



The Australian Precision Aerobatics invites pilots of model aerobatic aircraft to the:

# 2019

## Trans-Tasman Competition

*A Domestic and International F3A Event*

### Bulletin 1

#### Date

23-25th March, 2019

#### Flying Site

Tin Can Bay Model Flying Club  
Riflefish Rd, Tin Can Bay, Queensland  
GPS: 25°56'12" S 152°59'07" E or -25.937, 152.985  
URL: <http://tincanbaymfc.club>

#### Description of Site

The Tin Can Bay Model Flying Club is located near the township of Tin Can Bay, north of the world-famous Sunshine Coast, and near the beautiful Rainbow Beach.

The field has a large flying area with generous runways running NW-SE facing South-West and E-W facing South.

Charging facilities are available with 240v mains power available.

Camping is available with shower and toilets.

#### Practice Sites

Practice at the Tin Can Bay Model Flying Club is available leading up to the competition, and pilots may additionally stay after the Trans-Tasman competition, in preparation for the Masters/World Cup competition in Coolum.

Alternate practice fields are:

Maryborough - <http://www.maryboroughmac.com/>. Contact: Brian Spilsbury 0402 078 299

Note: The club is generally very busy most Tuesdays

SAAMBR – <http://saambr.asn.au/>

## **Participation**

The event is open to all members of MAAA affiliated clubs and International FAI affiliated air sports bodies.

The competition will be based on six flights for Expert and F3A, with an additional two finals flight for F3A time and weather permitting. All flights will be performed on a single flight line.

## **Classes of Competition & Schedules**

- F3A (6 rounds x P19, 2 rounds x F19)
- Expert (A18)

All Australian Master ranked & F3A pilots can elect to fly in the F3A class. All other pilots can elect to fly in the Expert class

The Sportsman and Advanced schedules will **not** be flown. Australian competitors must compete in their current class in accordance with the APA ranking system, but Sportsman and Advanced pilots may compete “out of class” in Expert (A18). Any pilot flying in a higher class will not be eligible for promotional points, as per the APA rules.

Overseas competitors may fly in any class, at the discretion of the Contest Director.

## **The Trans-Tasman Competition**

The Trans-Tasman is a competition between teams from Australia and New Zealand. It can be run as a standalone event with only the Australian and New Zealand team pilots competing; however it is often run as a sub competition within a larger event, as is the case this time, with the result of the Trans-Tasman being decided separate to the overall competition.

Teams from Australia and New Zealand will be decided before the commencement of the competition, with the number of pilots determined by those “least available”. e.g:

	<b>Number of Competing Pilots</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>NZ</b>	<b>Trans-Tasman</b>
F3A	6	4	4
Expert	3	4	3

Only scores from team pilots will count towards the final team result. The pilots who have been selected will be published prior to the event.

## **Accommodation**

The APA have arranged for a discount of at least \$10 per night on the regular room rate at:

Sandcastle Motel  
15 Tin Can Bay Road  
Tin Can Bay Qld 4580  
Phone: 07 5486 4555  
Fax: 07 5486 4594

Email: [stay@sandcastlehotel.com.au](mailto:stay@sandcastlehotel.com.au)  
APA Discount Code: APA TT

Bookings for the Sandcastle Motel can be made directly with the motel or by adding your details to the below linked Google sheet.

[Click Here for Sandcastle Motel Booking Sheet](#)

Please be aware that there are not a lot of other motels in the area, so it is highly recommended that you book a room.

## **Entry**

Online competition entry form is available at the APA web site. [Click here!](#) to enter now.

**Entries close on the 8th March 2019**

## **Judging**

Judging is a vital part of F3A flying, and a solid knowledge of the FAI Sporting Code is essential for good judging. The APA is committed to the on-going improvement of judging standards in Australia, and as such developed an on-line judging exam.

The exam involves a number of multiple-choice questions, which will take about 30 minutes to complete, and can be done via the APA's website at: [APA Judging Exam](#)

This exam is a requirement to be a pilot and/or judge at all APA events **including the 2019 Trans-Tasman and the Australian Masters**, Sportsman pilots are exempt. However we encourage all pilots to participate. It is an APA requirement to have successfully passed this exam within the previous 12 months of any APA event.

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