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This document forms part of the SAMAA Manual of Procedures. It is to be used by SAMAA Members and Registered Clubs in all activities associated with the flying of model aircraft in the RSA.

1. Purpose

This policy refers to any exemption required, long or short term, for any of the following;

- a.) Establishing and registering a Model flying field, within an existing CTR or within 5 NM of an aerodrome.
- b.) Registering a flying site which needs special exemptions.
- c.) The flying of a Model aircraft whose weight exceeds 25 Kgs(Not Permitted, negotiations presently in progress with RAASA)
- d.) The flying of a model aircraft above a public road.
- e.) The registration of Club or flying area for a height exemption. (ie a glider club or Competition)
- f.) The flying of a model aircraft at night, at a registered field.
- g.) Permission to hold a Model Aircraft Airshow at an aerodrome, military airbase or a unregistered field/site.
- h.) Authorization to fly Model Aircraft at a military base.
- i.) Permission to hold Special Events involving Model Aircraft.
- j.) Procedure to make Specification changes or apply relaxations which require CAA permission and approval..
- k.) Permission to allow full size aircraft, do a fly- by or demonstration at a model Airshow.
- l.) Permission to discharge or drop items from a Model aircraft.

This procedure has been produced to ensure that any Club or Group who need to obtain permission , may submit an application for a temporary or longer term permission to be granted for the Event or to a Club, at the requested venue.

This submittal/request is to be done in a controlled way, by submitting the Form “ Application for Exemption from CAR ” complete with all relevant information, to SAMAA, who if in agreement, will approve the application, and forward it to the RAASA for approval.

The application must be submitted at least 30 days, in some cases 84days, before the Event, as the approval process is dependant on the CAA meeting schedules.

2. Applicable Documents

This procedure is to support any request for an exemption for any change to, or relaxation of, the requirements of CAR ,and

an Application, fully documented with motivation and details, must be submitted to the SAMAA office on Form F16

3. Policy

The SAMAA requires that all Model Aircraft , both flying and construction, conform to, and abide by, all CAA Regulations, as set out in the applicable CAR`s and CAT`s.

And if exemption, relaxation or changes, is required to any Regulation, then Application shall be made through SAMAA to the CAA for a exemption to be granted on a temporary basis, or possibly a longer term, by the CAA.

4. Definitions

Registered Club	An area approved by C.A.A. for the operation of Model Aircraft.
CAR`s	Civil Aviation Regulations
CAT`s	Civil Aviation Technical Specifications.
Club	SAMAA registered Club
SAMAA	South Africa Model Aeronautical Association
RAASA	An Organization approved by C.A.A. to administer, recreational full size and model aviation activity

5.Procedures

- (g) The Club , group or Association that requires a temporary exemption shall complete the ‘SAMAA Application for Exemption to CAR ’ Form F16
- (h) The completed Form together with a site plan, maps and all other applicable information, together with the motivation, is to be sent to SAMAA for processing at least 60 days prior to the date approval is required.
- (i) The SAMAA shall Consider the application and check that all details have been provided
- (j) The SAMAA shall decide whether to support the application or not.
- (k) If application is supported, the completed Form noting the SAMAA approval shall be forwarded to the RAASA. office for their consideration.
- (l) Upon receipt, RAASA shall assess the Application, and if satisfied that the request complies with their requirements, approve the application, and pass it on to CAMU or any other Air Space authorizing Body, and on completion return the documentation to the SAMAA, with applicable conditions and comments, and hopefully approvals.
- (m) SAMAA shall, on receipt, send a copy to the applicant Club, group or Association.

6. Responsibilities

- (f) The applicant Club, Group or Association is responsible to identify when and why an Exemption is required.
- (g) The applicant Club, Group or Association is responsible to ensure that all the documentation required, is sent to the SAMAA within the time required prior to the date the Extension is required.
- (h) The Association is responsible to check the application and if approved pass the application onto the relevant C.A.A. Office for consideration.
- (i) The SAMAA is responsible to advise the applicant of the CAA’s decision
- (j) The Club is responsible to ensure that all model aircraft conform to, and comply with, the “Exemption Approved” and the conditions attached, if any, of the approval.

7. Forms

The “Application for Application for **Exemption from Civil Aviation Regulations**” – **Form F12** is available from the SAMAA office or on the SAMAA website.

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