

MARSHALL AERO MODELERS CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be **Marshall Aero Modelers Club.**

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

1. Promote model aviation and model flying safety.
2. Maintain the model flying site.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership calendar is January 1 to December 31 Fees are due by Jan. 1 and are delinquent Jan. 15. .
After January 15, combination of lock to gate may be changed and given to paid-up members only.
2. All members must have AMA insurance.

3. Membership dues	Individuals	\$50
	Family	\$60
	Senior (65 & older)	\$30
	* Non Mow Fee	\$50
	Juniors (under 19) and still in school	\$0

*** Mowing is required:** To gain a non-mow status, members can choose to pay a \$50 fee.

*** Exemption:** Members, with medical conditions that would preclude them from mowing shall be exempt and not required to pay the mowing fee

Prospective club members:

- (a) anyone wishing to join the MAM will complete a membership form. The membership committee will review the application and will inform the member by mail as to his or her acceptance. An applicant waiting on committee action will be allowed to fly with a MAM members, and this agreement will be honored until such time as member is notified by the membership committee. This agreement is contingent upon the applicant having a valid and current AMA number. The membership committee will answer the applicants request usually within one week. If approved the new member will receive a copy of the MAM bi-laws, current club roster, mowing schedule, and gate code.
 - (b) Joining after January 15 of a year will pay a prorated fee of \$5 per month, including the month joined. Seniors will pay either the \$5 per month or \$30, whichever is less.
 - (c) Mowing is required. (Mowing shall include entire field. runway, pit area, one pass on outside of fence, weed eating etc.)
 - (d) Non mowers pay \$50 fee or \$25 if joining after June 30.
4. Major policy changes, revisions to this document, changes in fee structure, and large expenditures require the approval of the membership.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

1. Meetings will be held monthly, with officers nominated at the November meeting.
2. Meetings are to be held the 3rd Sunday: @ 2 pm at the field. Change due to weather and other possible situations will be announced by a club officer..
3. Officers will be nominated at the annual November meeting by nomination from the floor and elected by majority vote.
4. Other meetings, a workday, for example, may be called as needed.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. Term of office is for one year, beginning Jan. 1 and may serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
2. Club officers are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, and Safety Coordinator.
3. If an officer cannot complete his/her term, nominations will be solicited from the membership for a replacement, and an election will be held.
4. Officers are responsible for keeping the members informed by making available: (a) this document, (b) member roster, (with officers and instructors noted), and (c) notices of meetings and events as soon as possible after Jan 1. Activities and reports should be provided, as applicable.
5. Officers are to conduct the day-to-day club business, including utility bill payments, club insurance acquisition, coordinating mowing activities, and coordinating repairs and upkeep.

ARTICLE VI. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. All members are responsible for flying safety.
2. *Marshall Aero Modelers' Flying Field Rules and Safety Rules** are an integral part of the Bylaws
3. All AMA and IMAA safety rules must be adhered to at all times.
4. Keeping the flying field clean and safe is everyone's responsibility
5. Officers are responsible for keeping information/application packets on hand at the flying field.
6. No Turbine Powered aircraft.
7. No Helicopter or 3D flying over the runway
 - (a) All hovering & flying shall be in the pattern, and to the east side of the runway.
 - (b) Runway must remain clear and open at all times.
 - (c) Only exception is at special events with the CD's approval

ARTICLE VII. RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION,

EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Marshall Aero Modelers Club, if in their determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is in violation of any of the terms of these Articles and Bylaws, or the Rules of AMA. or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

1. In the event that this Club is dissolved or otherwise discontinues operations, all properties of this club shall be donated to another non-profit organization with the same statement of purpose as this Club, if desired, or to a charity so chosen by the members at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE IX. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. *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 Coordinator for consideration by a Safety Committee chosen by the membership to review such matters, as needed. At least one witness should sign a grievance form.
2. *Safety Committee.* This Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
 - (a). Grievance form shall be filled out and turned into the Safety Coordinator, one witness required.
 - (b). **FIRST VIOLATION.** Viewpoints of both the complainant and accused will be considered. The complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Committee, and this will be recorded in the files.
 - (c). **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 shall be issued and members shall be informed.
 - (d). **THIRD VIOLATION.** The Committee will notify the accused in writing, and the Club members shall be notified 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 members). Voting will be by secret ballot, and a member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. 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 the grievance, or a member of the Committee or the Club, 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 Safety Committee.

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