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2026 USA Team Selection and AMA NATS

This thread is for information pertaining to the US Team Selections and NATS. More info to follow.

The dates for the Finals will be Monday-Wednesday July 20-22, 2026. Model check-in and pilot meetings will be held Sunday July 19. Models must be checked in by 5:00PM on Sunday July 19.

The Official Program, the winning site bid and the governing Blue Book are attached for reference.

Some highlights that are pertinent to the combined Nats/TS event. The event will be run similarly to the 2024 event at the same location. It needs to be known up front that there are qualification restrictions required for the TS that are also applicable to the NATS entries:

QUALIFICATION

There shall be no pre-qualifying required. Any AMA member may participate subject to the eligibility requirements of the current AMA Blue Book (https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/..._Blue_Book.pdf):

A. To enter a Team Selections Finals for an event, an individual must meet the following conditions:

1. Must be an Adult AMA member for minimum 6 months or have a Youth membership.
2. Need not possess a USA-issued FAI Sporting License but must be able to meet the requirements for one at the time of the Team Selection Finals.
3. Must hold NO FAI Sporting License from any other country.
4. Must be a US citizen, or a documented legal resident with two years US residency and expectation of residency at the time of the World Championship.
5. Cannot be a current World Champion in the event who has committed to participating in the pertinent World Championships as the defending World Champion.
6. In addition to meeting the FAI requirement "3.5.4 Change of Representation" for the pertinent World Championships, must not have been a competitor for any other country at the immediately preceding World Championships for the event.

All pilots are considered TS pilots and must meet the above requirements. There are TS related fees that are required by AMA:

- Program Fee - \$25 - goes to the AMA

- Organizer Fee - \$5.00 - use to reimburse costs associated with running the event. It is small as LSF is contributing to the event expenses for anything above the \$5 total.
- TS Entry Fee - \$100 - Goes directly to the Team Fund. This can be used for expenses for running the TS event, however LSF is committed to absorbing any event costs over the \$5 event fee total.

REGISTRATION:

To make things much simpler than last time you can register at ONE link this year. F3XEVENTS.COM will be the location for registration and all fee collections. Notice will be provided when registration is open. This takes some coordination with the AMA and they have been known to make mistakes, so ONLY register for F5J using F3xevents.com even if it is available on their registration site.

More to follow as it is available.

Jim Monaco

Chairman US Team Selection Committee

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