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Subject: Changes to the APA ranking system, promotion and relegation.

Dear member,

I am writing to you to inform you of some exciting changes that will be implemented as of February 1st 2023. These changes affect Promotion scores, the relegation system and Master's ranking. A sub-committee was convened to review and simplify the system; nothing was 'off the table'. As a result, we announce the following.

Firstly, the change to promotion scores.

Earning a promotion point will require a competitor to receive 65% of the maximum score in the Advanced and Expert classes and 60% in the Sportsman class. This will have a backdated implementation to 1st Jan 2023. Some who just missed out under the old system may have a promotion point. All flights throughout the competition will count towards earning a promotion point after dropping the lowest score round. You will still require 3 points, gained over a 12-month rolling period to gain promotion.

Secondly, relegation.

After much debate, we have dispensed with relegation altogether.

Thirdly, Masters

As a ranking earned through promotion points gained at F3A level, we are redefining the Master's ranking. All pilots above Expert class are now F3A ranking. Competitions going forward will have the following classes for all F3A pilots to fly; either P alone or P/F together. The split here would be, as an example, 3P and 2F depending on time constraints to complete rounds. The choice will be up to the competitor.

Masters ranking will be awarded to the first three placed Australians at the annual APA Masters and World Cup event. They will hold this ranking until the next APA Masters and World Cup.

The rule book and website will be updated in due course.

Best regards

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