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U.S. TEAM SELECTION OFFICIAL PROGRAM

For the 2027 FAI F3C R/C HELICOPTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. PURPOSE

The team selection program for the 2027 FAI F3C R/C Helicopter World Championship will use the results of the US participants of one contest. This contest will be the **2026 AMA NATIONALS**. The final top three scores from pilots that meet all requirements for a team position will determine the primary team members that represent the United States at the 2027 FAI F3C World Championship. The final fourth place score will determine the alternate team member who can serve as a replacement if there is a withdrawal by any of the primary team members.

In addition to the top three pilots, the top qualifying Female pilot and top qualifying Junior pilot that meet all requirements for a team position may also compete for the team at the Female and Junior level in the World Championship.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

Contestants must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA); Enter the **Team Selection Program** by submitting \$20 to AMA Headquarters; Meet the requirements as defined in the *World Championship Teams Blue Book - Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams*; and must be either a US Citizen or a US Legal Resident.

Interested contestants must also enter the **Team Selection Finals** using the official entry form accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 to AMA Headquarters no later than July 2, 2026.

3. 2026 AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The F3C rules in the *FAI Sporting Code, Section 4 – Aeromodelling Volume F3 Radio Control Model Helicopters 2026 edition* shall be used.

4. FINAL RESULTS

The final scores will be the normalized scores from the 2026 AMA National Championship. Only completed rounds will count in determining the final score. The final results shall be posted within one half hour after the FINALS. The final results shall become official one hour after the AMA National Championships or after resolution of any protest. Protests will not be accepted after the scores have been declared official by the Event Director.

5. OFFICIAL TEAM

The official US team shall consist of the US pilots with the three highest scores plus the top qualifying Female pilot and top qualifying Junior pilot. The alternate US team member shall be the pilot with the fourth highest score. Each team member shall designate his or her official caller or mechanic to AMA headquarters after making the team. Also, after making the team, an FAI stamp from the NAC of the US (National Aeronautical Association) must be obtained directly by visiting their website at www.naa.aero/membership/membership-application/.



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Each team member will be 100% financially responsible to participate in the upcoming WC (world championship) that includes all travels, accommodations, food and any other expenses related to the event as it pertains to that team member. See **7. TEAM FINANCES** below for potential reimbursement of expenses from the funds available in the F3C Team Fund.

All team members (within 30 days of completion of the team trials) shall pay a refundable deposit, to the "TEAM" fund held at AMA HQ, of \$500.00. This money is dedicated to that team members account for the funding of his or her expenses for the WC. Anyone unable to attend, MUST make that clear NO LATER THEN 180 days, prior to the WC event, to "give" that spot to the next potential member of the team within the selection criteria. If, and only if, this declaration is made 180 days prior to the beginning of the first round of the WC, will the deposit be returned to the person.

If deposit is not received, by any earned pilot position, the "next in line" pilot will immediately be contacted and eligible to provide the deposit and will be a member of the USA team (assuming deposit made in a timely fashion).

6. TEAM MANAGER

Nomination and selection of the team manager shall follow the procedure outlined in the correspondence to the team selection committee and participants from the committee chairman.

7. TEAM FINANCES

Team expenses covered by AMA are detailed in the *World Championship Teams Blue Book - Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams*. The F3C team fund is held in escrow at AMA headquarters under control of the F3C team selection committee. All entry fees, additional income, and/or donations shall be kept in this fund.

Use of the F3C Team fund is limited to team expenses. The team selection committee shall allocate the team funds for the following expenses:

1. Team travel to/from the World Championships and hotel expenses at the World Championships
2. Vehicle rentals for the team at the World Championships
3. Meals for team members at the World Championships
4. Other team expenses approved by majority vote of the Team selection Committee

Should a circumstance arise where there's not sufficient time to get committee approval for release of the team funds, the Team Selection Chairman shall have the authority to release said funds.

The AMA document entitled *World Championship Teams Blue Book - Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams* describes the standards that all team selection programs follow. Any items not specified within this team selection program will be covered by these "Procedures". If there is a dispute or discrepancy, the "Procedures" document shall take precedence.