



Winnepesaukee Radio Controllers

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

To teach and promote the safe construction and flying techniques of radio controlled model aircraft and create a better public understanding of the sport.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNING BODY

A. There shall be a Governing Body of this organization consisting of:

- President
- Vice President/Program Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Safety Officer (Appointed Office)

B. Officers shall be elected at the regular December meeting for a term of two years commencing the following January 1st.

C. Nominations shall be made during the November meeting.

D. Voting for the officers will be in the sequence listed above. Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting.

E. Nominees must have been active club members for at least six (6) months.

F. Voting will be conducted under the supervision of the Governing Body.

G. Any expenditure for the club up to an amount of \$100.00 must be approved by the President.

H. Any expenditure exceeding an amount of \$100.00 must be approved by the general membership at a regular club meeting or via a majority phone call vote presented by the President. Records of the vote will be read in to the Club record at the following monthly meeting.

ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES

A. All committees shall be appointed by the president and shall serve at his/her pleasure for each elected year.

B. All committees shall present their reports to the club at the regular meetings.

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C. There shall be a permanent Safety Committee headed by the Safety Officer consisting of all club members. This committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of all ground and flying rules as established by the club Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

A. Meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place selected by the Governing Body.

B. A meeting shall take place when a quorum is present. A quorum consists of ten (10) or more active members in good standing.

C. Meeting order:

1. President shall call the meeting to order
2. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Reading of the minutes of the executive board meeting (if applicable)
4. Treasurer's report
5. Old business
6. New business

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

A. All new and current members must have a valid AMA.

B. Annual club dues shall be due and payable January 1st and are as follows; subject to change by majority vote:

1. Individual club dues shall be \$_____ per year. (See notes 5 & 6)
2. Family club dues shall be \$_____ per year. (See notes 1 & 2)
3. Junior membership dues shall be \$_____ per year. (See notes 1 & 3)
4. An initiation fee of \$_____ will be assessed for all new members. (See notes 4 & 5)
5. Late yearly fee after January 1st of the following year of \$_____

NOTE 1: The clubs fiscal year shall be January 1st to December 31st.

NOTE 2: The family membership price applies to only one (1) adult and junior members residing in the same household. Regardless of the number of individuals included in a family membership, a family membership shall count as a single membership towards the membership cap.

NOTE 3: Junior members are individuals under the age of nineteen (19) as of January 1st during the assessed year of membership.

NOTE 4: Individuals residing within the same household and utilizing the Family Plan to join the club as new members shall be assessed a single \$_____ initiation fee for the household.

NOTE 5: Any member who fails to pay their annual dues by March 1 of the membership year shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls. Any individual whose membership was terminated for non-payment of dues and who desires to rejoin the club shall be required to pay the applicable "new member" initiation fee as well as the applicable annual dues.

C. The Winnepesaukee Radio Controllers club membership is uncapped. Membership is unlimited.

D. Probationary Member: A new member within the first three months of membership.

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E. Before joining the Club, new members should be introduced in person by their sponsor (a non-probationary club member). Non-probationary club members must approve any application for membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular club meeting. A special case exception to the above is provided to accommodate new members who have a work schedule that consistently conflicts with the scheduled club meeting. These rare case events regarding a prospective member can be addressed by proxy representation of the prospective new member. The proxy representation shall consist of two regular club members and one officer, all three of whom has met face to face with the prospective new member and are in agreement that he or she meets all other pertinent criteria for membership. The prospective new member's application will be furnished to one of the sponsoring individuals then presented to the general membership at the next scheduled club meeting as if the new member were in attendance. The new member will be responsible to furnish the fees as directed on the application to the treasurer at which time independent access to the club field will be granted. The applicant shall be on probation for three (3) months subsequent to the approval of his or her application for membership. Following such probationary period and barring objection from any non-probationary member, the individual will be automatically placed in non-probationary status.

F. Probationary members may vote on club issues with exception to issues involving club Bylaws or resolutions.

G. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

H. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

I. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA or to model aviation. More rules are contained under Article VII – Flying Regulations.

1. ALL AMA rules take precedent while at the Airfield.
2. ALL flying will be in front of the flight line.
3. Members shall always reset the lock on the gate to **0000** when they leave.
4. Members shall not give out the combination to any WRC locks. The combination will be given to individuals by a member of the Governing Body once their membership status has been confirmed.
5. All aircraft shall be placed in one of the taxi-ways to get on to the runway for take off. Aircraft coming from the runway will be shut down in one of the taxi-ways. No taxiing in the pit area is allowed.
6. New aircraft should be thoroughly inspected and ground tested by a qualified pilot prior to its initial flight. If anything is in question, DO NOT FLY.
7. All new members will present themselves for a flight test once their membership is accepted. This flight test will be viewed by a qualified instructor-pilot or a member of the Governing Body to approve the member's flying proficiency.

J. A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE VI - PILOT CLASSIFICATION

A. The members shall be classified under the following ratings:

- Student Pilot
- Pilot

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- Instructor Trainee
- Instructor
- Senior Pilot

B. The Flying Proficiency Committee shall be formed and consist of all Instructor Pilots. The concurrence of at least two (2) Instructor Pilots will be required to establish the initial classification of all new members, as set forth in the Flying Proficiency Regulations.

C. The guidelines for the classification of all members will be drawn up by the Flying Proficiency Committee and approved by a majority of the club members present at the regular club meeting.

ARTICLE VII - FLYING REGULATIONS

A. An effective muffler or exhaust system, meeting AMA guidelines for noise level, is required on all engines. The criteria required for noise measurement, method and noise meter will be located in the field strong box. Senior Pilots, Instructors, and club officers will have responsibility and authority to prohibit flying of aircraft, which do not meet acceptable standards.

B. Emergencies have priority, but must be declared so that others may be aware and clear the landing field. Loss of power is an emergency and any pattern is acceptable for landing.

C. Non-AMA members are not permitted to fly or be on the flight line when aircraft are operating.

D. Student pilots may not fly without a pilot or instructor at any time.

E. Test flight or radio check flights are to be performed by a proficient/experienced pilot only.

F. Acrobatics are not permitted such that a misplaced maneuver will endanger life or property.

G. Frequency control shall be the responsibility of all radio operators at all times utilizing the Frequency Control Board/Control Tower.

H. Flying over the pit area will result in revocation of flying privileges. All flying shall occur in front of the flight line.

I. Unsafe, dangerous, or any erratic flying that could be mistaken for out of control operation is prohibited and may result in revocation of all flying privileges.

J. All gasoline-fueled aircraft shall be so designated by using an approved fuel container. No smoking is permitted within ten feet of the model.

K. All new aircraft must be safety inspected by the safety officer or instructor to ensure they meet or exceed AMA safety standards.

L. All aircraft with a wingspan greater than eighty (80) inches and/or weighing more than twelve (12) pounds must be inspected to ensure AMA safety standards are met.

M. All flying will be done from the designated area. Voice contact must be maintained between all flying pilots. Spotters will be utilized to assist deaf pilots, and by all pilots during heavy traffic days.

N. Junior members under the age of eighteen (18) are not permitted to use the facilities unless accompanied by an active member, supervised by a parent, and/or a qualified instructor.

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O. Intentional flying in such a manner that could cause the aircraft to exceed its structural limitations are not allowed. Any aircraft exhibiting flutter or erratic response shall be landed immediately for correction.

P. No more than five planes will be allowed in the air at any one time, except for club sponsored special events.

Q. Upon landing, aircraft shall not be taxied past the flight line.

R. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the field at any time.

S. No Smoking is allowed in the pit or flight line area.

T. Any violation of the club flying regulations or AMA rules shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the club.

U. Any member receiving a safety violation involving the Club Flying Regulations and/or AMA rules, or who by his or her actions appears detrimental to the club as a whole, will be disciplined by the governing body up to and including placement on a probationary status and/or be voted out of the club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular club meeting. Failure to comply with a disciplinary action will also result in automatic expulsion from the club. At the Governing Body's discretion, a member can be placed on probation for one (1) year – or voted on for dismissal, regardless of his or her tenure.

ARTICLE VIII - USE OF THE CLUB FLYING FIELD

A. Use of the field is restricted to members and guests (Guests must be accompanied by an active member). Spectators must stay in the designated area, and are not permitted on the flight line. Spectators and guests must abide by the direction of the Club Safety Officer and/or any club member.

B. Hours of flying at the club field are from dawn to dusk seven days a week, weather permitting.

C. All members are required to participate in the maintenance of the field as agreed to and/or scheduled by the Governing Body. This may include mowing, area policing, and other general maintenance.

D. Automobiles will not be permitted on the runway or in the pit area except during field emergencies or maintenance.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAW CHANGES

Changes to the club Bylaws shall be made as follows:

1. A proposed change shall be presented and voted upon at a regular meeting.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required for tentative approval of a proposed change.
3. At the next meeting, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required to certify the change and to incorporate the proposal into the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X- CLUB DISSOLUTION

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the full membership. If the club is dissolved, the assets of the club will be sold for fair market value. All outstanding debts will be paid, and leftover money will be divided among the remaining active members.

ARTICLE XI – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

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 Governing Body for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Club President. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Governing Body shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Club President. At least one witness is required.
- b. **FIRST VIOLATION**
Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Governing Body in writing, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
- c. **SECOND VIOLATION**
Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Governing Body. If the Governing Body 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.
- d. **THIRD VIOLATION**
Governing Body 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. 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 at the regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- f. 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 Club Officers.

ARTICLE XII – CLUB RESOLUTIONS

When required, there shall be a list of club resolutions included as part of the Bylaws. These resolutions are for items of a temporary nature, and shall only require the majority vote of members attending any meeting in which a resolution is proposed.

