

2024 AAC QUEENSLAND CHAPTER STATE AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS Bulletin #1



1. Venue

The Queensland State Aerobatic Championships will be held at the Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, from Thursday 22nd August to Saturday 24th August 2024 inclusive.

2. Contest Entry

All members of the Australian Aerobatic Club and State Chapters are eligible to compete.

The entry fees are as follows:

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| Entry | Free |
| Graduate | \$150.00 |
| Sportsman | \$160.00 |
| Intermediate | \$175.00 |
| Advanced | \$195.00 |
| Unlimited | \$200.00 |

The Known Programmes for Entry, Graduate and Sportsman can be found on the AAC Web Site www.aerobaticsaustralia.com.au/competitions/sequences/. & AACQLD Web Site [Sequences - AAC-QLD \(aacqld.com.au\)](http://Sequences - AAC-QLD (aacqld.com.au)) .

The following forms need to be completed by the **closing date of Thursday 15 August 2024**:

- Contest Entry Form. (AAC Queensland Chapter website).
- Catering and Hangarage Forms. (AAC Queensland Chapter website).
- If you have family or friends attending or are a non-competitor, please also complete a Catering Form for them.
- We always need more help on the ground so it would be very much appreciated if the "Competition Volunteers" Form is completed for any family or friends attending. They'll have a good time helping out.

After submitting the Entry, Catering and Hangarage forms, please deposit the required fees to:

AAC (Qld Chapter) Ltd Account
Westpac
BSB 034115

A/C 164115 **before the closing date of 15 August 2024.**

Please quote your name and/or membership number.

3. Meals

All meals will be available at the clubhouse. Prices per meal are:

- Breakfast: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun \$10
- Lunch: Tues, Wed Thurs, Fri, Sat \$10
- Dinner: Wednesday - Pizza night \$25
Thursday – Steak night \$30
Friday – Pasta night \$30
Saturday – Presentation Dinner \$35
Children Under 12 \$15
- Morning and afternoon teas are provided.

Meals are ordered online via the Catering Form and should be paid for with competition entry fees.

Please note that you must submit a CATERING Form if you wish to have a meal. We do not carry or prepare Extra Meals. If you have not submitted a form and require food, Toogoolawah is a 15-minute drive where there are cafes, hotels and a supermarket.

4. Contest Officials

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| Contest Director: | TBA |
| Chief Judge: | TBA |
| Contest Secretary: | TBA |
| Assistant Secretary: | TBA |
| Safety Officer: | TBA |
| Scoring Director: | TBA |
| Chief Scorer: | TBA |
| Assistant Scorer: | TBA |

5. Registration – Pilots

Free Knowns and Frees are to be emailed to contestsecretary@aacqld.com.au and clubcaptain@aacqld.com.au by 1200 on Wednesday 21st August or delivered by USB stick prior. If you have any queries, please contact the Contest Secretary at contestsecretary@aacqld.com.au

6. AAC Regulations 2020 Annexe 2B – Pilot and Aircraft Registration Checklist:

| Pilot Documentation Checklist | |
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| 1 | Entry Forms and waiver signed and entry fee paid |
| 2 | Free sequences in “.seq” format. |
| 3 | Current member of an AAC Chapter for State contests and also the AAC for National contests, in accordance with local chapter rules |
| 4 | Current Pilot’s Licence |
| 5 | Current aviation medical. A Class 1 Medical or Class 2 Medical is required. |
| 6 | Current aeroplane Flight Review. |
| 7 | Low level endorsement appropriate to the competition level being flown. Refer to paragraph 2.52 for the applicable height limitation for each category. Refer to paragraph 2.16 if a pilot does not hold the endorsement appropriate to the competition level being flown. |
| 8 | Aerobatic Flight Activity endorsement suitable for the intended category of competition. |
| 9 | Spinning Flight Activity endorsement. |
| 10 | Competitor’s next of kin recorded. |

| Aircraft Documentation Checklist | |
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| 1 | Certificate of Registration |
| 2 | Certificate of Airworthiness |
| 3 | Current Maintenance Release |
| 4 | Certificate of Insurance detailing public liability and property damage in the amount of \$5,000,000 single limit minimum <i>and</i> annotated for aerobatic competition |

As the AAC National Website is under re-construction and this information at present is unavailable to us could you please take the time to scan and forward your documents to contestsecretary@aacqld.com.au

7. Briefing

All Contestants must check-in and confirm registration by **1600 (4pm) on Wednesday 21st August and are to attend the Initial Competition Pilot and Judges Briefing at 1700 (5pm) on Wednesday 21st August.**

Along with this Wednesday afternoon Initial Briefing, there will be Competition Briefings held at 0800 hours on Competition Mornings and a debrief, if required for safety, at the completion of each day’s flying.

Competitors who fail to attend the competition briefings/debriefings may be disqualified for that day’s flight.

8. Contest Rules

The contest will be conducted according to the rules of the Australian Aerobatic Club.

FAI Rules will govern Unlimited, Advanced and Intermediate category competition with the exception of the height limits for Intermediate.

All pilots can expect to be requested to judge categories they are not competing in.

Variations to AAC Rules:

2.14.2: Change to "The AACQLD committee will determine any appropriate expenses to be reimbursed to contest officials."

2.14.3 Change to "The AACQLD committee will determine any appropriate expenses to be reimbursed to judges."

2.15.5 Will not be enforced though it is highly recommended that CIVA pilots are current with Judging.

2.16 Safety Pilot will be allowed as per AAC Rules 2.16 and 2.17.

2.23.1(c): Change to "Free or free known sequences as a ".seq" file from Open Aero on a USB Stick, or via email to the QLD Contest Secretary and Chief Judge / Chief Scorer if not uploaded to the AAC website prior"

2.26.3: add "b) Contestants arriving later due force majeure may be permitted, by the Contest Jury, to fly in the contest"

2.33.1(a): Change to "Protests must be lodged not later than three (3) hours after the Chief Scorer issues the last of the pertinent raw-score results. Non-working hours will be counted."

2.39.2 (r): Change to "Alteration of Free Programme. After the Initial Comp Brief day before competition start a free / free known sequence cannot be changed. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the contest committee have the correct free / free known before start of the competition, if there have been any changes after initial forwarding to the contest committee."

2.54.1 to 2.54.5: There will be no line judges.

2.59.2: Add "Entry and Graduate pilots may elect to do a continuous roll instead of the half roll to inverted and half roll to upright."

2.63: Change to "Sportsman – Unknown & Intermediate – Free Known 1"

2.63.2: Change to "All figures for the Sportsman Unknown sequence will be selected from Appendix 2-3 of this manual. The sequence will contain a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 figures, with an aggregate K factor of up to 120."

2.63.3: Change to "The Intermediate free unknown figure selection and sequence creation will be conducted in accordance with FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 Intermediate Free Unknown 2. Refer 2.65 for exceptions to these rules.

2.64: Change to "Sportsman – Known 1 repeat or free & Intermediate – Free Known 2"

2.64.2: Change to "Sportsman competitors have the option of re-flying the known sequence in lieu of a free designed in accordance with table 2.63.1 and table 2.63.2 below for Programme 2 and rules 2.63.4 – 2.63.11.

2.64.3: Change to "The Intermediate free unknown figure selection and sequence creation will be conducted in accordance with FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 Intermediate Free Unknown 3. Refer 2.65 for exceptions to these rules."

2.65: Add: "The Advanced and Unlimited free unknown 1 figure selection creation will be conducted in accordance with FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 Free Unknown 2. Refer 2.65 for exceptions to these rules."

Add: "The Advanced and Unlimited free unknown 2 figure selection creation will be conducted in accordance with FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 Free Unknown 3. Refer 2.65 for exceptions to these rules."

Appendix 2-1: Criteria for Judging Aerobatic Figures will be replaced with the current FAI Section 6 2023 criteria with the exception for the criteria for judging the "Wing Over" and "Barrel Roll" where AAC Rules will apply.

9. Practice

The AACQLD supervised practice day is Wednesday 21 July, and a briefing will be held at 0800 hours on that day. Competitors who arrive after the briefing will not be permitted to practice until they have been briefed by either the Contest Director, Chief Judge or Safety Officer.

Practice on Wednesday will end at 1630 (4:30pm) so as pilots will be available for Initial Competition Briefing.

A Notam will be issued for operations in the aerobatic box per CASA EX81/21, commencing on Sunday 18 August and running throughout the Championships.

Competitors wishing to practice with ground critique or in the vicinity of the Watts Bridge airfield prior to the first briefing on the Wednesday must advise contestsecretary@aacqld.com.au and must also comply with the requirements of CASA EX81/21, particularly having two people on the ground performing communication duties.

Before Sunday there will be no Notam in place and thus no exemptions **are available** for low level ops in the circuit area and being off CTAF frequency. Therefore, the minimum height for these practices is 2,300 ft AMSL, and the CTAF frequency must be monitored by the pilot in command.

After 1630 on Wednesday 21 August 2024, competitors will not be permitted to fly other than during the competition or as per competition rules.

10. Fuel and Oil

Watts Bridge airfield has a fuel bowser that requires a Compac Pay app to purchase fuel. Refer to https://wattsbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/compac_app_instructions.pdf for further information

It is preferred that you bring sufficient oil for your aircraft. If this is not possible, please contact the Competition Secretary of your requirements and we will endeavour to assist.

11 Hangarage

Limited hangarage is available. Please complete the Hangarage form on the web site. Hangarage fees will be \$15.00 per night per aircraft and is payable with the other fees. Please note this is on a "first come first served" basis.

If you are planning on attending the Pacific Airshow and would like to bring your plane up the week before, please put this in comments along with the date and also notify the Contest Secretary and we will do our best to arrange early hangarage.

12 Aircraft for Hire

The AACQLD is coordinating with several local flying schools to have aircraft available for hire.

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| UPRT Australia | Super Decathlon and Pitts S2B | Jeremy Miller jeremy@uprt.com.au |
| Sunshine Coast Flying School | Robin 2160 | Colin Appleton colin@sunshinecoastaerobatics.com.au |
| Flightscope Aviation | Super Decathlon | Rod Flockhart rod@flightscopeaviation.com.au |

13 Accommodation

It is each participant's responsibility to book his or her own accommodation.

Caravans and Campervans may be parked near the AAC Queensland Chapter Clubhouse in a designated area. Tents may also be set-up in this area. The Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield fee is \$15 per site per night. If access to electricity is required there will be a small fee applied.

Hotel accommodation is available at Esk and Toogoolawah, both a 10-to-15-minute drive.

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| Toogoolawah Hotel | 07 5423 1314 | 79 Cressbrook St Toogoolawah |
| Toogoolawah Motel www.toogoolawahmotel.com | 07 5423 2474 | 7164 Brisbane Valley Hwy Toogoolawah |
| Exchange Hotel (Toogoolawah) Exchange Hotel Toogoolawah, Toogoolawah – Updated 2023 Prices (booking.com) | 07 5423 1151 | 11 Cressbrook St Toogoolawah |
| Peddlars Rest (Toogoolawah) Peddlars Rest in Toogoolawah - Welcome (traveleto.com) | 0438 697 819 | 53 Cressbrook St Toogoolawah QLD 4313 |
| Esk Motel | 07 5402 0237 | 93 Ipswich St Esk |
| Esk Wivenhoe Motor Inn eskwivenhoemotorinn.com.au/ info@eskwivenhoemotorinn.com.au | 07 5424 1466 | 2 Highland St Esk |
| Esk Caravan Park and Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Motel www.eskcaravan.com.au | 07 5424 1466 | 16 Hassall St Esk |
| Esk Grand Hotel www.grandhotelesk.com | 07 5424 1141 | 121 Ipswich St Esk |
| Esk Mountain View Lodge | ? | 17 Francis Terrace Esk |

AAC OLD Competition Proposed Program

Sunday 18th August 2024 – Gathering of Pitts & Watts for Breakfast

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| 0700 – 1000 | Fly in for breakfast at Watts Bridge and the annual Gathering of Pitts Trophies for furthest flown & best Pitts will be presented |
| 1200 – 1230 | Practice Briefing |
| 1230 – 1745 | Practice in the box once airfield is clear of visiting aircraft. |
| 1200 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. No dinner available at AACQLD |

Monday 19th August 2024

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| 0800 - 1730 | Arrivals and Practice. |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. No breakfast or dinner available at the AACQLD |

Tuesday 20th August 2024

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| 0800 - 1730 | Arrivals and Practice. |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. No breakfast or dinner available at the AACQLD |

Wednesday 21st August 2024

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| 0800 – 0830 | Practice Briefing |
| 0830 – 1630 | Arrivals and Practice. |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 1200 – 1600 | Check-in/Registration opens |
| 1630 | End of all Flying. |
| 1700 – 1745 | Initial Competition Pilot & Judges Briefing and order of Flight |
| 1745 – 1830 | UNL/ADV/INT Selection of Unknown figures for Program 2 & 3 |
| 1830 – 2100 | Dinner (Pizza) for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |

Thursday 22nd August 2024

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| 0730 – 0800 | Breakfast for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 0800 – 0815 | Daily Briefing & CJ Briefing |
| 0815 | CIVA Categories submit Program 2 Free Unknown 1 sequences |
| 0900 – 1000 | UNL/ADV Free Known Program 1 |
| 1000 – 1300 | SPT/GRA/ENT Known 1 Program 1 |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 1200 | CIVA Categories approved Free Unknowns posted |
| 1300 – 1330 | Judge's Lunch Break |
| 1330 – 1730 | Remainder SPT/GRA/ENT Known, Program 1 & INT Free Known Program 1 |
| 1730 – 1800 | Safety de-brief (if required), CIVA Categories to notify Scoring Director or Chief Scorer of Sequence they will fly. Scores handed out. |
| 1830 – 1900 | Nibbles and Daily Results |
| 1900 – 2100 | Dinner – Steak Night for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |

Friday 23rd August 2024

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| 0730 – 0800 | Breakfast for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 0800 – 0815 | Daily Briefing & CJ Briefing |
| 0815 | CIVA Categories submit Program 3 Free Unknown 2 sequences |
| 0900 – 1000 | UNL/ADV Free Unknown Program 2 |
| 1000 – 1300 | SPT UNKNOWN Program 2 & GRA/ENT Known Program 2 |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 1200 | CIVA Categories approved Free Unknowns posted |
| 1300 – 1330 | Judge's Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1730 | Remainder SPT UNKNOWN Program 2 & GRA/ENT Known Program 2 & INT Free Unknown Program 2 |
| 1730 – 1800 | Safety de-brief (if required), CIVA Categories to notify Scoring Director or Chief Scorer of Sequence they will fly. Scores handed out. |
| 1830 – 1900 | Nibbles and Daily Results |
| 1900 – 2100 | Dinner – Pasta Night for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |

Saturday 24th August 2024

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| 0730 – 0800 | Breakfast for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 0800 – 0815 | Daily Briefing & CJ Briefing |
| 0900 – 1000 | UNL/ADV Free Unknown 2 Program 3 |
| 1000 – 1300 | SPT Free or Known Program 3 & GRA/ENT Known Program 3 |
| 1130 – 1330 | Lunch available for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 1300 – 1330 | Judge's Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1730 | Remainder SPT Free or Known Program 3 & GRA/ENT Known Program 3 & INT Free Unknown 2 Program 3 |
| 1730 – 1830 | Finalise Daily Scores with Pilots |
| 1830 – 2030 | Nibbles and Presentation Dinner – Presentation Dinner for those who have filled out catering form in advance. |
| 2030 | Competition Results and Presentation |

Sunday 25th August 2024

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| 0800 - 1730 | Breakfast (for those who have filled out catering form in advance) and pack up/Clean Up/Departures (Possible Weather Day) |
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