



AERO CLUB OF INDIA (NAC-India)

Established: 1927

(Member: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, Switzerland-NAC India)

SETTING A NATIONAL OR FAI CONTINENTAL/WORLD AIR SPORTS RECORD

Overview

The Aero Club of India (ACI), as the National Air Sports Control (NAC-India), is responsible for administering, verifying, and forwarding all national, continental and world record claims in air sports disciplines recognised by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI).

Drawing up rules and ratifying aeronautical and astronautical records are important parts of ACI's and FAI's activities. Since the first flights were recorded in 1906, FAI has registered more than 20,000 records, including such historic achievements as:

- Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean (1927)
- Yuri Gagarin's first human space flight (1961)
- Neil Armstrong, one of the first two people to land on the Moon and the first to walk on the lunar surface

All air sport disciplines — from skydiving and ballooning to gliding, aeromodelling and astronautics — are represented in the FAI Record Archives. The Aero Club of India (ACI), recognised as the National Air-sports Control by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), is the apex body in India for air sports and is responsible for national-level governance including the ratification of records.

Procedure for Setting a Record

1. Become an ACI – NAC (India) member

ACI membership can be applied online on the ACI website (www.aeroclubofindia.com).

2. Obtain a Valid FAI Sporting Licence

A valid FAI Sporting Licence issued by ACI is mandatory and can be applied directly on the ACI website. An FAI Sporting Licence is valid only if listed in the FAI Sporting Licence Database by ACI.

3. Identify the Record Category

Decide whether you are attempting a National, Continental or World Record. Check existing and pending records in the FAI Record Database. Your performance must exceed the current record to qualify.

4. Review the Applicable Rules

Study the FAI Sporting Code (General and Specialised Sections) and ACI Air Sports Record Procedures. Understand measurement methods, documentation standards, and submission deadlines.

5. Define the Course and Parameters

For distance-based records, calculate the course using the FAI World Distance Calculator. <https://fai.org/page/world-distance-calculator>
Ensure all instruments (altimeters, GPS, barographs) are calibrated and traceable.

6. Appointment of Official Judge(s)/Observer(s)

ACI will appoint Official Judge(s)/Observer(s), or coordinate with FAI to appoint FAI Judges/Observers.
ATC staff may certify times for speed/distance records at controlled airfields.

7. Pre-Attempt Coordination

Notify ACI at least **1 month in advance** for National Record attempts and **45 days in advance** for International Record attempts.

For international attempts, ACI forwards the intimation to FAI as required.

8. Conduct the Record Attempt

Execute the flight, jump or performance as per approved parameters, ensuring proper monitoring and observation.

9. Notify ACI within 3 days

Submit the Preliminary Record Claim to ACI within 3 days using the appropriate form.

For International Records, the preliminary form must reach FAI (via ACI) within 7 days.

10. Submit Documentation to ACI within 30 days

Submit the full dossier including all evidence, data, reports and forms.

11. ACI Verification and National Record Certification

ACI examines and validates the dossier. If approved, the performance is certified as an Indian National Record and added to the ACI National Records Database.

12. Forwarding to FAI for Continental/World Ratification

ACI sends the verified dossier to FAI within 120 days. Claimants are advised to submit all documents to ACI ideally within 60 days to meet this timeline.

13. Administrative Fee

- National Record: **INR 10,000 + GST**
- Continental/World Record: **INR 10,000 + GST** (ACI fee) + **CHF 300** (FAI fee)

These charges are in addition to Judge/Observer fees.

14. Final Ratification and Publication

After FAI homologation, the record appears in the FAI Record Database and ACI updates its National Records Database.

Social Media & Public Communication Clause

All photos, videos, data, documentation, and media submitted as part of a National, Continental, or World Record claim — including any material captured by Judges/Observers or shared by the claimant — would be used by the **Aero Club of India (ACI)** for official purposes. This includes publication on ACI's website, social media platforms, newsletters, press releases, and other promotional or archival material. By submitting a record claim, the claimant acknowledges that such content becomes part of ACI's official record and would be utilised by ACI at its discretion, with due credit where applicable.

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