



Balloon Federation Of America

HACD Newsletter February 9, 2021

5th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship Leszno, Poland - August 9-14, 2021

Any BFA/HACD pilot member born August 10, 1991 or later that is interested in participating, please contact HACD International Manager Paul Petrehn (paulpetrehn@gmail.com) no later than February 12. The official National Aero Club (NAC) intent to participate with competitor nominations is due February 15.

Interested competitors will be ranked and nominated per the *2021 BFA/HACD Rules, Regulations, Policies & Procedures*.

Please review the [Official Invitation to National Aero Clubs](#) for more details. You can also visit [the event website](#) for the latest updates.

Updates for 2021 Nationals

Preparations are underway for several national championships to be held in 2021. We are looking forward to a new year and new competitions. This year, 4 National Championships will take place throughout the the United States. We hope that you can join us at some of these events this year.

US Nationals – Scottsbluff, NE (August 8 – August 15)

- Race Director: Paul Petrehn
- Invitations will be sent out later in February

US Team Nationals – Shreveport, LA (June 8 – June 13)

- Race Director: Maury Sullivan
- All 'A' pilots have been registered for the event

US Junior Nationals – Longview, TX (June 17 – June 20)

- Race Director: Sam Parks

US Women's Nationals – Brookfield, MO (September 2 – September 6)

- Race Director: Jason Jones
 - Invitations will be sent out in March
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The Spirit of Annie Award

The "Spirit of Annie" award, established by the Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association in memory of a very special observer, Annie Pryne, will be awarded whenever an observer, organizer, official or event volunteer most typifies the dedication, hard work and love of ballooning and ballooning people that set Annie apart.

Annie's spirit was indomitable and nothing, not even age or terrain, stood in her way when she accepted the responsibility to make sure all competitive pilots were treated equally and fairly. The vision of Annie, spray paint can in one hand and tape measure in the other, standing in the middle of an intersection protecting a baggie or the memory of Annie wading through a wet cornfield measuring back to an intersection, personifies not only Annie's spirit but also the spirit of observing.

In the 1980s Annie decided with her husband Gil to become an observer. She approached that job with all the enthusiasm and dedication to excellence that she approached every challenge in life. The "Spirit of Annie" award is dedicated to keeping alive the spirit of Annie, a warm, caring, and invincible individual.

CRITERIA

- To be awarded only when a nominee meets all qualifications, i.e. will not necessarily be awarded on an annual basis.
- To be awarded to an observer, organizer, official or event volunteer who best personifies the spirit of Annie Pryne and her belief in "being the best you can be."
- A nominee will have been an observer, organizer, official or event volunteer for no less than 5 years.
- A nominee will hold a creditable presence in the sport of ballooning, respected by observers, officials, organizers, pilots & crew.
- A nominee will show willingness to share experience and knowledge.
- A nominee will have a positive attitude.
- A nominee will have a commitment to the sport and the improvement of all aspects of competitive ballooning and will be strong enough to speak out when needed.
- Most importantly, the nominee must have the ability to enjoy and interact with people.

NOMINATIONS & SELECTION

It is understood that this is the only special award currently being presented by the HACD to an observer, organizer, official or volunteer.

- Requests for nominations will be initiated by NOBPA. These requests will be forwarded to national and local publications to be published during the months of February and March.
- Nominations will be sent to the NOBPA President or other Selected Committee Chairperson designated by NOBPA. Nominations will be accepted until March 31.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the NOBPA Board and forwarded to the 5 most recent living award winners and the HACD Board by April 15.
- There will be a total of 7 votes, 1 NOBPA, 1 HACD, 5 past recipients. Votes will be reported back to the NOBPA Board or other Selected Committee Chairperson by May 15. The NOBPA Board will tally the votes and determine the winner, no later than the June Board meeting. The winner's name will be sent to the HACD Board and the 5 past winners who voted.
- The award will be presented at the US Nationals or a national type event by an appropriate designee appointed by NOBPA.

- The Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association will be responsible for all financial obligations of the award and the type of award to be presented.

NOMINATION CONTENT

Nominations shall have the following content:

- Name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination
- Name and contact information of the nominee
- Explanation of the capacity the nominee has served and time period
- Specify in detail the full justification for the nominee to be deserving of the award.

Nominations should be sent to:

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330.827.4695

We Need Your Input

The HACD Board meets when discussion or decisions are required. You have the opportunity to be a part of these events.

When possible, the agenda will be published at least a week in advance. Call-ins will be scheduled the first 15 minutes of each meeting. Here is how you can participate:

- Email Jason Jones (jnsy588@aol.com) to be placed on the docket of speakers.
- Each speaker will be allowed to talk for 3 minutes.
- The speaker must speak to a topic on the agenda.

At the end of the speaker's 3 minutes we will go to the next participant. We hope that this opportunity will be one you will take advantage of and that all members have a voice in the HACD. We encourage you to work with your regional representative as well.

Email Us!

Ideas, questions, comments, anything: hacd@bfa.net
