

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING CLUBS - (SC)² RULES Revised March 22, 2009

1. Safety is paramount in all (SC)² contests. It is the responsibility of the Contest Director and the host club to take any and all steps necessary to insure the safety of participants, spectators, and property at an (SC)² contest. This includes equipment used. Sailplanes and transmitters must be identified, as per A.M.A. requirements.

A. The contestant is solely responsible for verifying his correct radio and frequency control.

2. All clubs hosting an (SC)² contest must prepare a contest notice at least 60 days in advance of their contest. The notice must contain the following information:

A. Contest Director's name and phone number and the name and phone number of the club's president.

B. Host Club's name.

C. Location (including a map)

D. Events-Thermal duration and precision tasks only.

E. Date

F. Scoring

G. Type of winches, all must be similar.

H. Length of winch lines, all must have similar line.

I. Landing surface

J. Contest specific information -- i.e. any frequency not usable

K. A statement regarding location of rest rooms. If none on site, specify nearby availability.

L. Send the contest notice to webmaster@sc-2.org

3. The following A.M.A. Competition Regulations will be waived, or altered:

A. Number 5d: revise to read:

Two contestants may fly the same model.

B. Number 7.2a: replace with:

If a contestant's model collides in flight with another model they are to continue the flight with no re-launch. If the model collides with a model during the landing approach, then either contestant may receive a re-launch to earn his landing points.

The flight time will be based upon the time recorded in the noted flight. The re-flight will be for landing points only and should be of less than 3 minutes duration.

C. Number 7.2c: add:

If launching system malfunction is suspected, the contestant must request a re-launch within 10 seconds of tow release and turn the scorecard over to winchmaster. When and if re-launch is granted, the contestant has 10 seconds to accept and must land as soon as possible. He will be given the next available winch for the re-flight, or at the option of the C.D. placed in a later flight group. A re-flight will be allowed if a contestant believes radio interference has occurred and proof of interference is found.

Two pop-off's per day will be tolerated in Sportsman, two-meter and RES and one per day in Intermediate and Expert class.

D. Number 10.2.2e: modify to read:

"The official timer may count during last 10 seconds of a flight".

4. The pilot is responsible for the time on the watch. Time on the watch is to be per A.M.A. rules. Round up for tenths at .5 or above. Round down for tenths at .49 or below. **SOUTHERN**

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No re-flight due to timer not starting or resetting the watch. The watch used must show total flight time. Mechanical failure of the watch, verified by the C.D. is cause for a re-flight.

5. If called flight order is used, it must be posted.

6. All scores must be posted by round and the unofficial final standings of all contestants must be posted.

7. Protests concerning the decision of a C.D. shall be presented in writing to the (SC)² President before trophies are awarded. The President will present the protest to the JURY. The JURY shall make a ruling on the protest. The jury shall be selected by the C.D. prior to the start of the contest. If the C.D. has not done so, then the President of (SC)² shall select the jury. The jury shall consist of 3 contestants, one each of any three clubs who are A.M.A. C.D.'s.

8. All (SC)² contests must be A.M.A. sanctioned, (444-OPEN) with these rules.

9. There are three classes: SPORTSMAN, INTERMEDIATE and EXPERT. A new pilot may declare which class he will fly in at their first contest. "During the registration, for a flyers first contest, he will state which class he will compete in." During registration at the first contest of the year, he will state which class he will complete in for entire contest season. A pilot may petition the (SC)² president to move down. The final decision will be made by the (SC)² officers. (It is hoped that if you are an INTERMEDIATE or "EXPERT" contestant you will be honest and place yourself in the appropriate class).

10. If you win SPORTSMAN, or INTERMEDIATE class for the year, you will automatically be moved up at the beginning of the following year.

11. Two additional classes will also be flown, RES and 2-Meter. The RES class is defined by the current AMA rulebook. 2-Meter class is the same as open class, only with a wingspan limitation of 2-meters. To insure that contests finish in a reasonable time, pilots will be limited to flying in a maximum of two classes.

12. At each contest, 3 Trophies will be awarded for each class: Sportsman, Intermediate, Expert and RES. A single trophy will be awarded for 2-meter. An additional trophy will be awarded for the highest placing "Woody". All monthly contest trophies will be provided by the (SC)² organization, and paid for out of the general fund .

13. A minimum of 14 year-end awards will be presented based upon accumulated points, 3 awards each for EXPERT, INTERMEDIATE, SPORTSMAN and RES classes, and 1 award for 2-meter class and 1 award for the combined Junior-Senior category, i.e. (18 or younger). The year end trophies will also be provided by the (SC)² organization, and paid for out of the general fund.

14. All (SC)² contests will include "UNLIMITED-OPEN CLASS", "2-METER" and "RES" classifications per AMA rulebook.

15. All (SC)² contests will have a cut off time for sign-up no earlier than 9:00 A.M.

16. In order to be awarded landing points, there must be no lost parts (exception of rubber bands or bolt heads and landing skid) during the landing, no inverted position of the model, and the model must be flown in the next round. If a contestant loses parts from his model during launch or in flight, he may continue the flight. The landing tape must not be bunched up. The tape must be in a straight line.

17. The entry fee will be \$10.00 per class, and classes entered must be declared at sign-in; \$4.00 of this will go to (SC)² \$6.00 will remain with the host club (this fee includes **SOUTHERN**

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winch line retrievals). To encourage youth participation, no entry fee will be charged to anyone who is an AMA Junior or Senior member (18 or under).

18. The scorecards from an (SC)² contest must be given by the C.D. to the (SC)² Scorekeeper at the end of the contest. He will validate the scores, calculate normalized scores by class, year-to-date standings and publish official results on the web page at www.sc-2.org. Trophies (including year-end awards) will be redistributed if awarded in error.

19. Each club may have a team. It will be selected from the top 3 finishers (based on overall raw score) from each club for each contest. Each person must declare which club they are flying for at the time of registration. You may change clubs during the year.

A. When setting up the contest schedule for the upcoming year, the first place team from the previous year gets first pick; second place gets second pick – and so on.

20. All (SC)² contests will be for a minimum of 24 minutes of flight time for 3 or more rounds. All rounds must be of equal value (i.e.: 1000 points each). “Add-em-up” type contests are the only exception. Landing points to be a minimum 5% or a maximum of 10% of flight score. The contest will be flown as one large contest - no scoring by class.

21. Each club must be aware of the problems and obstacles that exist at their field and use good judgment when setting up qualifying areas for landing.

22. Winch lines must be 600 feet or longer unless field conditions require shorter length lines.

23. Year end awards will be based on each pilot's best scores from the season that are eligible. If more than four contests are run in a year, then the lowest score for each competitor will be thrown out. If six or more contests are run in a year, the lowest two scores are thrown out. For example, if 7 events are run, best 5 scores are counted. If 6 events are run, best 4 scores are counted.

24. NO METAL landing aids are allowed.

25. The term for (SC)² President is 1 year. There is no limit to the number of terms a person may serve.

26. Admittance of a new club in the (SC)² organization must be approved by a majority vote.

27. If the CD declares a safety issue due to possible interference with a full size aircraft, all pilots will be called down. They must descend immediately. He will be given his time. He must shoot a precision landing on whole minute as soon as reasonable and safe.

2009 Officers:

President: Andy Thonet

Vice President: Edgar Vera

Treasurer: Edgar Vera

Scorekeeper: Dan Borer

Webmaster: : Andy Thonet

Contest Schedule: