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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.

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1. **Purpose**
This Procedure is to ensure that the SAMAA Special Interest Groups 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

SIG Special Interest Group

FAI Federation Aeronautique Internationale
3. **Applicable Documents**
The SAMAA Operations Policies and Procedures Handbook
The SAMAA Constitution
The SAMAA Safety Code
4. **Code of Ethics**
The FAI have laid down a brief Code of Ethics which applies to all persons, be it pilots, judges, helpers, jury members etc. The SAMAA, as a member of the FAI, is in agreement with the Policy stated and has adopted the following:
 - a) **Dignity**
Dignity of all individuals who participate in air sport in any capacity shall be safeguarded and maintained. There shall be no form of discrimination based on any criteria other than merit and performance. Cheating, in any form - including doping - will not be tolerated. The principle of fair play shall be applied by all competitors and officials.
 - b) **Good Name**
All participants have a duty to uphold the good name of the FAI and the air sports community. They shall refrain from harassing or inflicting any form of physical or mental injury on other members of that community or on society as a whole.
 - c) **Integrity**
All FAI participants shall act in accordance with the highest standard of integrity when representing their country.
 - d) **Disclosure**
All those to whom these rules apply must, if facing a possible conflict of interests, refrain from giving their opinion, making decisions or accepting benefits and must make a declaration of their interests (verbally or in writing) to the Controlling Body.

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- e) **Consequence**
Any breach of this Code of Ethics will be considered by the Controlling Body and disciplinary action may be taken against the member or members involved.
- f) All members of a SIG shall conform to the SAMAA (and FAI) Code of Ethics.
- g) All activities conducted by the SIG should be aimed at promoting the sport of model aviation both for the specific discipline and in general.
- h) Neither the SIG, nor its members, shall do anything to bring the sport of model aviation into disrepute.
- i) The SIG shall conduct itself, at all times, in a manner that is consistent with the aims and objectives of the SAMAA.
- j) Membership of the SIG will be open to any other members of the SAMAA nationally. All members will be treated equally and consistently.
- k) Any events organised by the SIG on behalf of SAMAA will be open to all SAMAA members. SIG membership shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- l) The SIG shall endeavour to ensure that its members treat each other with mutual respect and support each other in the development of both individual and collective skills.
- m) Debates on issues concerning the SIG and its members shall be conducted in a positive manner without personal or insulting comments being made, particularly in a public forum or the media.