

**Flagler County
Radio Aero Modelers
Member Copy of
By Laws & Field Rules**

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This booklet has been published to provide information to all members of this esteemed organization. Your executive board has undertaken this to ensure that all members are informed of their rights and responsibilities as established by general membership through the life of these documents provided below. Additionally, the Executive Board would like to offer a hardy welcome to new members who have received this document for the first time, and to you "Old Salts" that have been with the club for years. We would like to say, "Thank you" for your support and commitment to this club. May all members, New and Old, have many years of great flying and fellowship with the greatest club in the world.

This charter of the above-named corporation will serve as its constitution, and this Charter will govern all business and activities of this organization. The club is chartered by The **Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)** and shall be perpetual.

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is "Flagler County Radio Aero Modelers" (F/C Rams). This is a nonprofit organization incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The articles of incorporation have been approved by and are filed with the office of Secretary of State, Florida.

Article II – Objectives

- To unite in one organization those people interested in model aviation.
- To promote all aspects of model aviation.
- To expose the younger generation to this Hobby/Sport.
- To provide a healthy and safe environment for all its members.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Requirements:

Any person that meets the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws may apply for membership.

Section 2 – Qualifications:

An applicant for membership must hold a valid AMA license.

Section 3 – Membership Classifications:

A. Junior Members: Must be 18 years of age or under, sponsored by a parent or legal guardian who will sign for them and agree to bear the burden of legal responsibility of the minor, and be present while the Junior Member is flying unless supervised by a Club Instructor. A Junior Member will be automatically elevated to full senior membership upon attaining their 18th birthday.

B. Senior Member: 18 years and older.

C. Limited Member: A Limited Membership may be purchased for one consecutive six-week period only once during any calendar year for a fee of \$40.00. For additional time a full membership is required.

D. Associate Member: An Associate Membership may be extended to any person or entity that are interested in the promotion of model aircraft activities but are not active model flyers. The Board of Directors shall approve all applicants for Associate Membership. Associate Members are exempt from all requirements concerning payment of fees, dues, meeting attendance and AMA Licenses. Associate Members are ineligible to vote.

Section 4 – Dues, Fees and Assessments:

An initiation fee of \$50.00 will be charged to all new members and submitted with an application for membership. Annual dues will be \$75.00 per year payable before December 31 of each year. Any new members paying full dues after October 1 shall be considered paid up for the remainder of the year plus the entire following year.

A. All club officers shall be required to pay dues for the length of his or her term in office.

B. Junior Members shall not pay dues.

C. Limited Members shall pay \$40.00 for one six-week period per year.

D. Assessment: A special assessment, when required, may be levied on members by a majority vote of the membership at any monthly regular meeting.

Section 5 – Delinquent Member:

A member who has not paid their yearly dues on or before December 31 or has failed to renew their AMA membership will be considered delinquent.

Section 6 – Reinstatement:

A delinquent member may be reinstated only by making a formal application for new membership and paying the initiation fee and dues.

Section 7 – Guests:

Full dues paying members may invite a guest to fly at our site if they are current AMA members and active flyers elsewhere. In addition, these guests must abide by all club rules and field regulations. A maximum of three days flying during any calendar year is permitted. Additional flying will require a limited or a full club membership.

Article IV – Officers

Section I – Officers:

The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter editor. The officers shall serve a regular term of office of (2) years or until relieved by a duly elected successor.

Section 2 -Vacated office:

In the event that the Office of President is vacated, the Vice President shall advance to the vacated position. The positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor shall be filled by special elections. The President, with the loss of an officer, may appoint an interim replacement. A special election must be held within three months for the permanent replacement.

Section 3 – Board of Directors:

The Board of directors shall consist of the current officers plus the immediate Past President and such other members as the President may find necessary.

Article V – Elections

Section 1 – Elections:

Elections shall be held every (2) years at a regular scheduled meeting of the organization in the month of November.

Section 2 – Nominations:

Two months before the scheduled election of officers, the President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members. The committee shall submit to the membership a panel of (two) candidates for each position. The nominating committee should have determined at this point that all nominees presented are qualified and willing to serve in the position nominated. Nominations from the floor are encouraged. To be qualified for nomination, the nominee shall have been a member in good standing for a period of twelve (12) months preceding the date of elections.

Section 3 – Procedures:

The nominating committee shall prepare the secret balloting, conduct the elections and serve as teller and supervisor.

Section 4 – Results

The results of the election shall be announced immediately and all club properties shall be transferred from the incumbent officers to the newly elected officers immediately following the December meeting. Prior to the transfer of the organizations financial records and funds, a committee appointed by the newly elected President will perform an audit. Discrepancies will be resolved or presented to the membership for discussion and resolution.

Article VI – Duties of Officers

Section 1 – President:

The President shall preside at ALL meetings. He shall appoint committees as he deems necessary. The President shall prescribe the duties of all committees unless prescribed by specific regulations.

Section 2 -Vice President:

The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall be Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3 – Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and attend to all club correspondence. He shall keep an attendance record of the members at each meeting and shall notify by mail those members who are delinquent in their dues resulting in their loss of club privileges.

Section 4 – Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall keep all financial records and receive all funds. He shall maintain the organization's bank account and sign all disbursements. He shall furnish a monthly financial report. He shall notify the Secretary of members who are delinquent in their dues. He shall submit a budget for the current year at the February membership meeting. The President may authorize emergency disbursements from this budget up to Two Hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Section 5 – Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall prepare and mail or E-mail the Newsletter to all members of the club every other month or more often if the situation warrants.

Article VII – Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held once each month. The President may call special meetings by notification of the membership. The Secretary will provide all members with the time and place of all meetings. Failure of the Secretary to notify the members shall not nullify any procedures conducted at any meeting where a quorum is in attendance.

Article VIII – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of no less than 20 active members. No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

The rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization, subject to special rules that have been or may be hereinafter adopted.

Article X – Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting that has been called for that purpose. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the membership at the previous meeting.

Article XI – Dissolution

In the event that this organization becomes inactive, it shall be the duty of the remaining officers to dissolve the corporation and notify the Secretary of the State of Florida. Association assets and funds shall be prorated among the active members remaining at the time of dissolution.

Article XII – Grievance Procedures (Flight and ground safety rules)

A. Purpose

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by stating a progressive disciplinary system when needed.

B. Safety Committee

Although most violations of safety rules may be resolved informally, those that cannot will be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned in to the Safety Committee Chairman. At least two witnesses to the violation will be required to sign the Grievance Form.

C. Grievance Committee

When necessary a Grievance Committee of three senior members will be appointed by the president to oversee the grievance process.

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

First Violation

- Will be reviewed and documented. The individual will be notified in writing by the Safety Committee that a formal complaint was filed.

Second Violation

- The second violation reported within a twelve (12) month period will be reviewed and documented.
- The individual will be notified in writing that the second violation is being reported to the Executive Board.
- After review, the Executive Board may suspend the individual's flying privileges for thirty (30) days. If such action is taken, the individual will be notified in writing.

Third Violation

- The third violation reported within a twelve-month period will be reviewed and documented.
- The individual will be notified in writing that the third violation will be brought before the general membership at its next scheduled meeting.
- The members will be notified in writing that the matter of a third violation will be on the agenda.
- After review and a 2/3 vote to terminate by secret ballot of the membership in attendance at the meeting, an individual's membership will be terminated for one year.

Flagler County Radio Aero Modelers Field Rules January 1, 2011

1. Your current AMA CARD MUST BE PLACED ON THE BOARD BEFORE FLYING.

2. Transmitters must not be turned on unless the pilot is in possession of the proper frequency pin. (2.4 transmitters do not require a frequency pin.) All transmitters must be kept in the impound area when the pilot is not flying.

3. No flying over the spectator area.

4. No standing on the runway while flying.

5. No spectators are allowed on the flight line while flying is active.

6. No inexperienced pilot will fly without the help of one of the club instructors.

7. A common flight pattern must be used whenever more than one aircraft is flying at the same time. All take-off turns must be away from the spectator area. No acrobatics are allowed over the runway.

8. Boundaries: All members are to fly inside the confines of the dirt road that surrounds the flying field and 1000 feet north of the field.

9. Only jets with ducted fan motors are allowed at our field. No jet turbine engines are allowed.

10. All pilots must make it known in a loud and clear voice what you intend to do with your aircraft.

- a. Taking off.
- b. Landing/Coming in.
- c. Dead Stick Landing
- d. On the field
- e. Out of Control.

11. No smoking is allowed on the field.

12. No alcoholic beverages are allowed while flying.

13. The gate combination shall not be given to non-members.

14. The last person to leave the field must close and lock the gate.

CROSSWIND RUNWAY.

A. When making a NORTHEAST takeoff, pilots must make a left turn- towards the NORTH after taking off.

B. Helicopter pilots cannot fly when the SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST RUNWAY IS IN USE.

C. Normal flight pattern will be used when flying.

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