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## 2025/2026 FAI F4 SCALE TEAM SELECTION PROGRAM

The purpose of the 2025/2026 Scale Team Selection Program is to select nine (9) or more AMA members for a team to represent the United States in the F4B (C/L Scale), F4C (R/C Scale), and F4H (R/C Stand-Off Scale) events at the 2026 FAI Scale World Championships. The 2026 FAI Scale World Championships are tentatively scheduled to be held in Buckminster, UK.

The teams will be selected by competing in static judging and flying at a single elimination contest, which will be held on July 10 – 14, 2025 at the AMA International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. The team selection contest will be held in conjunction with the 2025 AMA Scale Nationals. The results of the competition will determine the team members. The three top placing competitors in F4B, F4C, and F4H will comprise the team, with the competitor placing fourth in each class serving as the team alternate. Additionally, there are team member spots available for the top junior competitor and top female competitor in each category. The rules governing the finals are in the current FAI Sporting Codes (CIAM General Rules 2025 Edition and Volume F4 Flying Scale Model Aircraft 2025 Edition).

**ENTRY:** In order to compete in the 2025 F4 Scale Team Trials, the contestant must enter the F4 Scale Team Trials ***which is separate from the AMA Nationals***. Entry fees are below:

|                       | Prior to June 1, 2025 | After June 1, 2025 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Senior pilot (male)   | \$100                 | \$150              |
| Senior pilot (female) | \$0                   | \$0                |
| Junior pilot *        | \$0                   | \$0                |

*\* A competitor is considered to be a junior up to and including the calendar year in which she/he attains the age of 18.*

This entry fee pays for the awards for the Scale Team Selection program, as well as other administrative costs of the selection program. Registration for the team selection program will close at the start of static judging for each category.

### **SCHEDULE:**

The schedule (next page) is subject to weather-related changes.

|                      | Thursday<br>July 10                        |  | Friday<br>July 11                          |  | Saturday<br>July 12 |                   | Sunday<br>July 13 |                   | Monday<br>July 14 |                   | Tuesday<br>July 15 |
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|                      | AM   | PM   | AM   | PM                                     | AM                  | PM                | AM                | PM                | AM                | PM                |                    |
| AMA Nats<br>RC Scale | Static<br>Judging <sup>(3)</sup><br>Site 4 | Static<br>Judging <sup>(3)</sup><br>Site 4 | Static<br>Judging <sup>(3)</sup><br>Site 4 | Round 1 <sup>(4)</sup><br>Site 4       | Round 2<br>Site 4   | Round 3<br>Site 4 | Round 4<br>Site 4 |                   |                   |                   | Rain Makeup Day    |
| AMA Nats<br>CL Scale |  |  | Static<br>Judging<br>Site 6                | Round 1<br>Site 6                      | Round 2<br>Site 6   | Round 3<br>Site 6 | Round 4<br>Site 6 |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| F4C/H<br>Team Trial  | F4C<br>Static <sup>(2)</sup><br>Site 4     |  | F4H<br>Static <sup>(2)</sup><br>Site 4     | F4H<br>Static <sup>(2)</sup><br>Site 4 |                     |                   |                   | Round 1<br>Site 4 | Round 2<br>Site 4 | Round 3<br>Site 4 |                    |
| F4B<br>Team Trial    |  | F4B<br>Static <sup>(2)</sup><br>Site 4     |  |  |                     |                   |                   | Round 1<br>Site 6 | Round 2<br>Site 6 | Round 3<br>Site 6 |                    |

Notes:

1. Schedule is subject to weather related changes
2. Static judging estimates: F4B static = 20 min/model F4C static = 75 min/model F4H static = 20 min/model
3. AMA Nats RC Scale Static Judging will make accommodations for a pilot also entered in F4C/H.
4. AMA Nats RC Scale Round 1 will make accommodations for a pilot also entered in F4H.

***The 2026 FAI U.S. Scale team will be recognized at the conclusion of all competition.***

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** All competitors must be current AMA members to compete in the scale team selection. An FAI stamp is not needed to compete in the team selection. However, an FAI Stamp must be purchased upon making the team. Failure to comply with membership requirements will result in disqualification from the contest and render a flyer ineligible to compete at the 2026 FAI F4 Scale World Championships.

**TEAM EXPENSES:** If you earn a spot on the 2026 U.S. Scale Team, you will be interested in knowing the following procedures: AMA only provides a maximum funding of \$1,300 per qualified pilot for FAI teams that have earned *points*\* during prior year programs.

The 2026 team will be required to pay a sizable portion of the estimated \$7000 per pilot to attend the World Championship event themselves. An AMA F4 Scale Team Fund exists to help pay team expenses, as well as the expense of the team selection program. Money in this fund comes from voluntary donations by supportive modelers and clubs. The F4 Scale Team Selection Committee may allocate money from the F4 Scale Team Fund for the following team expenses: travel; vehicle rental; uniforms; other expenses approved by the majority vote of the current F4 Scale Team Selection Committee. Coordination of team expenses are managed by the F4 Scale Team Manager in collaboration with the F4 Scale Team Selection Chairperson. All requests for expense reimbursements must be accompanied by a receipt.

Due to the significant cost and planning involved in attending the World Championships, each team member selected during the team trials will be required to place a \$2000 down payment in the team fund by December 1, 2025, or forfeit their position on the team. This down payment is refundable up to March 1, 2026, should the member determine that they cannot participate in the World Championships.

Payment for all remaining estimated costs associated with participating in the World Champs must be paid March 1, 2026, or forfeit their position on the team. For 2026, the total estimated cost per competitor is \$7000.

**JURY:** The FAI jury will consist of one appointed member who will have the authority to select two additional members on-site to resolve jury matters. For F4B, the appointed jury member is Richard Schneider. For F4C and F4H, the appointed jury member is Stan Alexander.

**NOTE:** The AMA document entitled "*World Championship Teams; Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams*" describes the standards by which all team selection programs are governed. Items not specified within a team selection program will be covered under the FAI Procedures Document. In the event of a dispute or discrepancy, the FAI Procedures Document will take precedence over a team selection program.

\*Points/Funding explained within the Procedures Governing the Academy's Sponsorship of FAI Teams.

# REGISTRATION FORM

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**REGISTRATION:** Choose one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> F4B Control Line Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> F4C Radio Control Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> F4H Radio Control Stand-Off Scale |
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| Official Use Only             |  |
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| Send entry form and fee (check payable to National Association of Scale Aeromodelers) to:<br>Tim Dickey<br>2559 E. Jade Place<br>Chandler, AZ 85286<br>tdickey2@icloud.com | Send a copy of the entry form to:<br><br>Pete Bauer<br>2721 N Magnolia Ave<br>Chicago, IL 60614<br>junkpeterjunk@gmail.com |
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