



**National Intercollegiate Flying Association
SAFECON 2021 Announcement**

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NIFA Members, Volunteers, Sponsors, and Supporters:

Over the last few months, the NIFA Council has met several times to discuss the 2021 National SAFECON. In an effort to make the best decision possible for the organization and its membership, data was collected from multiple school and volunteer surveys. In addition, the Council reviewed and discussed CDC guidelines and host location restrictions. As many of you are aware, the situation is dynamic; the data and responses are constantly changing.

After an in-depth review, the NIFA Council has decided to host SAFECON 2021 as a remote competition. The events listed below will be conducted virtually and no flying events will be held.

This was not an easy decision, as we all desired the opportunity to host a normal, in-person SAFECON. The preparations that go into hosting a SAFECON, additional logistics necessary to account for pandemic precautions, and the notice requested by teams, meant that a decision had to be made at this time. Unfortunately, we must base our decision on the best information we have now, and not on what we hope it will be in two months. Your safety is of the utmost importance.

SAFECON 2021 will be comprised of:

- Aircraft Recognition
- Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (SCAN)
- Computer Accuracy
- CFI Event
- Coach of the Year Award
- Loening Trophy
- Men's and Women's Achievement Awards

We are working diligently to also provide the following events. Within one week, we will announce the final status of:

- Ground Trainer
- Preflight Inspection

SAFECON 2021 will be held May 17-22, 2021. More information will be provided shortly on how events will be administered and when the annual business meeting will be held.

Thank you for understanding and thank you for your continued support of NIFA. Without your participation - be it as a competitor, coach, judge, sponsor, or other supporter - this organization would not have sustained the last 101 years of providing a forum for safe collegiate aviation competition, conference, and education. YOU are NIFA and we look forward to seeing you all in the coming years.