

Regulation on the Wings of Russia - 2021 Award

I. General Provisions

1.1 The Wings of Russia National Aviation Award named after Evgeny Chibirev (hereinafter referred to as the “Award”) was established in 1996 by the Air Transport Observer magazine, Infomost Consulting company and the Russian Association of Air Transport Operators. The organizer of the 25th Annual Competition for the Wings of Russia Award based on the performance of air transport enterprises in 2021 is ATO Events LLC with the support of the Russian Association of Air Transport Operators, Infomost Consulting LLC and the information and analytical portal ato.ru

1.2 The purposes of establishing the Award are:

- encouragement of airlines ¹, as well as partner enterprises that have made the greatest contribution to the sustainable development of the country's air transport industry during the period of the competition and have demonstrated high performance indicators;
- contributing to the formation of a high business reputation of airlines and enterprises, the creation of a favorable climate in the industry;
- increasing the prestige of the Russian civil aviation. Applicants for the Award can be enterprises providing services in the field of air transport in Russia.

1.3 Enterprises providing services in the field of air transport in Russia can apply for the Award.

1.4 To carry out the work on the project implementation, an Organizing Committee and an Expert Council (Competition Jury) of the Award are created.

1.5 Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee is formed, and its Chairman is approved by the executive bodies of the Award founding organizations. The Secretary is appointed by the Chairman.

Organizing Committee:

- develops and adopts the Regulation on the Award;
- decides on conducting the competition, organizes the work on nominating applicants for the Award, summarizes the proposals and distributes the participants in nominations;
- establishes criteria for evaluating the activities of the Award seekers;
- collects and draws up data describing the activities of the Award seekers as reference materials for experts;
- establishes the procedure for voting to determine the Award laureates and diploma winners and summarizing its results;
- issues, based on the results of voting, conclusions on awarding prizes;
- prepares and conducts activities for the implementation of the project, the Award ceremony for the Award laureates and diploma winners;
- organizes media coverage of the project progress and results.

The Organizing Committee is convened by the Chairman. Decisions are made by a majority vote of the Organizing Committee meeting participants.

¹ For the purposes of this Regulation, an "airline" means an aviation company that has a valid air operator certificate, which carries out air transportation of passengers, baggage, cargo and mail for a fee and (or) performs aerial works.

1.6 Award Expert Council

The Award Expert Council (Competition Jury) is formed by the Award Organizing Committee from the representatives of the professional air transport community, specialized media, representatives of the founding organizations and the Award sponsors, who are competent in matters related to the nominations.

Expert Council:

- participates in the nomination of applicants for the Award;
- analyzes and evaluates the results of the applicants' activities in the relevant nominations, determines the Award laureates and diploma winners by voting.

II. Award Nominations

2.1 Airline of the Year – Passenger Transportation, Group 1 (traffic volume in 2021 over 6 million passengers)*;

2.2 Airline of the Year – Passenger Transportation, Group 2 (traffic volume in 2021 from 1 to 6 million passengers)*;

2.3 Airline of the Year – Passenger Transportation, Group 3 (traffic volume in 2021 from 0.3 to 1 million passengers)*;

2.4 Airline of the Year – Passenger Transportation, Group 4 (traffic volume in 2021 up to 0.3 million passengers)*;

2.5 Airline of the Year – Air Services on Regional and Local Routes **;

2.6 Airline of the Year – Helicopter Services;

2.7 Russian Airline of the Year – Passenger Sympathy Leader;

2.8 Russian Airport of the Year – Passenger Sympathy Leader;

* - The boundary indicators of each of the groups are subject to correction after the publication of the results of 2021.

** - Regional and local routes mean domestic passenger transportation on aircraft with a capacity of up to 78 seats. The number of passengers transported on these routes by the airline must be at least 55% of the total volume.

The Organizing Committee has the right to introduce additional or exclude certain nominations in the process of preparing for the Wings of Russia Award, as well as to establish target prizes for the Award, the decision on their holders is made by a vote of the Expert Council upon the recommendation of the Organizing Committee.

2.10 Prizes of the Award “For the Contribution to the Development of Air Transport in Russia”.

2.10.1 In honor of the 25th Anniversary Award, jubilee prizes of the Award “For the Contribution to the Development of Air Transport in Russia” are being instituted. The prizes are awarded to the companies working in the field of air transport for their individual and long-term contribution to the development of various areas of civil aviation, to maintaining the connectivity and accessibility of Russian regions. The number of prizes is determined by the Award Organizing Committee.

2.10.2 The nomination of applicants for this Award is carried out by the members of the Expert Council. The decision on the Award winners is made by the Expert Council by secret ballot.

III. Organization of the Award Applicants Nomination and Preparation for the Award Ceremony

- 3.1 Applicants are nominated until February 10, 2022.
- 3.2 Members of the Organizing Committee and the Award Expert Council participate in the nomination of applicants. The number of nominated applicants is not limited. One airline can be nominated in only one nomination, with the exception of nomination per item 2.5-2.7.
- 3.3 Applicants who are self-nominated for the Award shall notify the Organizing Committee in writing.
- 3.4 Airlines that had a plane crash on any type of aircraft in 2021 cannot be considered as applicants for the Award.
- 3.5 Legal entities registered in Russia with at least 2 years of experience in the air transport market are considered as applicants for the Award.
- 3.6 The Organizing Committee, based on the nature of the activities and performance indicators of the Award seekers, distributes them by nominations.
- 3.7 Applicants are notified of their nomination for the Award and are given the opportunity to submit to the Organizing Committee and bring to the attention of the members of the Expert Council information about the achievements in their work and the development prospects.
- 3.8 The Organizing Committee, in order to better inform the members of the Expert Council, for each nomination (except for items 2.7-2.8) determines the list of indicators characterizing the activities of applicants, and summarizes the results of their work using these lists.
 - 3.8.1 The airlines are assessed on the basis of open data, corresponding to the statistical and financial reporting approved by Rosstat, data from Rostransnadzor on the state of flight safety, and their presentations.
- 3.9 The members of the Expert Council, at least two weeks before the voting date, receive information from the Organizing Committee about the Award applicants included in the shortlists for voting.

IV. Awarding Procedure

- 4.1 Prizes in nominations 2.1-2.6 are awarded on the basis of the results of the secret ballot of the Expert Council members using electronic means.
- 4.2 To develop a program that provides electronic voting and calculates the results, the Organizing Committee forms an Electronic Voting Support Group.
- 4.3 Awarding the prizes in nominations 2.7, 2.8 is carried out on the basis of the results of the passengers Internet voting.
- 4.4 The Organizing Committee, having received the results of electronic voting and Internet voting of passengers, considers them for the recognition of the voting as valid and issues a Conclusion on the awarding prizes for each nomination. The decision of the Organizing Committee is recorded.

The winner in nominations 2.1-2.6 is the applicant who has collected the maximum number of first positions. In the case when, according to the results of the voting, two applicants receive an equal number of first positions, the one who has the highest number of points becomes the winner. If, in terms of the number of points and the number of votes for the first place, two applicants have the same indicators, then the laureate is determined by the largest volume of traffic, aerial works (for helicopter airlines), and aircraft departures (for business aviation).

The laureates are awarded the Wings of Russia prizes and diplomas.

Two applicants who have received the maximum number of points in nominations 2.1-2.8 are recognized diploma winners, excluding the applicant who has become a laureate. In the event of an equal number of points, the procedure used to determine the laureates is applied.

Diploma winners are awarded the appropriate diplomas.

In nominations per items 2.7, 2.8, the titles of diploma winners are not awarded.

4.5 The Organizing Committee has the right to exclude the airline from the number of participants in the competition, or from the number of its laureates (diploma winners):

4.5.1 - at the written request of the participant;

4.5.2 - by the decision of the Organizing Committee based on the results of newly discovered circumstances in relation to this airline;

4.5.3 - if during the period before the announcement of the competition results the airline had a plane crash, or it was declared bankrupt, or its air operator's certificate withdrawn (suspended).

In the above listed cases, the results of voting by the members of the Expert Council regarding this participant are canceled. The Organizing Committee, guided by item 4.4 of this Regulation, revises the voting results and makes appropriate changes to the Conclusion on awarding the prize. The decision of the Organizing Committee is recorded.

V. Award Ceremony for the Award Laureates

5.1 The ceremony of awarding the laureates and diploma winners is held in a solemn atmosphere with the participation of representatives of the aviation community, business circles and mass media.