

BYLAWS OF THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION



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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be known as the "Austin Radio Control Association," hereafter known as the "Association."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Austin Radio Control Association, a non-profit organization, shall be to:

1. Align Association standards in Radio Controlled Aeronautics safety, morals and education with those embraced by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
2. Provide a means whereby the fellowship of those interested in radio control model aircraft is enhanced and promoted.
3. Further the interest and activities of radio control model aircraft through planned activities, programs and events designed to increase the participation and mutual enjoyment of each interested person.
4. Provide suitable flying facilities with the location of the site and required procedure for its use such that it will provide maximum safety for all persons and property involved.
5. Encourage the development of leadership among modelers by providing a means through which individual contributions in research, service and leadership may be recognized and rewarded.
6. Cooperate with all agencies and organizations in the promotion of radio control aircraft.
7. Encourage the adoption of newer technologies in RC, to help improve and advance the quality of radio control flying at the Association field.
8. Promote the best possible public relations with the local community for the benefit of all radio control modelling.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Safety Officer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Only members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office or be chairmen of any standing committee. Exception, Associate Members maybe hold office or chair any committee.
2. Officers shall be elected by the membership of the Association at the November meeting of each calendar year with the terms of office coinciding with the following calendar year.
3. Voting shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall constitute election.
4. The President of the Association may serve, or appoint a committee for the purpose of helping to determine the availability of prospective officers and their willingness to serve

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. The President shall take office for one year. If he resigns, or becomes incapable of performing the duties of his office, the Vice President shall serve out the President's term of office.
2. The Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Safety Officer shall each serve a term of one year. If any shall resign or become incapable of performing the duties of his office, a replacement shall be elected to serve the remainder of the year by a majority vote of the membership at the next regular or called meeting.
3. All officers of the Association may succeed themselves if duly elected by the Association.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall:
 - A. Preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee.
 - B. Look to the general welfare of the Association.
 - C. Represent the Association as his office requires.
 - D. See that the regular Association meetings are conducted as outlined under article VII of the constitution.
 - E. Represent the Association in all forums, (public and private) with professionalism and always with the best interest of the Association in mind.
2. The Vice President shall:

- A. Preside and perform the duties attached to the office of the President should the President be absent. If the President becomes unable to fulfill the duties required of the position, the Vice President should become the acting President for the remainder of the current term.
 - B. Serve as assistant to the President.
 - C. Represent the Association in all forums, (public and private) with professionalism and always with the best interest of the Association in mind.
3. The Treasurer shall:
- A. Be in charge of all financial collections, transactions, records and disbursements of the Association.
 - B. Give monthly financial reports of the Association.
 - C. Keep an up to date record of dues paid by members.
 - D. Preside at the monthly meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President.
 - a. Report at the monthly meeting the name (s) of club member (s) turning in field use fees including the name (s) of user (s) and the amount turned in.
 - E. Represent the Association in all forums, (public and private) with professionalism and always with the best interest of the Association in mind.
4. The Secretary shall:
- A. Keep a record of all business proceedings of the Association.
 - B. Notify all members of the time and place of all meetings of the Association.
 - C. Preside at meetings in the absence of the President, Vice President and Treasurer,
 - D. Handle all routine correspondence of the Association, both publicly and private.
 - E. Keep a record of the status of all members of the Association including but not limited to:
 - a. AMA membership and current number.
 - b. FCC license and current number (including expiration date).
 - c. Address and phone number of each member.

- F. Keep the current combination of the gate locks.
 - G. Keep the City of Austin Park and Recreation Department informed with names and contact information of the current officers of the Association.
 - H. Keep the AMA informed with the names and contact information of the current officers of the Association.
 - I. Complete and file the AMA Charter application on a yearly basis.
 - J. Represent the Association in all forums, (public and private) with professionalism and always with the best interest of the Association in mind.
5. The Safety Officer shall:
- A. Serve as a role model, educator and promoter of safety awareness.
 - B. Assist in the development of club activities from a safety aspect and provide support in running such activities as club events
 - C. Assist the members of the Executive Committee as necessary with club business and club events
 - D. Represent the Association as the position requires
 - E. Represent the Association in all forums, (public and private) with professionalism and always with the best interest of the Association in mind.

ARTICLE IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current Association officers and two elected members at large. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall preside at all meetings of the committee. If the President is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, then the Vice President shall preside.

The Executive Committee shall have the right to conduct all business of the Association by a majority vote of four (4) except when requiring a vote of the membership, or that which is deemed necessary to be brought before the membership of the Association in the interim between regular monthly club meetings. Votes on the Executive Committee decisions will be either “Yay” (yes) or “Nay” (no discussions).

ARTICLE V – OTHER CLUB AFFILIATIONS

1. The Association may affiliate or become allied with other organizations having the same purpose.
2. Recommendations for such action shall be made by the Executive Committee and ratified by majority vote of the membership at a regular club meeting.

ARTICLE VI – ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

1. Meetings shall be held monthly.
2. The Executive Committee shall determine the time and place of these meetings.

3. Each regular meeting of the Association should include:
 - A. A business session covering all items of regular business of the Association (including financial, status of members, programs and activities, etc.).
 - B. Votes based on motions made at previous meetings where advanced notice of a vote was required.

ARTICLE VII – BYLAW AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member of the Association.
2. Amendments to these Bylaws may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, provided that written notice has been given to all members. Notice should include:
3. Time, date, and description of the proposed amendment that is to be made.

ARTICLE VIII– MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND DESCRIPTIONS

An Association membership shall be open to any person who is interested in radio-controlled model aircraft. The Association maintains a list of members that fall into the following categories; Regular, Family, Senior, Associate, Youth and Honorary.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Association shall be open to all who are interested in radio control model aircraft who meet and maintain the requirements set forth by the Association. These requirements include but are not limited to;

1. Proof of a current membership with the Academy of Model Aeronautics within 90 days of submitting an online membership Application form.
2. All members regardless of type, must submit a completed online membership application form with all required information filled in accurately, and accept the agreement to the Field Rules and Code of Common Sense

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All members of the Association must maintain a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
 2. Members must comply with FCC rules and regulations.
 3. Members must pay Association dues and any previous balance by the 15th of January, of the new membership year. If dues is not paid, their membership status will be changed to “Suspended” until the balance is paid in full.
 4. All members are required to operate and fly according to the current Field Rules and Code of Common Sense.
 5. Youth Members and Honorary Members are not required to pay membership dues
- The Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend a membership and flying privileges for non-payment of any owed membership dues.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Memberships must be defined within one of the following Association application categories on the online membership application:

- A. **Regular open membership:** An Association member between the age of 19-64 and has a current membership with the AMA.
- B. **Family membership:** A family membership is two or more Association members that each have their own AMA membership, and live full time in the same household. One member must be over 18.

Example: 1 Adult + an under 18 member OR a husband and wife, OR a parent/guardian and their son or daughter. All family members must live full time at the same address. Each family member must submit a separate online Membership application.

- C. **Youth membership:** An Association member under the age of 18 and has a current "Youth" membership with the AMA. A Youth membership is valid through the individual's eighteenth birthday year. A Youth membership has no yearly dues.
- D. **Senior Citizen membership:** a person who holds an open and current AMA membership and is age 65 or older.
- E. **Associate Membership:** a person that lives in their primary residence that is at least 100 miles from the Association field and holds a current AMA membership.

OTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- A. **Honorary Membership:** A person who is nominated by any current Association member and elected by the membership through a vote. An Honorary member is not required to pay dues but must hold a current AMA membership.
- B. **Waived Membership:** A person who has their membership dues waived by the Executive Committee. The reason for being waived needs to be communicated at a regularly scheduled club meeting. Any person who has a waived membership must have a current AMA membership.

Each Association member except an Associate Member, shall have one vote in the normal course business of the Austin Radio Control Association.

ARTICLE IX – DUES AND FEES

1. Membership dues is used by the Association for such items as the AMA charter, field maintenance, correspondence, club projects and activities and other such items as agreed upon by the executive committee as provided in Article V of the Bylaws.
2. Executive Committee members, honorary members and waived members (upon Executive Committee approval) are exempt from paying dues, however, they must be defined and entered into one of the application categories listed in Article IX of these Bylaws.

3. Dues are assessed based on the type of membership held. The following rates apply until this section of the Association Bylaws is duly amended as provided in Article XIV of the Bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Regular membership	\$156 annually
Family membership	\$156 annually
Senior membership	\$72 annually
Associate Membership	\$54 annually
Youth Membership	\$0 annually
Honorary Membership	\$0 annually for life
Waived Membership	Discounted or \$0 based on Executive Committee approval

Table – 1 (updated January 2018)

4. Renewal dues is due at the end of each calendar year. The full amount per Article X-Table 1 shall be payable by January 15th of the new calendar year or a late fee may be assessed.
5. Dues for new members joining the Association during the year shall be based on prorated calculation of 1/12 the present annual dues per month, remaining in the current calendar year. Prorated rates apply to the following membership types;
1. Regular Memberships
 2. Family memberships

Special assessments for Association activities or field improvements may be made only by majority vote of two-thirds of the membership present at any regular, or called meeting of the Association provided previous notice has been given to the membership, either through the website, email or US Mail.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR AND EJECTION FROM PROPERTY OR FACILITIES

Austin Radio Control Association conducts membership and flight operations on land owned by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. As such, all members, non-members and guest pilots are subject to the following rules at all times when on this property:

- A. If a person's conduct violates these Bylaws, ARCA Field Operation Rules, Code of Common Sense, AMA Safety rules or is unlawful, disruptive, deliberately destructive, or hazardous, the person may be warned and asked to stop the conduct immediately by any current club member or current club officer.

If a person persists in the conduct after a warning, a club officer, or "agent" may eject such person or persons from the property by any reasonable means.

- B. If a person's conduct is criminal, poses an imminent threat of injury or property damage, or prevents the membership or any guest, enjoyment of the premises due to unsafe or unlawful behavior, a club officer Member-at-Large or proxy may eject such persons from the property by any reasonable means, including arrest.
(Austin City Code, Section 11-1-1)

Expulsion - Any member may be expelled from Austin Radio Control Association by a majority vote of the Executive Committee in cases where:

- A. The individual or individuals in question willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of terms in these Bylaws, ARCA Field Operation Rules, Code of Common Sense or AMA Safety rules, and that may be considered intentional or detrimental to the club, the AMA or to model aviation.

Expulsion Process - Any member may be expelled from Austin Radio Control Association after a majority vote of the Executive Committee on the individual or individuals has resulted in Expulsion.

After this vote, the Executive Committee is required to present the same vote to the membership in a regularly scheduled club meeting. The membership vote must result in a majority to have the club member expelled from the club.

If a majority vote is obtained, then the individual or individual's membership status will be suspended.

ARTICLE X - AMA CHARTER COMMITMENT

The Austin Radio Control Association shall maintain continuous status as an AMA chartered club for the purpose of additional insurance. Costs for the AMA charter shall be paid out of the treasury of the Association each year.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

Committees may be appointed by the President as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Any member of the Association, with the exception of Associate members. May propose amendments to these bylaws.