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This Policy and/or Procedure forms part of the SAMAA Manual of Procedures. This entire document is for use by SAMAA members and Registered Clubs in their conduct of the activities associated with the flying of model aircraft in the RSA.

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1. **Purpose**  
This Procedure is to ensure the SAMAA members conform to an acceptable Code of Ethics in their participation of the sport of Model Aviation.
2. **Definitions**  
**SAMAA** South African Model Aircraft Association  
**Member** Member of the SAMAA
3. **Applicable Documents**  
The SAMAA Operations Policies and Procedures Handbook  
The SAMAA Constitution  
The SAMAA Safety Code
4. **Code of Ethics**  
The SAMAA is an anti-discriminatory and harassment-free organisation and abides by the following Code:
  - a) The purpose of this Code is to protect the health, safety and well-being of all SAMAA members and those who participate in the activities of SAMAA and the activities of its members.
  - b) SAMAA also seeks to provide a safe environment for those participating in the activities of SAMAA and its members.
  - c) This Code confirms that SAMAA and its members will not tolerate harassment, discrimination or abuse of those involved in its, or its members', activities.
  - d) This code also records SAMAA commitment to strong ethical principles of requiring that all people participating in its activities must comply with principles of responsible and professional behaviour.
  - e) SAMAA believes everyone who participates in its, and its members', activities has the right to be treated with respect and dignity and they have the right to have any complaints dealt with in a fair, confidential and sensitive manner.
  - f) This Code also recognises that certain types of harassment and discrimination are unlawful and that the notification of abuse to the relevant Government authority, in certain cases, is a legal requirement.
  - g) SAMAA and its members also seek to recruit and retain only those people who commit to the principles set out in this Code.

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- h) SAMAA members are required to act in accordance with relevant Government laws and are to abide by the appropriate Government regulations that apply to those people who have unsupervised contact with children under the age of eighteen (18) years.
5. **Responsibility**  
It is the responsibility of all SAMAA members to ensure that their activities conform to the Code of Ethics and that they respect the rights of other modellers.
6. **R/C Field Etiquette**  
Field etiquette is intended to outline those matters which are expected of all SAMAA flyers and pilots as common courtesy and, in some instances, for safety.
  - a) All R/C pilots will respect and abide by the Safety Code.
  - b) The Safety Code is designed to protect Club members, visitors and spectators.
  - c) It is the responsibility of every member of SAMAA to obey the rules at all times as well as to see that these rules are followed by others.
  - d) R/C pilots will restrict their use of the operating frequency to twenty (20) minutes when others are waiting.
  - e) R/C pilots will ensure that the operation of their model does not interfere with the enjoyment of the hobby/sport by others. These would include, but not be limited to, loud aircraft, unnecessary running of model engines in pilot areas, prop washing other aircraft in the pits etc.
  - f) R/C pilots will be considerate when sharing the sky with other R/C pilots by operating their aircraft in such a way so as not to interfere with others.