

(Host Bid for)

2024 F5J Team Selection Finals

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Host Club: The host club will be the League of Silent Flight (LSF) and have established the following objectives:

1. Conduct a Team Selection Contest as an integral part of the 2024 Sailplane Nationals. This contest will be also considered as the National championship and will be included on USA F5J Tour, and Ohio Valley Soaring Series (OVSS) schedules.
2. Pick the best 3-man team to represent the USA at the 2025 World Championships.
3. Develop processes and equipment that make the Finals self-sustaining: that is, requiring minimal outside volunteers while maintaining integrity.

The LSF is a long-standing special interest group with a focus on RC sailplane activities. They are managed by a board of directors and have established a reputation as a professional organization. Notably among their activities has been the organization/manning/execution of the yearly Sailplane Nationals.

Dates: The dates for the Finals will be Friday-Sunday July 26-28, 2024. Model check-in and pilot meetings will be held Thursday July 25. This date is earlier than the typical team selection event that generally occurs in the fall in order to adjust the schedule for the World Championships that are being held in February this cycle. Holding the TS earlier than normal provides adequate time for the team to practice and more importantly raise funds during the flying season for the expensive trip to the Worlds.

Site Location: The competition will be held in Muncie, Indiana at the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) International Aeromodelling Center (IAC) site #5 Flying Field. 5161 E. Memorial Dr, Muncie, Indiana 47302. The site is generally flat with farm crops in outlying areas. High tension lines in the far west need to be avoided. This site is familiar to many contestants as it has been utilized in the past for many Sailplane Nationals and other events. The dates for the Finals will be 26-28 July 2024. Daily high temperatures are around 83 degrees,

rarely falling below 76 degrees or exceeding 91 degrees F. Daily low temperatures are around 65 degrees F, rarely falling below 56 degrees F or exceeding 73 degrees F. The skies are 64% clear vs cloudy. Average total monthly rainfall is 3.4 inches and occurs on 37 % of the days in the month. Occasionally hot humid days bring short afternoon showers. The average wind speed is 7.5 MPH with a predominantly western direction 37% of the time. Muncie proper is located within 10 miles and has multiple lodging accommodations with average room prices \$100-150. The IAC offers onsite camping ranging from primitive to full RV hookups. The nearest airport is located in Indianapolis 75 miles away and typically a 1 hour 20-minute drive.

Officials: This proposal incorporates the finals within the Sailplane Nationals and requires special coordination by LSF and AMA officials. Mr. Wally Adaszczik will coordinate with AMA's Nationals Coordinator (Yolanda Jones) for schedule, field equipment, and entry form generation. Mr. Jim McCarthy will coordinate with AMA's FAI Team Coordinator (Colleen Pierce) for team select and financial issues. Entry fees will be determined by Jim McCarthy in coordination with the Team Selection Committee (TSC) and Colleen. The LSF Board offers Mr. Norman Poti as the CD. Norman has been an AMA member for over 50 years with competition expertise in both Free Flight and Sailplane disciplines. He has been a CD for over 40 years with experience at both local and national levels. Norman competed in many Free Flight Team selection finals and represented the USA in international competition. He currently serves as the president of the Dayton Area Thermal Soarers and as a member of the OVSS committee. Norman is familiar with the layout and services of the IAC and has CD'ed the Nationals ALES event at site #5 for the past 2 years. With this background, experience and capabilities Norman is uniquely qualified to manage and conduct this event. A team of individuals will be assembled to help with this endeavor. Mr. Jim McCarthy and Mr. Jim Monaco will serve as advisors throughout this process and event. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Monaco have been US Sailplane Team Managers for past World Championships, and have organized previous successful Sailplane Team Select events including the first F5J TS. Volunteers will be assigned to manage four critical positions: Technical Systems Advisor, Scoring Operations, Registration, and Flight Line Manager. Key duties of those positions can be found in the organizational chart. One or more Jury Foreman candidates will be identified by the TSC Chairman and the Event CD with final approval required from the FAI EC. Some costs for the foreman may be provided by the AMA per the funding guidelines in the current Blue Book. The foreman shall select 2 other non-participating jurists to comprise the finals jury. Note that that the additional jurists may not be on-site but will be remotely available at all competition times.

Additional Equipment: As an event integrated within the Nationals much of the equipment required for the Finals is owned by the LSF and will be on site for other events. Timing clocks, audio systems, video systems, interface equipment, and landing tapes will be provided by the LSF. Scoring computers are personal property but have been secured for the duration of the finals.

Local Help: The choice of IAC as the site comes with several advantages. Most of the infrastructure required to conduct the event are in place. Electrical power, internet, and toilet facilities are permanently installed on site #5. Maintenance of the grass is handled by AMA

personnel on a regular basis. Fresh drinking water is provided daily by AMA personnel. As part of the LSF Nationals AMA provides canopies, tables and chairs, electrical generators, and a mobile on-site office (Whale).

Estimated Budget:

Misc. Office Supplies	\$100
Contestant Packets (clipboards, pens, decals)	\$300
Stickers for models	\$150
Reimburse CD Motel	\$300
Team Winner Awards	\$150
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1000</u>

Contest Rules: The contest will be conducted in accordance with the 2024 published FAI F5J rules and the approved 2024 F5J Team Selection program. All AMRT devices must be on the list of EDIC approved devices. Model check-in will occur all day on Thursday. Models will be stickered by the pilots with provided stickers and the check-in will verify the stickers were applied correctly and that the AMRTs have the approved firmware. Random spot checking of all compliance requirements will also be accomplished during the event. Additionally, the format will follow USA F5J Tour specifications that do not conflict with the Team Selection program.

Contest Operations and Flow: Several months prior to the event Norman will generate and monitor an RC Groups thread announcing plans and entry deadlines. At registration contestants will receive a packet containing their official scorecard and model stickers. Finalists will designate three models for use at the finals and attach stickers. Unstickered models will not be allowed to score a flight. The Nationals schedule will be arranged such that the two days preceding the finals will be ALES 100 event. Contestants have the opportunity and are encouraged to fly that for practice/warm-up. Other areas of the IAC are available for ad-hock testing those days. Thursday, after completion of ALES awards, a mandatory F5J Finals Meeting will be conducted. At that time rules and procedures will be reviewed and questions answered.

We expect 50-60 pilots in the event and will arrange for five flight groups. The daily schedule follows:

	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
7:00-8:00 AM	Field Setup	Field Setup	Field Setup
8.00AM-5.00PM	Official flying	Official flying	Official flying
4:00-5:15			Scorecard turn in
5:30 PM			Awards

We will schedule 7 rounds of 10 Minute tasks on all three days. The Gliderscore program with its array of features will be utilized to manage, score, and analyze results. Rounds will be announced by audio, with a five-minute preparation time between flights. Begin and end horns will define the flight window. Preparation and flight windows will be displayed on timer clocks. The flight matrix will be distributed to contestants by email and printed on individual score cards. Contestants will use self-appointed timers who are responsible for flight duration, landings points, and starting altitudes. Flight line officials will randomly check for model stickers, audit flight times and altitudes, and referee landings. Starting altitudes will be verified by a non-biased person in an adjacent lane or an official as you leave the flight line. Flight scores will be recorded in ink with both timer and altitude checker initials required. Flights will also be entered by cell phone into Gliderscore. Scorecards are the official record: thus, any cards with missing entries will be recorded as zero flights. At the conclusion of Sunday's flying scorecards will be collected and reconciled with Gliderscore results. Activities will conclude on Sunday with National Championship trophies being awarded and the F5J Team being announced/congratulated.

Conclusion: The LSF respectfully submits this bid to host the 2024 F5J Team Selection Contest. The organization has the expertise, equipment, and manpower to conduct the event. They have selected Mr. Norman Poti, a capable CD, to organize and lead a team of volunteers. We wish for your careful review of the attached proposal. Upon your acceptance we will begin executing the program, working the fine details, and addressing any concerns. Thank you for your consideration.