701.1.   General

The purpose of this section is to outline the policies and procedures for granting IAC Open Champion titles.

701.2.   The Titles

The eligible competitors claim and may display the title, "IAC Open <Year> <Category> Champion, <East/West>." For example, "IAC Open 2013 Unlimited Champion, East."

701.3.   Administration

701.3.1.   IAC designates two regional contests each year as host contests to grant IAC Open Champion (East or West) titles, according to the following procedure:

1) IAC Director Region representatives solicit and present candidate regional contests interested in hosting the title at the IAC Board of Directors meeting held in the Fall.

2) The Board of Directors designate for the following year two candidate contests favoring the following criteria:

- One contest is West of the Mississippi River.
- One contest is East of the Mississippi River.
- The region has not hosted the title in the prior year.
- The two contests selected are not both in the two central regions (Mid-America or South-Central). Put another way, at least one of the contests is in one of the coastal regions.
- The contest is not located within 200nm of the site of the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships in the same year.
- Otherwise by attributes impressing the board to nearly unanimous favor or consensus.
- Otherwise by random selection.

701.3.2.   **Title eligibility**

Each host contest will award title to the highest placing IAC member competitor in each category. (This will in all cases be the first place finisher as long as IAC membership is a requirement for competing at an IAC sanctioned contest.)

701.3.3.   **Awards**

1) IAC National may provide trophies, plaques or medals (awards) and will notify the host contests at least two months in advance if it will do so.
2) If IAC National does not provide awards, the host contest will provide distinctive first place awards appropriately inscribed. These may double as the first place awards for the host contest, and may also be so inscribed.
3) Each award will be inscribed following the pattern, "IAC Open <Year> <Category> Champion, <East/West>"
4) There is only one IAC Open Champion from each contest in each category. Any further placing awards are normal regional contest awards. (There are no IAC Open Champion runners-up.)

701.3.4   **Contest Administration**

1) IAC National will promote and sanction host contests for the IAC Open Champion title for the given year.
2) IAC National will have no role in organizing or operating host contests beyond its usual roles for any other regional contest.
3) With the following exceptions, the host contests will run as any other regional contest, administered and operated as usual and customary and according to their IAC regional contest sanction:

   • In the Advanced and Unlimited categories, the host contest will use IAC National judges in preference to Regional judges, and endeavor to recruit IAC National judges to attend the contest for that purpose.
   • At the contest director's discretion, time and resources permitting, Advanced and Unlimited may fly a second Unknown program constructed according to the sequence construction procedure of P&P 503. The procedure may be abbreviated by having competitors draw and submit sequences a short time following

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figure submission.
- Contest organizers may schedule the contest with four flights for Advanced and Unlimited. The contest should be scheduled with the minimum of three flights.