



The **Triple Crown** is an annual F3A competition between teams from **England, Scotland, and Ireland**, with hosting duties rotating among the three nations each year.

Key Rules and Structure

1. **Overview and Rotation** A competition for the RCM&E Trophy is held annually by England, Scotland, and Ireland in rotation.
2. **Judging** There will be 4 judges: 2 from the host country and 1 from each of the other countries.
3. **Teams** There will be 4 teams of 4 pilots each:
 - o 1 team of 4 from England.
 - o 1 team of 4 from Scotland.
 - o 1 team of 4 from Ireland.
 - o A 4th team (the **International Team**) made up of:
 - 1 pilot from each of the travelling nations (the two non-host countries).
 - 2 pilots from the host nation. The International Team captain is a team member from the host country.
4. **Rules and Procedures** The competition is run to current **FAI F3A rules**, except:
 - o No model processing.
 - o No flight timing (sound checks may apply for local site rules).
 - o The pilot flying order to be created by the Notautomatic system prior to the competition. Pilot names will be entered as 'Pilot 1', 'Pilot 2', 'Pilot3', etc. to 'Pilot 16'.
 - o At the beginning of day 1 of the competition 16 tickets labelled Pilot 1', 'Pilot 2', 'Pilot3', etc. to 'Pilot 16' will be put in a bag. The nominated captain of the host country will pick 4 pilot number tickets from the bag. The captain of the country to host the competition the following year will draw another 4 tickets from the bag. The captain of the country to host the competition in 2 years times will draw another 4 tickets. The last remaining 4 tickets will be assigned to the International team.

- o Each team captain will then decide for Round 1 what will be the pilot flying order the team based on the pilot numbers he has drawn and the flying order produced by the Notautomatic system.

5. **Timing and Schedule** Preferred to be held over a weekend in either June or July, but this is flexible with agreement from all countries.

- o Friday prior: Greet teams and free practice using a rotation list.

- o Saturday: 2 Preliminary schedule rounds.

- o Sunday: 2 Preliminary schedule rounds. Organisers should aim to finish flying by around 16:00 on Sunday (adjustable for travel).

6. Logistics

- o Food on the field for competitors, judges, and helpers during competition days is provided by the host country.

- o An evening meal is usually organised for Saturday evening (paid for by attendees).

7. Scoring

- o Scores are normalised to 1000 per round.

- o **Individual Winner:** Best 3 out of 4 rounds count (drop lowest per pilot).

- o **Team Scores** (separate table):

- Per round per team: Count the 3 highest individual scores from the 4 pilots (drop the lowest pilot score per team per round).

- If a team does not have 4 pilots competing then all of that team members scores to count.

- No allowances to be made for teams with missing team members

- Final team position: Sum the best team round scores, dropping based on rounds flown:

- 4 rounds → 3 highest team round scores count.

- 3 rounds → 2 highest team round scores count.

- 2 rounds → Highest team round score counts.

- 1 round → That team score counts.