



NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE
FLYING ASSOCIATION

NIFA Announces National SAFECON 2025 Dates, Location, & Invitations

Chattanooga, TN - December 18, 2024 - The National Intercollegiate Flying Association is pleased to announce the National SAFECON 2025 will be hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and take place in Oshkosh, WI at the Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH) from May 12-17, 2025.

Throughout the months of October and November, 713 contestants, representing 44 member schools, competed in 9 Regional SAFECONs throughout the U.S. A special welcome to new Region IV member school, Stephen F. Austin State University! Due to the disruptions of Hurricanes Milton and Helene, completion of the Region IX SAFECON has been delayed until February 2025. In an effort to provide the membership majority with as much information as possible at this time, and as per Section 11 of the NIFA Bylaws, NIFA officially extends invitations for the National SAFECON 2025 to the following teams and Regional Top Pilot. Invitations resulting from the Region IX SAFECON will be announced as soon as available.

	Regional SAFECON Champion	Additional Invitations			
Region 1	US Air Force Academy	Metro State University - Denver	Rocky Mountain College	Colorado Northwestern Community College	
Region 2	Embry Riddle Aero. Univ. - Prescott	California Aeronautical University	San Jose State University		
Region 3	Western Michigan University	The Ohio State University	Kent State University		
Region 4	Oklahoma State University	Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.	LeTourneau University	University of Oklahoma	
Region 6	University of North Dakota	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Minnesota State Univ.-Mankato	Kansas State Univ.-Salina	St. Louis Univ.-Parks College
Region 7	Bridgewater State University	Delaware State University			
Region 8	Southern Illinois University	Purdue University			
Region 9					
Region 10	Liberty University	Averett University	US Naval Academy		

Samuel Budoff – United States Military Academy – Region VII Top Pilot

Per *The Rules for Intercollegiate SAFECONs* Section I.E.1, the NIFA Executive Committee has set a deadline of March 12, 2025 for qualifying teams to confirm their intent to attend and compete in SAFECON 2025. A registration deposit of \$500 is due by this date to retain an invitation. The deposit will be applied to the final total cost of each team's registration fees.

Should a qualifying team decline their invitation, the next ranked team in that region will be offered the opportunity. If no teams remain in the region, alternate invitation(s) will be extended based on the alternate list (TBD), as calculated per NIFA bylaw 11.12. The alternate list will be published at the conclusion of the Region IX SAFECON. The Executive Director has a deadline of April 11, 2025 to extend invitations, in order, to those alternate teams. All efforts will be made to notify an alternate team of their invitation, as soon as possible, should a slot be vacated by a qualifying team sooner than the deadline.

NIFA would like to thank all schools, hosts, and volunteers for a safe Regional SAFECON 2024 season. Details on National SAFECON 2025, including registration process, accommodations group rates, arrival briefing, and Chief Judge updates are forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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