marking in a FAI competition as Unlimited pilot for 2 years.

For an Unlimited pilot wishing to be a member of the Swiss Advanced Team, the obtained score in the past Unlimited SNAC is multiplied by 1.5 (weighting coefficient) in the ranking criteria.

4 Financial aspects

The personal training and the travelling cost to training camp(s) are supported by the pilots themselves. The SAA and the Swiss National Teams Manager will look for funds to help the Swiss National Teams Members (training camps, trainer, professional coach).

The competition entry fee is paid by the pilot himself. This fee could be refunded at the end of the year by SAA. The SAA Committee has the right to approve direct payment of entry fees for select teams by the SAA on an exceptional basis.

All sponsoring and all collected money will be distributed in equal parts between the selected Swiss National Pilots participating at the respective competitions.



5 Duties of the Swiss National Teams Members

All pilots flying for the Swiss National Teams undertake to observe the following:

- participation in the competition for which they are selected,
- participation in at least one training camp of the Swiss National Teams,
- ensure presence of at least one Swiss Team Member at the daily briefings during competition,
- regular information to Swiss National Teams Manager on the state of training and activities during the year leading up to the competition,
- to serve the team and the SAA in a fair-play and sportman like spirit,
- to be an example to less experienced pilots and to the public by a safe and responsible attitude as a promoter of Swiss values and airmanship spirit in competitions as well as in airshows or private aerobatic flying, trainings or events.

6 Commitment:

A pilot wishing to be part of the Swiss National Teams is committed to fly for Switzerland and to defend our colors.

Expenses paid by the SAA are there to support "Swiss" pilots flying for Switzerland (such as training camps, coach, trainer, competition fees, etc.). Pilots flying for a different country within 5 years after the last competition as a member of the Swiss National Teams must refund the full costs caused by them plus 5% interest per annum. These conditions are retroactive and the refunded money will be split between concerned pilots. Exception is – of course - made if the concerned pilot has paid everything himself.

The SAA Committee on 30th of November 2012 approved the present regulation.
The SAA Committee has modified the present regulations on 14th of May 2013.
No change for 2018.

Competing Pilot
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Approval date :

Swiss National Teams Manager

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