

NEW Rule Addendums: These supersede what is in the current rule book.

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 some of today's models have the potential to score higher than any other type of model aircraft, far higher than some particular, specific, aircraft. This may be a combination of flight characteristics and prefabricated components, some that most modelers might find very difficult to fashion and finish on their own.

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

Point Deductions and Additions: (Page 8)

Any jet, regardless of power system, will have 1% of their flight score deducted. Any tricycle gear, propeller driven aircraft, regardless of powerplant, will receive no additions or deductions.

Any tail dragger aircraft with non retracting landing gear, incorporating one or more wings in their design, will receive a 1% addition to their flight score.

Any tail dragger aircraft incorporating retractable main gear will have $\frac{1}{2}$ % added to their flight score.

NO Aircraft will receive more than one Deduction or Addition to their score.

This is quite a difference than the scoring applications used in the past and should appear as a fair compromise to all effected.

NEW Timed Out Rule (Page 4)

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 is to be considered retroactive from 1989. This should allow some contestants to bring out a competitive model that has been stashed away for awhile!

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.

NEW Masters Qualification Rule:

Masters Class is intended for models **Designed** and **TOTALLY Constructed** by the participant and the participant only. To make this clear, IF a model was designed by Joe the Plumber, while he was working for Billy the Manufacturer, AND the "plugs" and "molds" were fashioned by a host of employees and CNC machines, this is NOT in the Spirit of what the Masters or Designers class entry is all about. Masters contestants need to have designed and constructed EVERY PART of the machine, other than landing gear and other metal parts mentioned elsewhere in the rulebook, himself. Hopefully this new clarification will not be too harmful to past contestants, but there WILL be a few models that will not be allowed in the Masters Class that have previously competed there.

NEW Gyro Rule

The Gyro rule has been eliminated. The Top Gun Judges have realized they cannot find a way to isolate an aircraft running multiple gyros, therefore putting a stop to the intense cheating that was taking place in the jet community. All aircraft may use Gyros in any way they like. However, **Auto-Pilots are not allowed.**

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