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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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A National Championship should be self-funding. In fact such an event should be seen as a means of raising funds for both the host Club and the SIG involved, i.e. the event should run at a profit.

Experience has shown that there are several crucial steps that Nat's. Organisers should take to ensure a satisfactory financial outcome: -

- (a) They must prepare a budget and work towards realising this budget
- (b) They must set entry fees at a realistic level
- (c) They must advertise the event to the public and clubs
- (d) They must set a date which gives them time to organise the event properly
- (e) They must find sponsors
- (f) They must be proactive

SAMAA has amongst its members, a number of people who have wide experience in running Nationals. The SAMAA Management Committee can refer prospective National Organisers to such people for help, or give guidance if need be.

Only in unusual circumstances, Organisers may approach the SAMAA Management Committee for funding assistance.

SAMAA at its discretion, and provided the budget and finances allow, may make donation.