

DELAWARE RADIO CONTROL CLUB - By-Laws

Amended 1/1/2023

ARTICLE 1 – NAME: The name of the Club shall be **Delaware Radio Control Club**

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

1 The purpose of the Club is to further the interest in and enjoyment of all radio control model aircraft and the exchange of ideas pertaining thereto.

2 The Club shall always foster positive community relations to maintain the RC modeling hobby in a positive view.

3 The Club is chartered as member Club #197 in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

4 The Club shall foster the growth of the hobby for younger people and children

5 The Club shall maintain good relations with the host owner of the flying site, including maintenance of the grounds as required

ARTICLE 3 – FORMATION

1 The Club shall operate as a non-profit, non-stock holding organization, and is incorporated in the State of Delaware as such under Corporate Number 0544528

2 The Club shall have a Corporate Registered Office in the State Delaware, and the name of that registered agent in charge of that office shall be on file with the State of Delaware, Department of State, Secretary of State, in Dover, Delaware.

ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNANCE

1 The Board of directors shall be comprised of the current officers and at least three other Club members selected annually by the President.

2 The Club Officers shall be the President, Vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer and Safety Officer.

ARTICLE 5 – DUTIES

1 *Board of Directors:* the management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority mail vote or by a quorum at a Board of Director meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors.

2 *President:* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it.

3 *Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of Club property.

4 *Secretary:* The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities.

5 *Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys disbursed by the Club. He/she, or a person designated by the President, will be the Club's contact person with AMA.

6 *Safety Officer:* The Safety Officer shall be responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing safety rules are enforced. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in the by-laws. The Safety Officer shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE 6 - AUDIT

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of a minimum of one Board member who does not have check-signing authority and 2 Club Members at large to perform a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books and the Club property.

ARTICLE 7 - TERMS OF OFFICE

- 1 All elected officers of the Club shall serve for two (2) years from date of their election.
- 2 President and Secretary will be elected in odd-numbered years, and the Vice President and Treasurer in the even numbered years
- 3 Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority of those present at the regular Fall meeting.
- 4 Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the Summer General Membership meeting. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer. All known nominations for office will be published in the newsletter prior to the election.
- 5 A secret ballot is required for elections, unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 8 - VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers; such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE 9 - COMMITTEES

The committees of the Club shall be established by the President and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting (if a vote is requested), to serve throughout the term, or less, of his/her tenure of office. Standing Committees are the Safety Committee, Membership Committee and the Field Maintenance Committee.

ARTICLE 10 - MEETINGS

- 1 Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club officers and published in the Club newsletter.
- 2 At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at the meeting.
- 3 Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President shall forward copies of the proposal to other members of the Board of Directors for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.

ARTICLE 11 - DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Club officers with the approval of a simple majority vote. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.
- 2 No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the regular monthly meeting, and the members have been given twenty five (25) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.

3 New members who join in September through December will pay the annual dues rate for their class of membership, which will be continuous to the end of the following year.

4 Any member who allows their membership to lapse beyond March 1 of any year shall be dropped from the membership roster.

ARTICLE 12 - MEMBER STANDING

1 All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, and those of the AMA.

2. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:

a. **Adult Full Member:** Is nineteen (19) years old or older, and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate (requires AMA FULL Membership).

b. **Junior Member:** Is eighteen (18) years old or younger, has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate (requires AMA YOUTH Membership).

c. **Family Membership:** Includes all flying members of the immediate family (spouse and children). They have full privileges and voting rights (1 vote per family). Children are included until their 19th birthday. AMA membership required as noted below.

2 Adult Full Members will be required to hold and maintain a Full AMA Membership license issued by the AMA. Junior Members will be required to hold and maintain a Youth AMA Membership license issued by the AMA. All first-time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of current membership in the AMA.

3 If any flying member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall be reclassified as an Expired member, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

ARTICLE 13 - RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club. No refund of dues shall be forthcoming.

Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Expelled member will be reported to the Park authorities.

Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

ARTICLE 14 - AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, at the regular monthly meeting.

ARTICLE 15 - SPECIAL FUNDS & EXPENDITURES

The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club. The President, with the board's approval, will have discretionary spending of up to \$500.00 without requiring Club approval.

ARTICLE 16 - DURATION

The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 17 - DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation, as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 18 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall coincide with the calendar year.

ARTICLE 19 - LOGO

The official Club logo shall be:



ARTICLE 20 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

PURPOSE:

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A Grievance Form (see next page) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

FIRST VIOLATION:

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

SECOND VIOLATION:

Complainant's name will be disclosed.
The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

THIRD VIOLATION:

Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors). A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.

