

2015 Region VII SAFECON Safety Award Assessment

School: _____ **# of Team Members** _____ **# of Aircraft** _____

Teams will be judged on ten basic areas, in addition to overall general impression. Positive and/or negative comments will be determined by observing each team's safe operation of flight arrivals, ramp procedures, pre-competition practice, staging, and actual competition and taxi procedures.

	<p>1: Team members moving aircraft wear high visibility vests. Personnel maintain an appropriate awareness while operating on the ramp. Team members do not use cell phones or other devices on the ramp, except in designated areas.</p>
	<p>2: Aircraft are secured appropriately when not in use. Appropriate tie down equipment (ropes, chocks) is used. There should be a clear indication that the aircraft is "safe" (mags are off, the mixture is at idle/cut-off (if appropriate), keys out). Gust locks should be installed, if appropriate.</p>
	<p>3: The safe handling of aircraft is observed at all times. This includes teams using the appropriate number of people to move aircraft, remaining clear of the prop except when necessary during pre-flight and towing. Personnel who must be near the aircraft are behind the wings, not around the nose and prop.</p>
	<p>4: Once aircraft is staged, team remains clear of the Start Box except for required crew.</p>
	<p>5: Team remains clear of the Shut-Down area when any engine is running. Once it is safe to do so, aircraft in the Shut-Down area should be recovered and repositioned promptly.</p>
	<p>6: Team demonstrates knowledge of and adherence to the items contained in the Pre-Arrival Briefing, with an emphasis on the safety items.</p>
	<p>7: Team demonstrates knowledge of and adherence to NIFA policies and procedures. Team members comply with judges' instructions.</p>
	<p>8: Team demonstrates knowledge of and adherence to their safety policies and procedures. Team is able to discuss the policies and procedures that they have in place to ensure that risk is minimized and safety is promoted while conducting flight operations.</p>
	<p>9: Aircraft are airworthy and operated in accordance with FARs. Any aftermarket installations have appropriate approval (i.e., cameras, etc.). Aircraft interiors are neat with all items stowed and secured properly.</p>
	<p>10: General operational performance. This includes good decision-making during all taxi and flight operations. Pilots will display sound airmanship. Safety of flight disqualifications will weigh heavily against the team's safety performance.</p>

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The Region VII Safety award shall include the following:

1. An interview of the team Captain, Safety Officer or their designee with the Safety Judge(s) to evaluate a team's processes and means to ensure operational safety. What does the flight team or flying club do as part of their day to day flying to enhance safety? (i.e., education, risk assessment, hazard reporting, etc.) Teams should feel free to bring examples of their safety manual, if they have one. Alternately, they may opt to provide a single-page summary of their safety program and procedures. Neither of these is required; however the team representative should demonstrate, by means of the interview, how their team addresses safety in a meaningful and proactive way.
2. Observations of ground and flight operations to observe how team complies with their own safety program as well the rules and policies of the SAFECON. Judges may conduct random interviews of competitors to verify a common understanding of their safety program (safety culture assessment).
3. Scores may be reduced for each observed instance of non compliance with the rules and policies of the SAFECON, including disqualifying (DQ) events. Judges are encouraged to discuss such instances with the individuals involved, as they may provide a reasonable explanation for the observation.
4. DQ's received by the teams will weigh heavily in the overall Safety Award results. Any DQ assessed for safety of flight issues during ground or flight operations may automatically disqualify a team from consideration for this award.

As a judging staff, we can't emphasize this last point enough. **EACH TEAM MEMBER SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF A DQ WHEN COMPETING DURING THE SAFECON.** It is a far wiser choice to add power, or go-around and receive a penalty than to receive a DQ and kill your team's chances of winning the safety award.