



California Point Series

International Aerobatics Club (IAC)

Chapter 26, Delano Aerobatic Club

Chapter 36, San Diego Hammerheads

Chapter 38, Northern California Aerobatic Club

Chapter 49, Los Angeles Aerobatic Club

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Forward:

The California Point Series was conceived in 1982 by Lonnie English. One purpose was to encourage participation in the California aerobatic contests. A winner was chosen in each category by combining the best three California contest points scores. Throughout the years, California contests have been held at Borrego Springs, Delano, Redlands, Apple Valley, Paso Robles and most recently, Coalinga.

Change History:

Revision	Date	Pages and Change
DRAFT	11/27/2010	Entire Document
DRAFT	10/31/2012	Corrections and additional content
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1 **Purpose:** Document California Point Series history, pilot qualifications, method of rank determination, method for determining responsibility for annual awards, and how to change the current California Point Series agreement.

2 **Background:** Recognize the efforts and commitment of California pilots to the sport of aerobatics.

3 **Qualifying:** Pilots must compete in a minimum of 3 (three) California full 5 (five) category contests .

a. Mini fest: though Primary and Sportsman are both considered competitive categories, a mini-fest competition that excludes any of the 5 categories, Primary, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, or Unlimited, is not a qualifying contest for the California Point Series.

b. Full 5-category intention: A contest that offers registration in all 5-categories and intends to include competition in all 5 categories but does not have enough contestants register for a category or categories qualifies as a full 5-category contest.

4 **Pilot Ranking:** If a pilot meets the above qualifying criteria and has competed in at least 3 California full 5-category contest in the same category, the highest 3 (three) competition scores are averaged. Each score has the same weight as each of the other two.

5 **Awards:**

a. **Financing:** The Chapters that host the full 5-category contests in California share responsibility for the trophies and/or other awards that are given to the California Point Series winners.

i. \$5.00 per pilot per full 5-category contest is contributed to the fund that pays for the awards. Ex: If 35 pilots attend the LA Gold Cup, then chapter 49 contributes \$175.00 to the California Point Series Fund.

ii. Generally, the money is sent to the responsible Chapter following each full 5-category contest or at the request of the responsible Chapter at the end of the season.

iii. Trophies or plaques should be easily afforded with the funds collected.

iv. Jackets and other awards are at the discretion of the chapter responsible.

- b. **Participating Chapters and Responsibilities:** All California IAC Chapters that host at least one full 5-category contest are eligible. The following chapters have agreed to participate in the California Point Series:

IAC Chapter 26, The Delano Aerobatic Club
 IAC Chapter 36, The San Diego Hammerheads
 IAC Chapter 38, The Northern California Aerobatic Club
 IAC Chapter 49, The Los Angeles Aerobatic Club

The responsibility for purchasing the awards and honor of presenting them is rotated among the chapters hosting full 5-category competitions. Chapters 36, 26, 38, and 49 are each represented in the following current schedule:

Chapter 36	Chapter 26	Chapter 38	Chapter 49
2011	2012	2013	2014
2015	2016	2017	2018
2019	2020	2021	2022
2023	2024	2025	2026

- c. **Category and Place:** The pilot with the highest average of his/her 3 highest scores in a given category is awarded 1st place in that category. The pilot with the second highest average in a given category is awarded 2nd place in the given category. And the pilot with the 3rd highest average in a category is awarded 3rd place in that category. Awards are given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category if there are qualified pilots. The maximum number of pilots is 15 as listed below. There may be fewer if there are no pilots that qualify in a given category.

Primary: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (per 2008 Chapter President's agreement)

Sportsman: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Intermediate: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Advanced: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Unlimited: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 6 **Changing the Agreement:** Suggested changes must be submitted in writing or verbally to EACH of the participating chapter's presidents. The change and the justification for the change are to be presented to the presidents. The presidents will, considering the advice and opinions of their respective chapter membership, come to a consensus regarding the proposed change. If the change is not accepted, the Chapter presidents will explain the reasoning for not accepting the change to those that proposed the change. If the change is accepted the presidents will cause this document to be revised

reflecting the change in the California Point Series agreement. The change will be effective at the time agreed upon by the presidents.