

MODEL PRE-REGISTRATION—NEW FOR THE 2017 NON-NATS

Hi Skysters! Remember last year after the Nats, when we were all talking about how we would try to come up with a way to minimize compliance checks, by recognizing when models had already been checked at previous contests? Well....read on.

FAC GHQ has been keeping data on the models flown at the Nats / Non Nats since 2015. Using this data, we keep track of when a model has been:

- 1) Scale judged, and the scores received, or
- 2) Checked for and passed PPLC compliance, or
- 3) Checked for and passed other rules compliance requirements, or
- 4) Awarded bonus points as required, or
- 5) Any combination of the above

Thus, models entered in the 2015 Non Nats and the 2016 Nats are on record as having been Scale Judged and / or compliance checked, and have received their bonus points.

Whooo hooo! These models can now be pre-registered online for the 2017 Non Nats, and all further Nats / Non Nats, without any further review.

NEW models that have not yet been flown at a Nats / Non Nats must go through the appropriate Scale Judging / Compliance / Bonus Point Award reviews for the events in which they are entered. Once so judged or reviewed at the 2017 Non Nats, they can be entered into future Nats / Non Nats without further review.

We have developed an online model registration form for both old and new models. Use this form to pre-register your models for the 2017 Non Nats.

Q & A

Q: Why o why are you doing this to us?

A: We are always looking for ways reduce the both the administrative workload AND the burdens of compliance on the competitor. In return for a bit of up-front work, we anticipate a **substantial** reduction in Scale Judging workload and Compliance Check workload for all concerned. That means more time for FUN.

Q: Aaaaugh! You can't possibly expect me to remember every model I entered in 2015 or 2016!?

A: No, we don't. At the end of each of those meets, anyone with a valid e-mail address received a **Pilot's Report**, which gave them the run-down of their contest performance. We will be using those pilot's reports as the basis for pre-registering models for the 2017 Non Nats.

Q: C'mon! You don't really think I kept my 2015 or 2016 Pilot's Reports, do you?

A: No, we don't, but we did! We will send you a fresh set via e-mail ASAP. Use these reports to help you pre-register your models for the 2017 Non Nats. Or you can just test your memory and have a go with the online form. It will be helpful, though, if you use the report to help you remember if your called your model a P-40 or a Warhawk last year...

Q: Eh, I don't use e-mail or computers. How can I survive these latest GHQ shenanigans?

A: On registration day for the 2017 Non Nats, everyone will receive printed copies of your Pilot's Report in their contest packet. We will help you register any of the models that appear on your Pilot's Report, as well as any new models you have built since then, that you intend to fly at the 2017 Non Nats.

Q: I just woke up. Will you be able to handle walk-ups and their models during the event?

A: Yes. We will be able to check models in on the field. However, we **STRONGLY** encourage people to pre-register as many of their models as they can.

Q. OMG. What does all this mean for FAC Scale-judged events?

A: Each FAC Scale model will be allowed two judging cycles. FAC GHQ will automatically take the better of those scale scores and use these as your base Scale Score for the life of that model's Nats / Non Nats career. Models that have only one judging cycle under their belts beginning with the 2015 Non Nats may opt to use that score, or to have their models judged a second time.

Q: I'm THAT guy. What if I have had my FAC Scale model judged many times but never flew it?

A: In a break with FAC tradition, FAC GHQ will now reveal FAC Scale scores for all models judged, whether they were flown or not. If you had your model judged at the 2015 Non Nats but did not fly it, then had it judged at the 2016 Nats and **did** fly it, you have still completed two judging cycles and FAC GHQ will take the higher of your two Scale Scores.

Q: Waah! I've used up my two judging cycles. Do I still get to bring my model out for show and tell on registration day?

A: We hope you do! We will have table space set up for models that do not need to be scale judged, but are a part of the grand parade of models that we all look forward to. Models that need to be scale-judged will be handled as we have always done in the past.

Q: What if I have substantially upgraded my FAC Scale model since the last two times you saw it?

A: You may petition FAC GHQ for a new scale judging.

Q: Let's get real. What does all this mean for events that have annoying compliance requirements such as the PPLC (Pilot's Pre-Launch Checklist), or Dime Scale, or TOTF-Non Scale, etc?

A: **Models must always be checked for compliance with their respective rules once.** For instance, if your model flew in TOTF-Scale events at the 2015 Non Nats, or in Mass Launch events at the 2015 / 2016 Non-Nats / Nats, then your model was checked for compliance with the PPLC and you are good to go for the life of the model. Similarly, if you flew a given model in Dime Scale at either of those two meets, you are good to go. Same for TTOF-Non Scale models, etc. And where appropriate, we will automatically carry forward your recorded bonus points to your 2017 Non Nats flight scores. **New models must always go through the standard compliance checks for a given event—once—and then you are good to go for the life of the model.**

AHEM. NOTE CAREFULLY. At the 2016 Nats we allowed models in three TOTF-Scale events to "Self-Certify" their compliance with the PPLC: Golden Age Multi-Wing (#12), Golden Age Monoplane (#13), and Modern Civilian (#14). **If the models you flew in those events were flown at the 2015 Non Nats, then we have a record of it and your PPLC compliance requirement is satisfied.** However, if those models were new at the 2016 Nats, or did not fly at the 2015 Non Nats, then we have no compliance record and you will need to have them checked for PPLC compliance at the 2017 Non Nats. Once you have done this, your model will be in compliance for the life of the model.

Q: Do you really trust guys to maintain their models to the standards that allowed them to pass their respective compliance checks, for the life of the model?

A: Of course we do!