Precision Aerobatics Judging Questions – with Answers Explained Set E

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With thanks to Russell Edwards and Peter Uhlig

What Will We Cover?

Any questions

About myself, my interest in judging and F3A rules
Where to find information on judging
The manoeuvre execution guide and objective judging
NZ F3A P-23 Schedule Questions

(full run through in two weeks)
Tonight's ten questions
Tools to help with judging (and flight training!)

But first, lets get ready with Poll Everywhere

Respond at PollEv.com/andrewpalmer714



Its anonymous and free!



Please remember!

- The rule book is not perfect
- It does not have all the answers (but almost)
- I don't have all the answers
- But I will try and be a good navigator!

• We all hope to fly well, be judged fairly and judge fairly ourselves

(And IMAC is judged differently)

About Myself



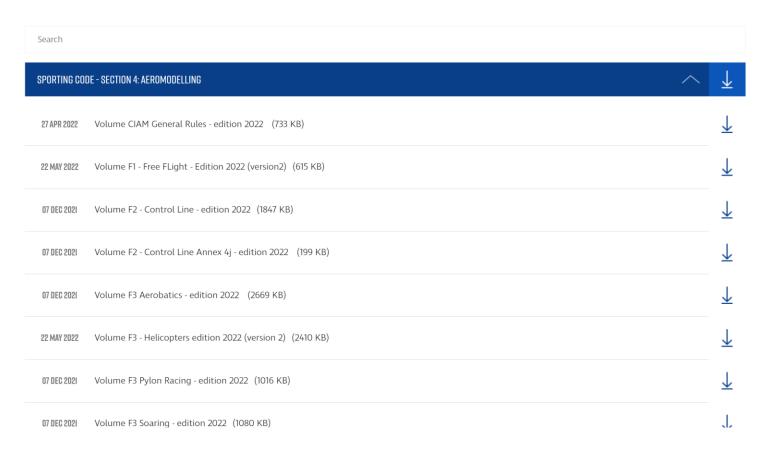
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SPORTING CODE



- 1. WHAT WAS THE DEFECT, or mistake?
- Over, or under-rolling (or spin, or snap)
- Poor shape or geometry
- Rolls not on middle of lines
- Absence of lines
- Partry, exit poor
- Wrong angles
- Misrelation between line lengths
- Pifferent roll rates
- ? Etc.
- 2. HOW SERIOUS was the defect, or mistake?
 - Was it big (major)?
 - ? Or was it small (minor)?

3. HOW OFTEN did you see the same defect, or mistake in a particular manoeuvre?

How many defects were there in TOTAL?

- 4. Was the Flying Speed constant in climbing and descending parts of the manoeuvre?
- 5. WHAT WAS THE POSITIONING of the manoeuvre?
- 6. WHAT WAS THE SIZE of the manoeuvre?
- 7. Was the manoeuvre partially or completely outside of the manoeuvring zone?

All manoeuvres should be executed with:

Geometrical Accuracy
Constant Flying Speed
Correct positioning within the manoeuvring zone
Size matching to the size of the manoeuvring zone

Judging is based on the trajectory of the aircraft's centre of gravity rather than its attitude. Manoeuvres must be wind corrected except where the aircraft is in a stalled condition (Spins, Stalls and Snaps).

Criteria for judging:

- 1. Type of defect
- 2. Severity of defect
- 3. The number of times any one defect occurs, as well as the total number of defects.
- 4. Positioning of manoeuvre and size relative to other manoeuvres in the flight

Basic rule is to deduct 1 point for 15 degrees variation from defined manoeuvre geometry, but 0.5 points only for half of this. Lines should be judged more harshly than deviations in yaw or roll.

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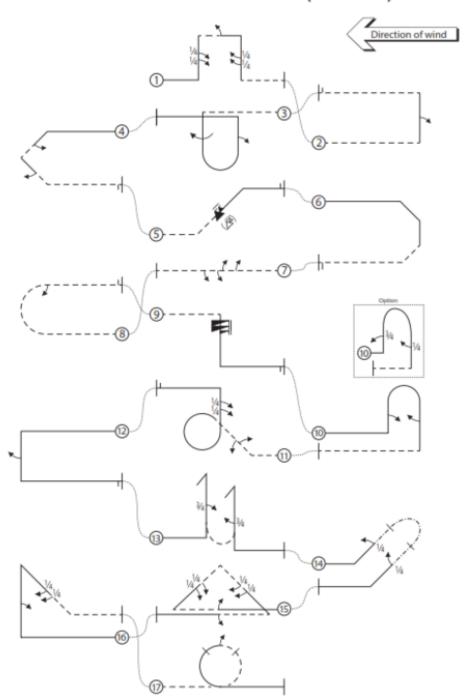
Change in pause length within point rolls	0.5 or more per occurrence
Missed or extra point in point roll(s)	1 per 15 degrees
Roll or part-roll in wrong direction	Zero scored
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Roll/Loop Combinations	
For Immelmann & Split S, roll not immediately before/after loop or part loop	0.5 - 2
For Immelmann, roll starts before loop or part loop completed	1 per 15 degrees
On Cuban 8's or half Cubans, rolls must be centred on lines	0.5 - 3
Humpty Bumps must have consistent radii in all part loops	0.5 - 3
Integrated rolls or part rolls not smooth and continuous and correctly integrated	1 per 15 degrees
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Snap Rolls - Use same basic judging criteria as axial rolls above. If it's not an axial or barrel roll, it's a snap roll	
Attitude (positive or negative) at pilot's discretion	No deduction
Stall/break from line of flight not observed and barrel rolls	Severe (5+)
Axial roll disguised as a snap	Severe (5+)
Aircraft un-stalls during snap	1 per 15 degrees
Spins - Nose up attitude, nose drops as aircraft stalls. Simultaneously, wing drops in direction of spin	
Gain in altitude prior to spin	1 per 15 degrees
Severe yawing/weathercocking when near stalled	1 per 15 degrees
Drift when stalled or near stalled (not outside aerobatic zone)	No deduction
No stall, snap rolled, or spiral-dived into spin	Zero scored
Slides into spin	1 per 15 degrees
Forcing spin in opposite direction on initial rotation	Severe (5+)
Forcing spin from high angle of attack with down or up elevator	4 - 5
Conditions (e.g., no wind) may mean aircraft does not completely stop	No deduction
Rotation errors judged in same manner as rolls	1 per 15 degrees
Reversal of rotation not immediate (e.g., becomes un-stalled)	Severe (5+)
Roll rate in reversal significant (slight difference ok)	1
Unloading spin (e.g., finishing spin with ailerons)	1 per 15 degrees
Specific attitude of aircraft during spin not judged as long as it remains stalled	No deduction
No visible vertical line following rotation(s)	1

Stall Turns

Pivot up to ½ wingspan	1
Pivot up to 1 wingspan	2 - 3
Pivot >1½ wingspans	4 - 5
Pivot >2 wingspans or flops over	Zero scored
Torques off	1 per 15 degrees
Pendulum movement after pivot	1
Skid before reaching stall turn (early rudder)	1
Drift when stalled or near stalled (not outside aerobatic zone)	No deduction
Part loops on entry/exit not constant and equal radius	0.5 - 3

Rolling Circles - Mainly about maintaining consistent circular flight path, altitude, roll rate and roll integration (Apply same rules as per rolls)	
150m distance requirement not applied. Deduct where >350m	1 - 3
Deviations in geometry	1 per 15 degrees
Either performed towards or away from judges	No deduction
Roll or part roll in wrong direction	Zero scored

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE P-23 (2022-2023)



1. The flight path of rolls that are integrated with loops or horizontal circles should be smooth, continuous, and of constant radius. Where an integrated roll is required, how should quick-rolling be downgraded?

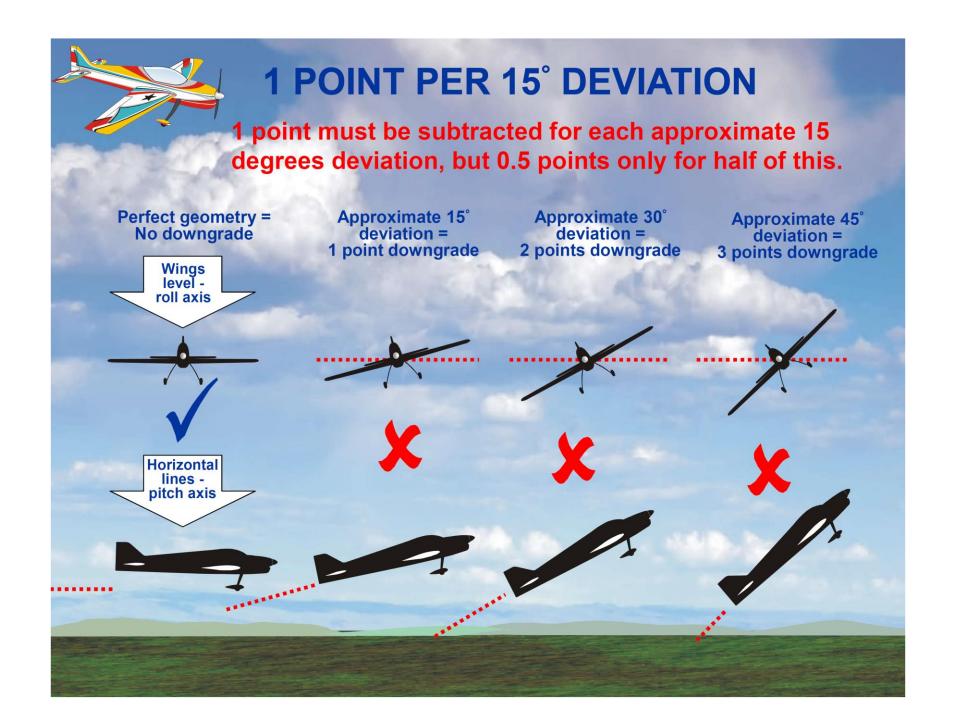
0 points (ignore the barrel	Downgrade by the one
roll) □	point/15 degree rule □
1 point □	Severe downgrade (more
	than 5 points) \square
2-3 points □	Zero the manoeuvre \square

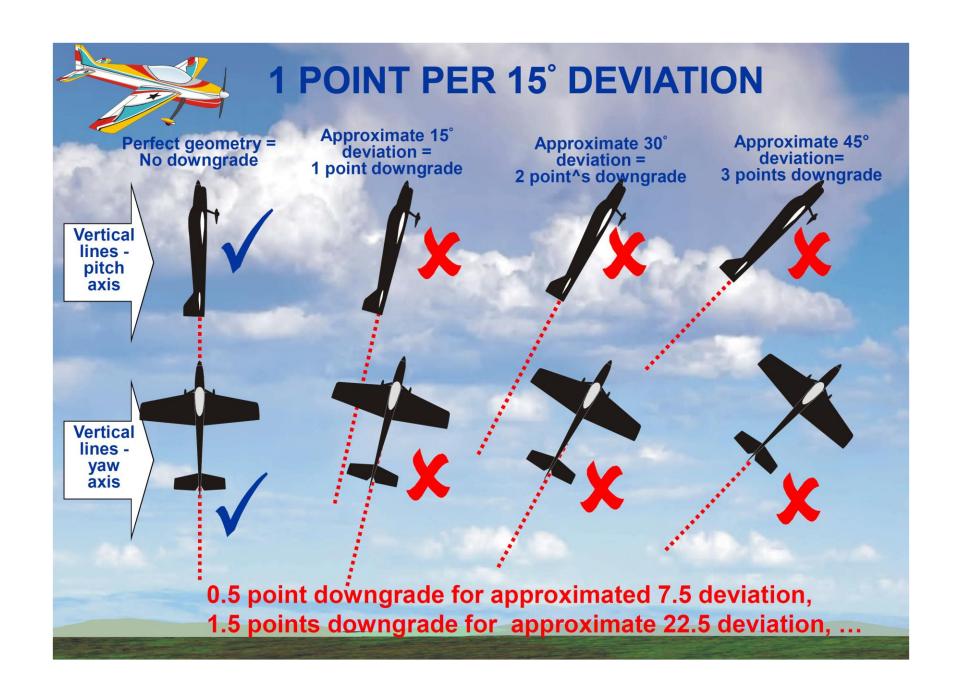


5B.8.10 - Flight paths of continuous rolls or part-rolls that are integrated with loops or horizontal circles should be smooth, continuous, and of constant radius. Where an integrated roll is required, quick-rolling should be downgraded using the 1 point per 15 degree rule.

2. The general guide for downgrading deviations from defined manoeuvre geometry is to subtract:

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1 point for each approximate 15 degree deviation, but
0.5 points only for half of this □
1 point for each approximate 5 degree deviation, but
0.5 points only for half of this □
2 points for each approximate 45 degree deviation, but
1 point only for half of this □
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5B.8.2 - 1 point must be subtracted for each approximate 15 degrees deviation, but 0.5 points only for half of this.

3. The length of a line should be considered in the score if:

The model is under-powered and the manoeuvre is
flown with short lines □
The model draws long lines throughout the manoeuvre
There are several lines with a given relationship within
a manoeuvre



LINES

5B.8.3 All aerobatic manoeuvres are entered and exited by a horizontal line of recognisable length.

When no horizontal line is flown between two manoeuvres, the just-completed manoeuvre must be downgraded by 1 point and the upcoming manoeuvre must be downgraded by 1 point.

All lines within a manoeuvre have a start and an end which define their length. They are preceded and followed by part loops (or part circles).

The length of a line should only be graded when a manoeuvre contains more than one line with a given relationship to each other ie as in a square loop.

If there is a minor deviation in the relationship then 0.5 point is subtracted, and more points are subtracted for greater deviations.



5B.8.3 - The length of a line should only be graded when a manoeuvre contains more than one line with a given relationship to each other ie as in a square loop.

4. The length of a line within a manoeuvre should only be graded when a manoeuvre contains more than one line with a given relationship to each other. Eg: As in a square loop. Minor deviations should be penalised by the subtraction of:

0 points □	3 points □
0.5 point □	4-5 points □
1 point □	Zero the manoeuvre □
2 points □	



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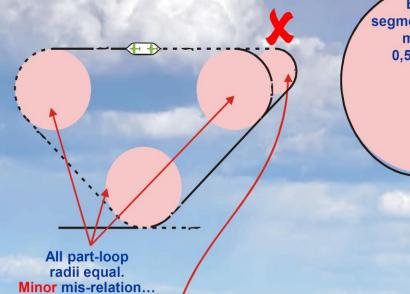
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5. What determines the radius required for loops and part-loops within manoeuvres?

All radii throughout the entire flight must be the same
The distance of the model from the pilot □
The radius of the first loop or part-loop within a
manoeuvre
As the manoeuvre progresses, the judge will compare
each radius that was just flown to the last radius flown



LOOPS

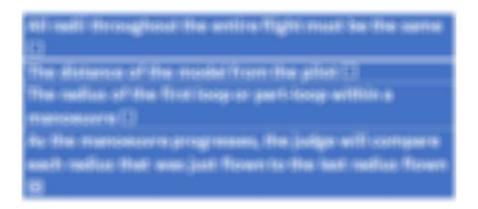


Each segmentation... minus 0,5 point! Radius too tight

This = minus 2 points!

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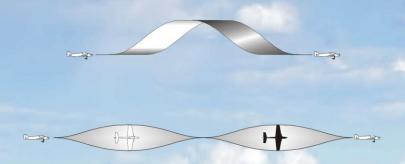
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6. What downgrade would you apply where a pilot performs a fast axial roll where a snaproll is required?

0 points □	3 points □
1 point □	Severe downgrade (more
	than 5 points) 🗆
2 points □	Zero the manoeuvre □



Barrel roll or axial roll instead of snap roll: downgrade more than - 5 points

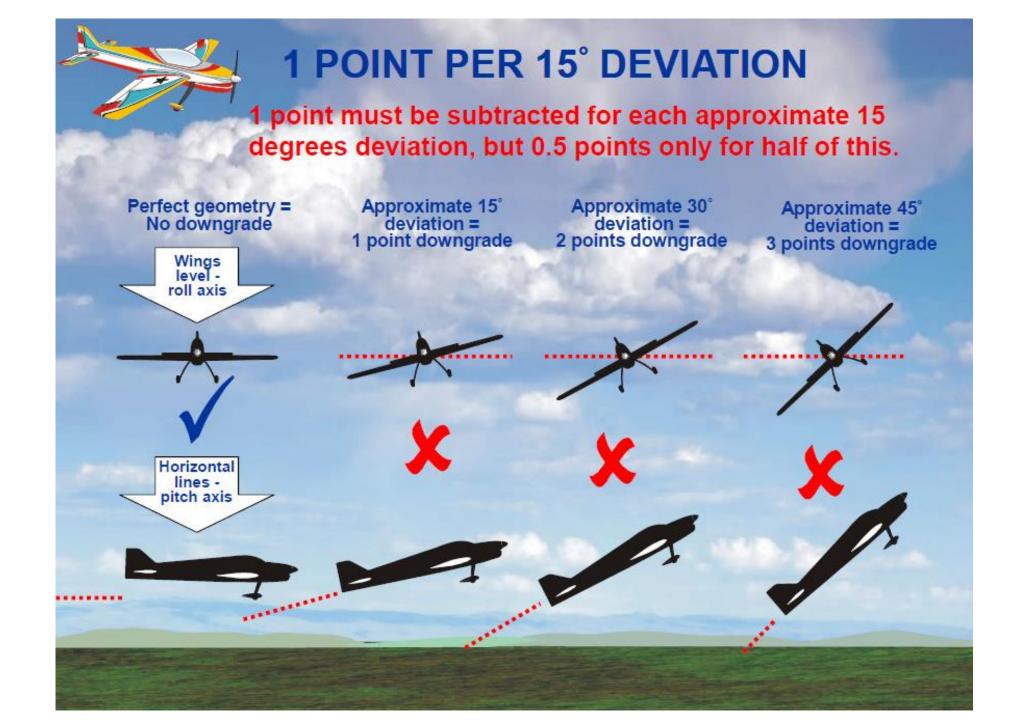




5B.8.7 - Axial rolls disguised as snap-rolls must be severely downgraded (more than 5 points)

7. What penalty is applied for a 30 degree over-rotation on a slow roll?

0 points □	3 points □
1 point □	30 points □
2 points □	Zero the manoeuvre □





5B.8.2 - 1 point must be subtracted for each approximate 15 degrees deviation, but 0.5 poin only for half of this.

5B.8.12 - ...the stop of rotation is judged in the same manner as for a roll, downgraded 1 poi per 15 degree deviation of heading.

8. What penalty is applied for a slight variation in the line length between points in a point roll?

0 points □	3 points □
0.5 point □	4-5 points □
1 point □	Zero the manoeuvre □
2 points □	

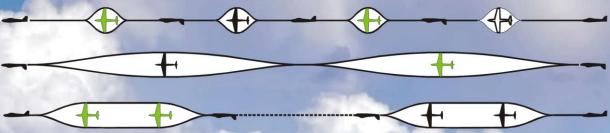


5B.8.5 e) - Lines between consecutive part-rolls must be short and of equal length.
5B.8.3 - The length of a line should only be graded when a manoeuvre contains more than one line with a given relationship to each other ie as in a square loop. If there is a minor deviation in the relationship then 0.5 point is subtracted, and more points are subtracted for greater deviations.

9. What penalty is applied where one or more points in a point roll is not visible?

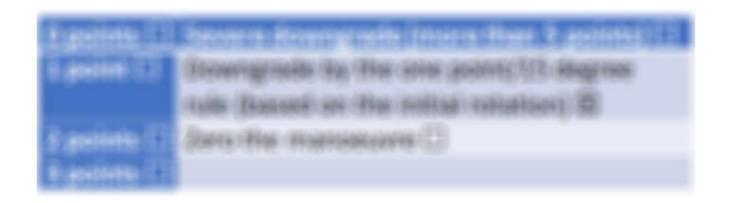
0 points □	Severe downgrade (more than 5 points) □
1 point □	Downgrade by the one point/15 degree
	rule (based on the initial rotation) \square
2 points □	Zero the manoeuvre □
3 points □	





Missing or additional Part-Rolls: Use the 1 point per 15° rule

- 1 missing ½ roll: (180 degrees) = Zero points
- 1 missing $\frac{1}{4}$ roll: (90 degress) = 6 points
- 1 missing 1/8 roll : (45 degrees) = 3 points
- the same deductions apply with additional part-rolls



5B.13 - no stop/line between [point rolls] = 1 point per 15 degrees

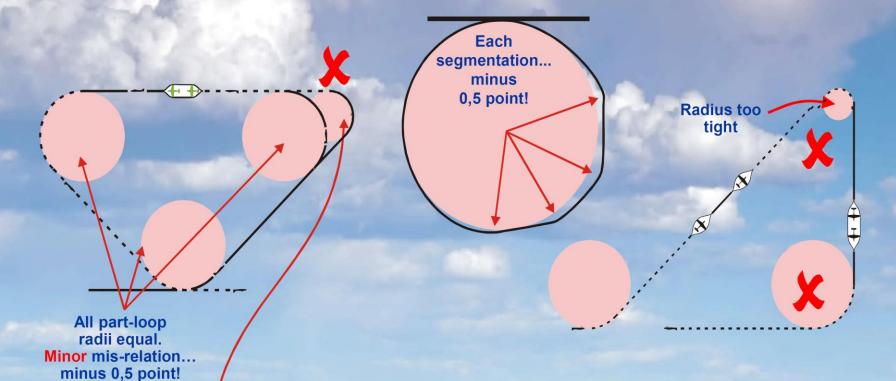
10. What penalty is applied where there is a difference in radii between loops or part-loops within a manouver (per occurrence)? (Note: Check all correct answers)

0 points □	Severe downgrade (more than 5 points)
1 point □	Downgrade by the one point/15 degree
	rule (based on the initial rotation) \square
2 points □	Zero the manoeuvre □
3 points □	

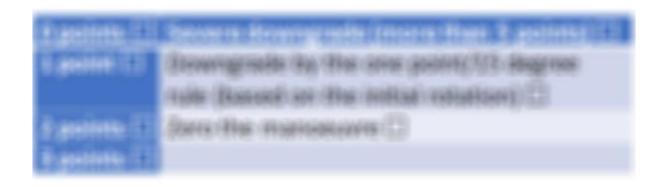


This = minus 2 points!

LOOPS



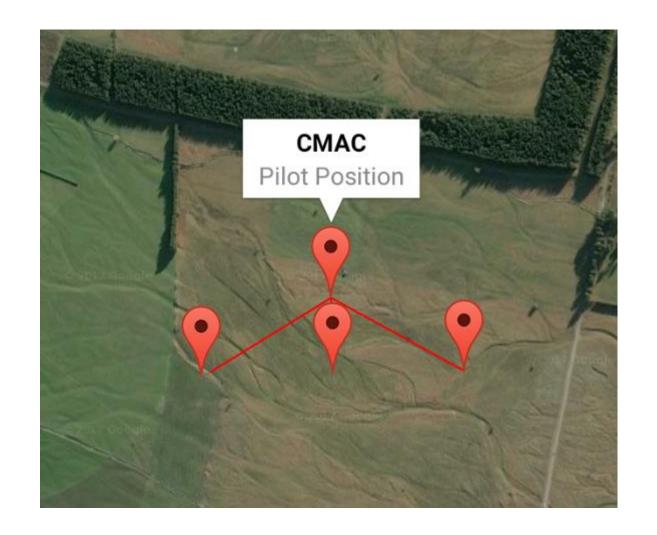
The first radius of a manoeuvre does not define the radii for the remaining radii of a manoeuvre but it is a starting point. As the manoeuvre progresses, the judge will compare each radius that was just flown to the last radius flown and if there is a difference, then a downgrade will be given based on the severity of the difference.



5B.8.4 - Each occurrence of a minor difference in radius must downgrade the manoeuvre by 0.5 point, while more severe deviations may downgrade it by 1, 1.5, 2 or more points for each occurrence.

What Tools are out there to Help with Judging (and Flight Training)?

F3A Zone Pro (iOS and Android)







F3A Zone Pro on Android also lets you easily walk out to the flight line (in a safe position) and see who is flying at 150-165m (and who is not!) – this is great for gaining an appreciation of where we should be flying.

FLIGHT COACH



Flight Coach

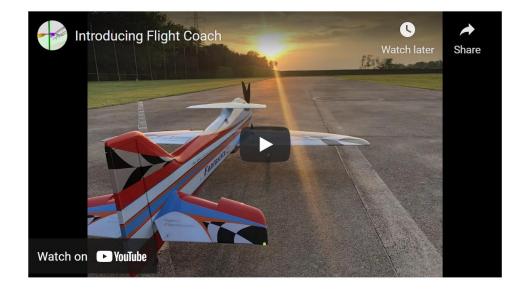
Your Radio Control Flight Geometry Companion

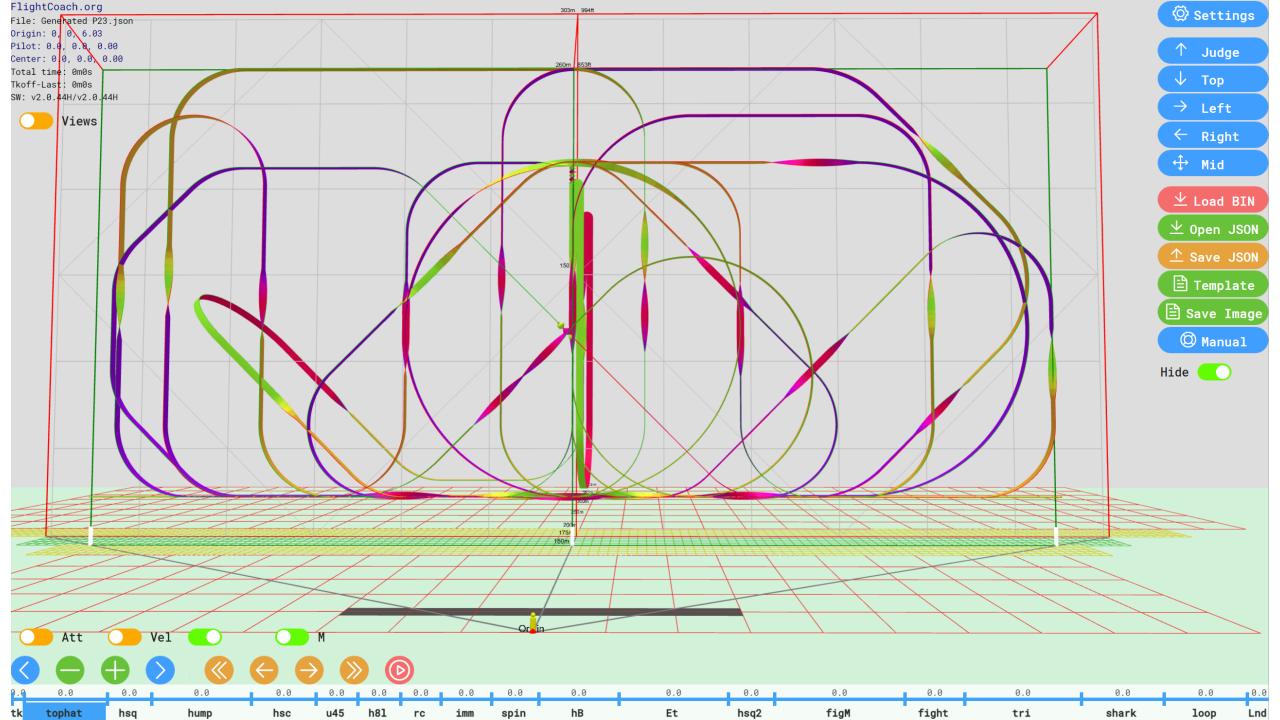
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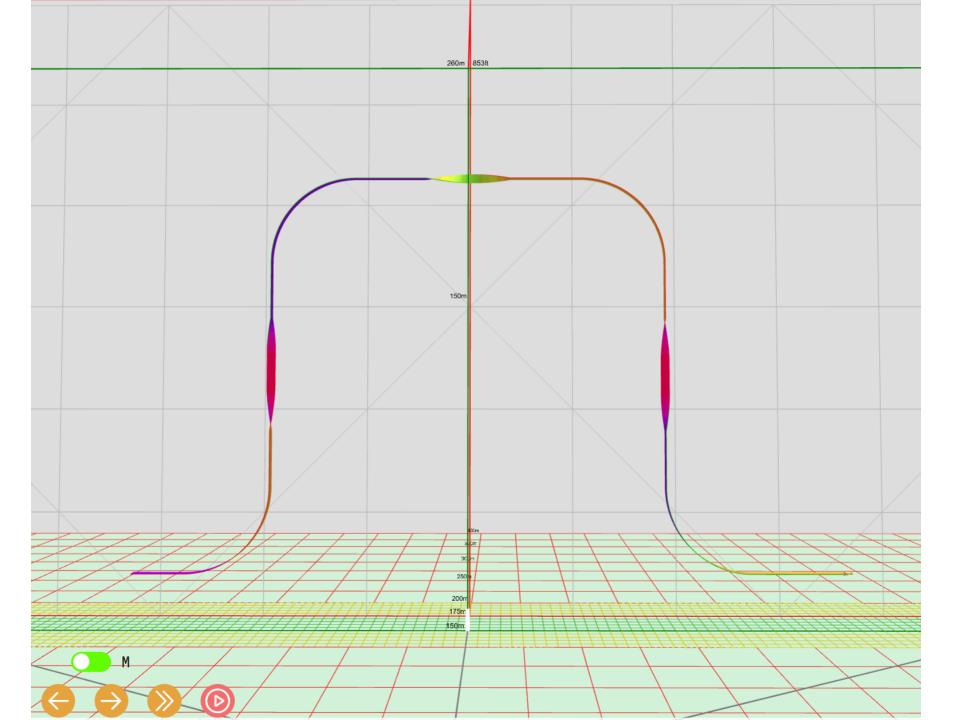
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The Flight Coach Project develops data driven tools for precision aerobatic pilots and judges with the aim of making the sport more objective. The project was started by a group of keen F3A and IMAC competitors, but the work is also applicable to other RC and full size aerobatic disciplines.

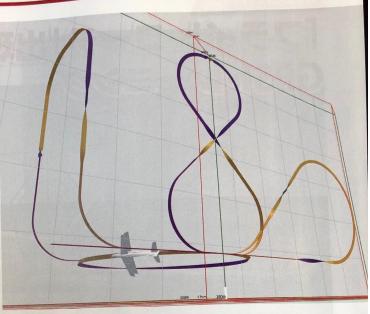
Most of our work involves installing inexpensive GPS and attitude tracking hardware in the aircraft, then post processing the data on the ground to provide feedback. All the Flight Coach project outputs are free to use (see specific license details in Instructions/Software).











「フライト コーチ」開発者からのメッセージ

オーストラリアを代表するF3Aフライヤーや技術者が中心となって開発した、飛行軌跡の3D可視化 技術と、それを司るアプリケーションの名称が「フライトコーチ」です。今回、その開発チームより本誌に メッセージが届きました。彼らのサイトへのアクセスは自由とのことなので、ぜひチャレンジルてみてください。 https://www.flightcoach.org/https://www.flightcoach.org/template-flights/





●日本のフライヤーに向けて●

ドヤイ

F3Aの飛行は難しく、正確かつ優雅に飛行す ニュアルを作成しました。 ることはさらに困難です。吉岡さん、成家さん、秋 ライトしましょう」という共通する返事が聞かれそう 評価できますか? または、あなたとあなたの指導 カードに記録されます。そして、無料で使用できる 者が飛行について意見が一致しない場合はどう Webブラウザベースの なりますか? 私たちが開発したシステムは、低コ Flight Coachソフトウェ ストで簡単に入手できるハードウェアを使用し、パアが、飛行後の分析を提 イロットが飛行場での練習中、または帰宅後快適供します。フライトコーチ・ な自宅で飛行の出来映えを客観的に評価するた システムはF3Aの難しさ

Flight Coachは、英国のIMACおよびF3Aの んが、機体の飛行経路 トップバイロットであるThomas Davidのアイデア に関する客観的なデータ から始まりました。GPS、安価なマルチローター飛 を提供し、飛行後の分析 行制御ボード、そして独自のコンピューター分析 を可能にすることで、貴 ツールを融合すれば、指導の支援に有用な飛行 重なトレーニングの支援 分析ができないか? 答えは確かにイエスでした! を提供します。 もちろん、そのようなプロジェクトの実現は複雑で実はハードウェアは、 容易ではありません。オーストラリアのF3Aパイ ログに膨大な数のパラ ロットであるArtur Uziebloは、幅広い知識とプロ メーターを記録していま グラミングスキルを持って参加しました。 Andrew す。現在、Flight Coach Palmer (ニュージーランドF3Aパイロット) はアイデ はそのうちのいくつかの アを整理し、ハードウェア・システムを開発しまし みを使用しています。こ た。Russell Edwards(オーストラリアのF3Aパイ れは将来のバージョンで

葉さん、鈴木さん、八田さん、音田さん(そして、もち た慣性航法システムです。高度なセンサーフュー 力などの推定を含める可能性があります。 ろんもっと多くの!)のような日本の偉大なF3Aパ ジョン・アルゴリズムにより毎秒15~25ポイント での姿勢情報なしで1秒あたり1~2点だけのも しています。 です。しかし、指導者なしで自分の飛行を正確にのとは比べ物になりません。データはmicroSD

を取り除くことはできませ

ロット)はシステムテストに寄与し、プロッターのマ 拡張され、パイロットがより多くの情報を利用で きるようになる可能性もあります。機体位置で 中心となるのは、GPSベースの測位を拡張しの風向、迎え角と横滑り、対気と対地速度、G

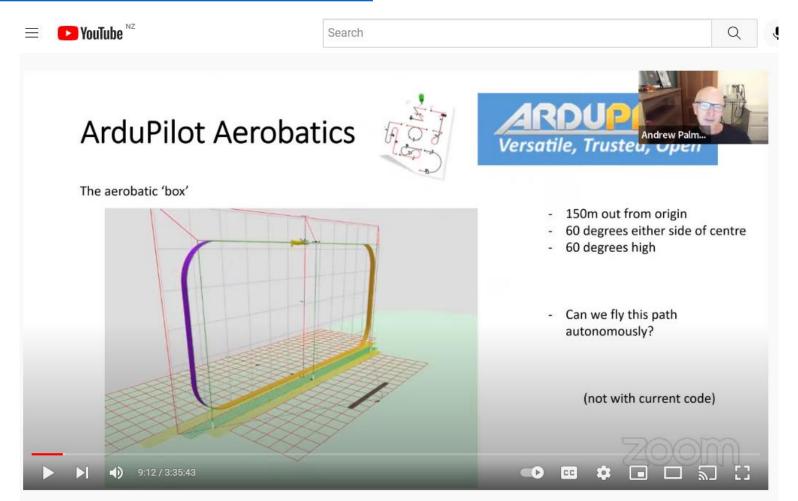
日本の皆さんがフライト コーチ・システムを体験 イロットに秘訣をたずねたら、きっと「コーチや指導のスムーズで正確な飛行経路と姿勢のログを提できることを願っています。練習に時間と労力を 者からの評価やアドバイスに従って、何千回もフ 供します。これは一般的なGPSのみのシステム 費やせば、それだけ飛行の改善に役立つと確信

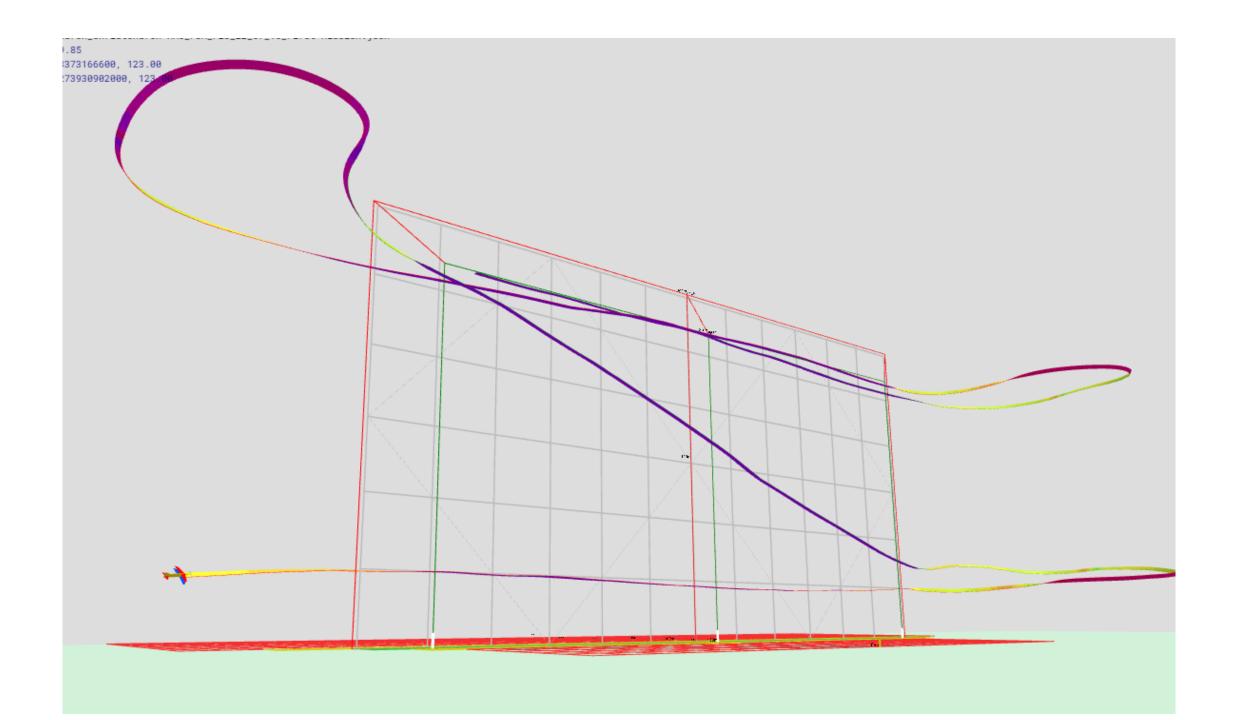
Andrew Palmer (訳/佐々木哲)

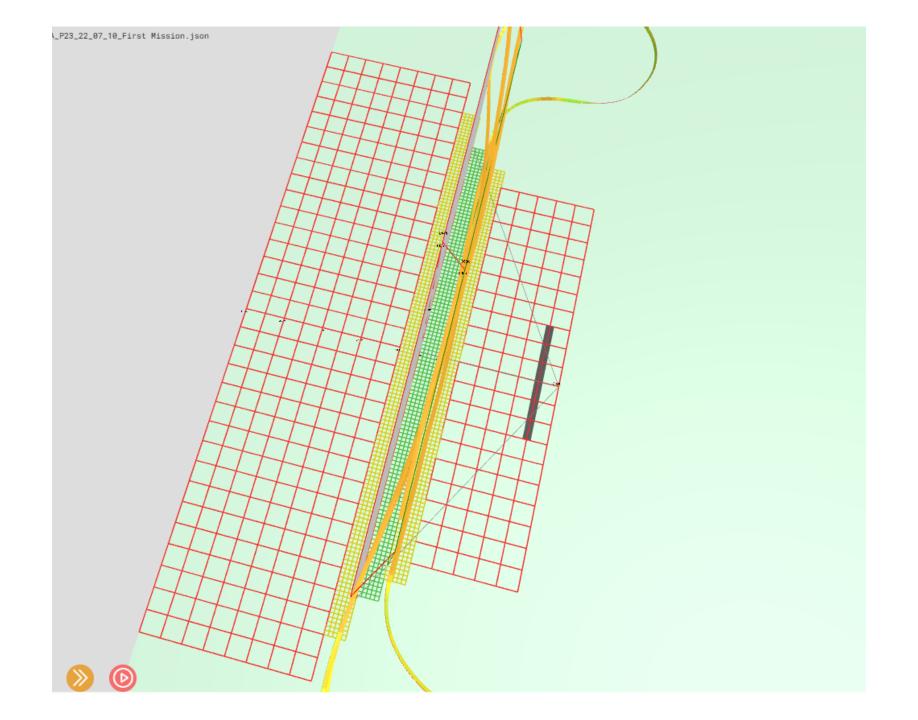


Ardupilot Autonomous Aerobatics Project

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmUDC3A7Ntk

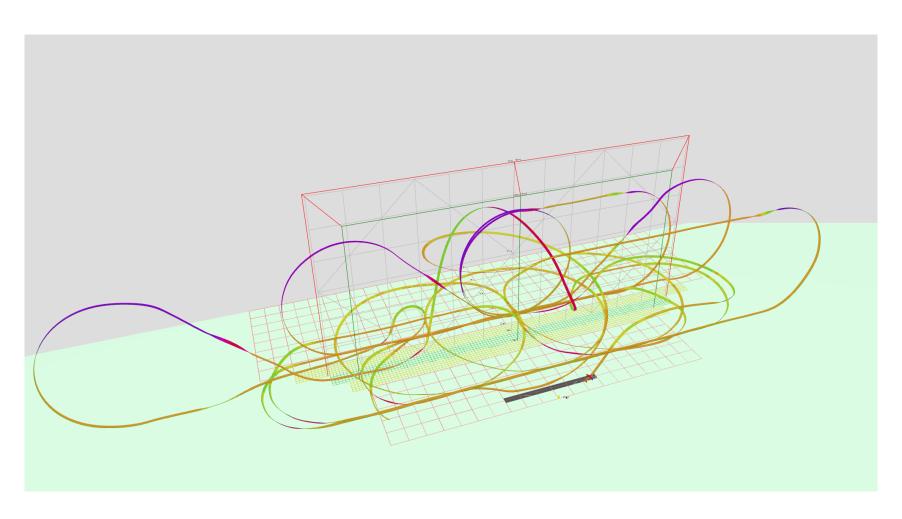






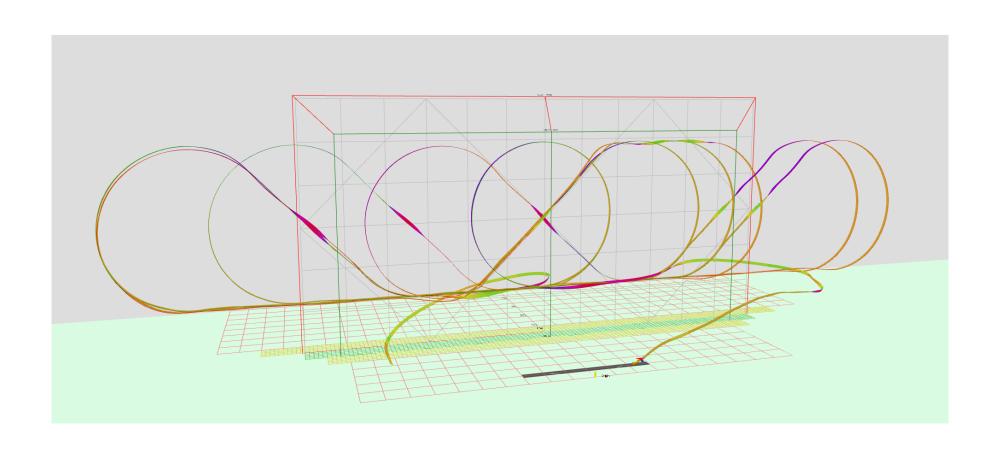
Autonomously Flown Scale Schedule

(using a Galactik 2m F3A model)



Autonomously Flown NZ Clubman Schedule

(No Stall Turn – yet)



F3A P-23 – coming soon!





Any Questions?