

RULE ADDENDUM:

Based upon scores available to me from the past 5 years, it appears that for whatever reason, (judging and/or performance), Jets have enjoyed a minimum 7% edge over their nearest competitors. World War 1 aircraft have fared the worst of all model types, followed by any other form of tail dragger. Only tricycle gear, prop driven aircraft have fared consistently, but still about 3% below the "average" jet. Please note that IF we were still flying from a smooth, large, grass field, as at Palm Beach Polo, these numbers would not be the same!

The Judging Staff is in agreement that no modeler should be downgraded because he takes Top Gun more seriously than his competitor, by completing his model in advance of the event, or by practicing as much as possible to help insure consistent, and perhaps higher, scoring. However, no matter how we'd like to look at it, the data from previous TGs does produce unsurprising facts. The overwhelming fact is that today's model of a jet aircraft has the potential to score higher than any other type of model aircraft, far higher than some particular, specific, aircraft.

With this in mind, the following changes to the scoring are in effect immediately, until further notice:

The 2% deduction in the flight score for composite jet aircraft is eliminated. All previous "bonus" point schedules are discontinued.

Any jet, regardless of power system, will have 1.5% of their flight score deducted. Any tricycle gear, propeller driven aircraft, regardless of powerplant, will receive no additions or deductions.

Any tail dragger aircraft, except jet examples, incorporating a tail wheel, will receive a 1% addition to their flight score.

All tail dragger aircraft using a tailskid will receive a 2% addition to their flight score.

(Keep in mind that we have averaged only 3 of the WW1 types per year)

For 2008, the 20th anniversary of Top Gun, any model, in any class, that has been timed out by the 3 year rule may return and compete.

For Future Top Gun events, the 3 Year rule is amended as follows:

ANY model aircraft featuring an airframe that has been scratch built, and is/was eligible to compete in the Masters or Designers Class, regardless of what class it has flown in, may compete for a total of 5 years in its original color scheme, or a total of 8 years, IF the color scheme has been dramatically changed from the

original. This does NOT apply to models built from plans, models built from "blown up" plans, "Highly Modified" kits or models which feature kit components along with some scratch built components. This rule may be considered retroactive from 1989.

The Top Gun CEO, Chief Judge, and Head Judges reserve the right to disallow ANY model aircraft that presents itself for the competition that, in their view, does not possess a level of craftsmanship on par with what is expected from a Top Gun entry. This new procedure is a direct result of airplanes that have been presented for competition that were quite different from the photo, or description, presented during the solicitation and approval of an invitation.