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MAA/RN/2018/05 - Flying Display Directors Information Note

Issue

1. The Regulated Community have requested information regarding acting as a Deputy Flying Display Director (FDD) and retaining FDD currency.

Aim

2. This note gives advice on how the Regulated Community should record their role as Deputy FDD and details when the Regulators (CAA and MAA) will allow undertaking said duty to reset FDD currency.

Background

3. Both the CAA and MAA, through their respective regulations¹, provide detail on the requirements and currency for FDDs; that is the FDD course qualification is valid for 3 years and an FDD is considered to be current providing they have completed an FDD duty within the preceding 2 years.

Acting as Deputy FDD

4. An appropriately accredited FDD² can act as Deputy FDD to provide resilience for an event. This individual (or individuals) must be named on the application for a Permission (for CAA regulated events) or the RA 2335 Form 1 (for MAA regulated events).

Resetting Currency Status

5. A Deputy FDD's currency can be reset when they:

- a. Are nominated on the application for Permission/Form 1.
- b. Take an active part in the planning and execution of the Flying Display.
- c. Are in attendance for the duration of the Flying Display.

6. Additionally, the currency status for the Deputy FDD can only be reset providing that the primary FDD:

- a. Ensures that the nature of the active role and precise level of participation of the Deputy FDD is recorded in the Post-Display Feedback Form (SRG1305/Form 4) and;
- b. Records that the Deputy FDD intends to use this event to reset their currency status.

7. The responsibility for recording this information on the form rests with the Primary FDD in conjunction with the Deputy FDD and not the CAA/MAA.

Acting as a Shadow FDD

8. A Tier-1 or Tier-2 accredited FDD can 'shadow' the primary FDD for a higher-Tier event in order to build experience. This shadow role can be used to improve the level of competence or

¹ CAP 403 for the CAA and RA 2335 - Flying Displays and Flypasts for the MAA.

² That is an FDD who is accredited for the Tier of the event at which they are deputising.

with a view to upgrading to a higher Tier³ in the future. The primary FDD should record the level of participation of the shadow FDD in the SRG1305/Form 4 to enable CAA/MAA to properly assess the level of experience of the individual.

9. Unless the primary FDD is an accredited 'mentor', they should not comment on the ability or performance of the shadow FDD but limit their comments to their participation level (ie the level of their involvement in the planning and/or execution of the Flying Display).

10. If the Primary FDD is a 'mentor', the shadow FDD should ensure that the participation in the planning and/or execution of the Flying Display is appropriately logged and countersigned by the Primary FDD so that experience gained can be demonstrated at the time of application for upgrade.

Currency

11. Where an FDD acts in the capacity of Primary FDD or Deputy FDD their 2-year currency status resets at the tier for which the event was performed.

12. For example, if a Tier-3 FDD conducts a Tier-2 Flying Display their 2-year currency will only reset at Tier-2. To reset their Tier-3 currency, they will need to complete a Tier-3 Flying Display. If their own currency has lapsed this will require them to act as FDD under the supervision of a current Tier-3 accredited FDD.

13. Successful completion of the FDD Accreditation Training Course will automatically reset both the status of the 3-year FDD qualification validity and the 2-year currency at the Tier for which they are accredited.

Queries

14. Direct enquiries about this RN can be made to DSA-MAA-Display@mod.gov.uk.

Head, Oversight and Approvals

³ CAP 403 has further details for civilian FDDs.