
Composition and selection of the

Swiss National Aerobatic Teams

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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. Being a Swiss National Team Member is, first of all, a state of mind.

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
- Positions in the Swiss National Aerobatic Teams could be cumulated.

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 License,
- to have participated at a minimum of two Swiss National Aerobatic Championships (SNAC's), in any category, within the last 3 years,

3.2.2 For the active Swiss National Team Pilots

- to be holder of a valid FAI Sporting License,
- 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

- 1) To participate in a FAI competition as a Swiss Intermediate National Team Pilot or Swiss Advanced 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:
 - have obtained at least one score of 70.00% or more (overall ranking) within these last 2 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 2 years.
- 2) To participate in a FAI competition as a Swiss Unlimited 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:
 - have obtained at least one score of 68.00% or more (overall ranking) within these last 2 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 2 years.

3.4.2 Pilots in lower category in FAI competition

A pilot not fulfilling these above criteria for its category can be qualified for a lower international category, according to Sporting Code, Section 6, 1.2.4.1. A pilot could be member of the Swiss Advanced (or Intermediate) Team if she/he:

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

3.4.3 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...

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 Official equipment

In a spirit of unity and Switzerland representation, the SAA will provide an official equipment to Swiss National Team Pilots and Members.

List of official equipment 2021:

- Black SAA softshell jacket
- Red SAA tie and white SAA shirt
- 5x SAA t-shirt

If an item is missing or needed, the National Team Member has to contact the Swiss National Teams Manager.

The official equipment must be worn during official ceremonies and as much as possible during the competition.

6 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 sporting 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.



7 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 has modified the present regulations on 1st of March 2020.

Competiting Pilot
(name in capital letter + signature)

Swiss National Teams Manager

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Approval date:

Date: