



Time Limit Rules

Over the last 12 months we have looked at the rules for “The Free Known & Free”, “The Free Unknown & Unknowns”, “Safety Figures” and “Signalling” Rules. So, it should be no surprise that all these when in the air must be completed in a given amount of time, hence this month are the Time Limit Rules.

For **Entry**, **Graduate** and **Sportsman** all programs are allowed 10 minutes, which commences from the completion of the third starting wing rock through to the third/last wing rock on completion of your sequence.

The AAC rules have been attached further down.

CIVA Levels – Unlimited, Advanced & Yak 52/Intermediate

This year sees a change to all the program time limits except for the Freestyle.

All programs, the Free Known and all 3 Free Unknown programs, will have a time limit of **12** minutes from the moment the aircraft is **observed in flight** by the Chief Judge / timers.

AAC Rule 2.51.6, competitors marking the lower axes of the box for the judges applies, so time would not commence then until the last wing dip of marking the box.

Civa rules have been attached at the end.

For **all categories**, should the pilot take a permitted weather break, the timing will be stopped on the third wing rock of the start of the break and re-started on the third wing rock signalling the beginning of the second part of the sequence.

Note that if you take an unauthorised break as well as being penalised in points, the clock keeps running.

There is no penalty for going over time, however any figures flown after that time will not be scored. The Chief Judge will clearly inform the pilot by radio when the time limit has been reached, usually by calling “Time, Time, Time”.

Most competitor will find that they have ample time to climb into the box, perform safety figures and practice figures where allowed, complete the sequence even with an unauthorised break. The key trick is to stay close to the box when climbing, especially after your safety figures and not go off sightseeing and losing time.



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AAC Rules

2.50 Duration of Flight

2.50.1 For Unlimited, Advanced, Yak 52/Intermediate and "Freestyle (Program 5)" refer to the current FAI Sporting Code Section 6.

2.50.2 For competitors in Unlimited, Advanced, Yak 52 and Intermediate in programme 1 who fly the lower axes of the box for the judges, their time will commence at the last wing dip of marking the box.

2.50.3 For all Sportsman, Graduate and Entry programmes the time limit will be 10 minutes. For timing purposes the program is deemed to start on the return of the wings to level after the wing rock; and is deemed to finish on their return to level after the third of the final wing rocks.

2.50.4 When the time limit is reached the Chief Judge will clearly inform the pilot by means of radio, calling "Time, Time, Time.". There will be no penalty for exceeding the time limit, but figures flown after the time will not be scored.

2.50.5 In the event that a pilot takes a permitted weather break, the timing will be stopped on the third wing rock at the start of the break and re-started on the third wing rock signalling the beginning of the second part of the broken sequence.

2.50.6 The Chief Judge shall indicate by call or signal the time when the judges must watch and mark a programme.

CIVA Rules

3.10.1. Time Limits

3.10.1.1. Programmes 1 to 4 will have a time limit of 12 minutes in all categories from the moment the aircraft is observed in flight by the Chief Judge / timers.

3.10.1.2. When the time limit is reached the Chief Judge will clearly inform the pilot by means of the radio.

3.10.1.3. In the event that a pilot takes a permitted weather break, the timing will be stopped on the third wing rock at the start of the break and re-started on the third wing rock signalling the beginning of the second part of the broken sequence.

3.10.1.4. In Programme 5 ("U" only) there is a time window of between 3 minutes 30 seconds and four minutes in which to complete the programme, without penalty, after signalling the start of the sequence.



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3.10.1.5. The Chief Judge shall indicate by call or signal the time during which the Judges must watch and mark a programme.

3.10.1.6. If for some reason a general recall is necessary, this will be indicated to competitors and Judges by a red pyrotechnic. A recall is, except in dangerous situations, allowed only up to the beginning of a programme.

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