

# Contestant Eligibility

[As of 07/01/09]

Current year rule changes are in **red bold print!**

## I. General Rules

### C. Contestant Eligibility

1. Each contestant must be a currently enrolled student at the institution the team represents.
2. Each student must either be recognized by the institution as a full-time student or be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours during the term in which competition is held, unless the student is in the semester of graduation and a reduced load will meet graduation requirements.
3. Each contestant may compete in no more than four (4) regional and four (4) national SAFECONS.
4. Each contestant shall be able to show proof of items 1, 2, and 3. If the SAFECON is held after the normal semester, the contestant is considered eligible as if the SAFECON were held during the normal semester.
5. Contestants acting as pilot-in-command in flying events must possess at least a Private Pilot certificate with appropriate category and class ratings, **and a current FAA medical certificate.**
6. Contestants who hold or have ever held an Airline Transport Pilot certificate or have accumulated more than 1500 total flight hours are not eligible to compete.
7. Contestants who possess a Flight Instructor Certificate may compete in a maximum of two regional and two national SAFECONS once they obtain their CFI. However, contestants may not exceed the overall limit of competing in four (4) regional and four (4) national SAFECONS.
8. Contestants who hold or have ever held a Mechanic/Technician certificate are not eligible to compete in the Preflight Event.
9. A contestant must have attended the Safety and General Contestant briefings in order to be eligible to compete in any event. In the case of special circumstances, an alternate briefing may be authorized by the Chief Judge or his/her designee.

**05/23/09 - Date of last change to this section**