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CLUB NAME

RULES (ACCORDING TO PARAGAPH XXXXX OF THE CONSTITUTION)

- **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- The official application form for membership is available from either the Secretary or Treasurer of the club. The application procedure is described in Annexure A.
- Only accepted methods of payment, including electronic fund transfers into the applicable bank account (as detailed in the application), will be considered. The deposit slip (or other **mutually** agreed upon proof of payment) must be attached to the application document.
- Membership fees are payable on a pro rata basis and are calculated from the 1st day of the month that the application is submitted to the end of the club's current financial year.
- Entry fees are fully payable irrespective of when the application to join is submitted.
- Applications for membership of the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) must be made directly to the SAMAA office of the association (while awaiting for confirmation of a SAMAA number, mutually agreed upon proof of payment of fees to SAMAA will serve as interim membership of the association)
- SAMAA membership is to be renewed annually on or before the expiry date (except for those SAMAA members who have been awarded life membership).
- The Secretary of the club will inform new members what frequencies are available for use (for those who are not already on the 2.4 GHz band).
- Fully paid-up members will receive a membership card on an annual basis.

- **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- Membership fees will be dealt with as per clause **4.5** of the club constitution.
- Members who neglect to pay fees before the 1st of, shall be treated in terms of clause **4.5** and paragraph **4.6.3** of the constitution.

- **FLYING AREA**

- Pilots will, at all times, position themselves **between** their aircraft and any buildings, hangars, club houses, etc., and the pit area whilst flying.
- It is **strictly** prohibited to fly over any buildings, hangars, club houses, parking areas, pits, and spectator areas.
- Pilots may not disturb any forms of wildlife whilst flying, for example chasing birds, flying low over animals, etc.

- **FREQUENCY CONTROL**

- The frequency control system that is employed at the **CLUB NAME** is the "Peg on" system. To this end every member shall place his club membership card as well as his current, valid SAMAA card on the frequency that he will be flying on. This will constitute the "peg" for that frequency.
- Pilots using a 2.4 GHz system will place their "peg" (as outlined above) on the 2.4 GHz board. No more than **six** pilots may occupy this frequency band at any given time. (for clarification, this means that only six systems may be in use at any given time, regardless if an airplane is on the ground at that time)
- Transmitters must be switched off before they are placed in the Tx pound

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- All new transmitters or transmitters belonging to new members will be scrutinized by the Safety Officer or a member of the management committee to ensure that the frequency complies to that of the crystal in the transmitter before it is switched on.
- A range check must be conducted prior to the day's flying to ensure that the transmitter is functioning properly, the batteries are fully charged and the flight pack (receiver and servos) are working as they should.
- Pilots may not occupy a given frequency for longer than twenty minutes if there are others waiting to use the same frequency (this includes transmitters being used to set up aircraft engines or for whatever other reason)
- The presence of a "peg" on the frequency board gives the holder of that "peg" clearance to fly
- No pilot will be allowed to fly if his "peg" does not appear on the frequency board.
- In the event that the combination of the SAMAA membership card as well as the club membership card (the "peg" for frequency control purposes) is lost or left at home, the Safety Officer must be informed so that he is aware that they must be replaced. A Visitor card will be issued on the basis that it is a temporary arrangement until such time that the lost cards are replaced / produced. The SAMAA card must be replaced through contact with the SAMAA office, and the club membership card will be re-issued by the Secretary of the club.

SAFETY RULES

- **Manned, full-size aircraft have right of way at all times, whether in the circuit or on the ground**
- Dependent on the flying conditions at the time, each pilot must be accompanied by a 2nd person (spotter) to alert him with regards to the proximity of other model aircraft, or approaching full-size aircraft. This is particularly the case with student pilots or pilots who are not familiar with multiple aircraft in the air at the same time.
- Pilots must give clear notifications of their intentions when flying e.g. by loudly declaring "Take-off" prior to doing the same. Take-offs may only be executed from the active runway in use at the time. Before entering the active runway, pilots shall ensure that there are no other aircraft either landing or taking-off. Once airborne, each pilot shall position himself on the verge of the runway, or in the pilot's box if applicable.
- Pilots are, once again, to clearly announce their intention to land by loudly declaring the same. Once on the ground the pilot and aircraft must clear the runway as quickly as possible.
- **EMERGENCIES (INCLUDING TOTAL LOSS OF POWER "DEAD STICK") HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES. A pilot who experiences a total loss of power must shout "Dead stick!" to alert other pilots to stay clear of the runway.**
- Low, high-speed passes directly over the runway are not permitted. Such manoeuvres are to take place at least ten metres on the opposite side of the active runway.
- No model aircraft may approach the active runway at a heading 90° to the runway heading and then veer away, unless in the landing approach circuit.
- Pilots (members, guests, or visitors) who are suspected of substance abuse (alcohol or drugs) will NOT be permitted to fly. No pilot is permitted to use any drugs or alcohol during the course of flying sessions.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the pit area.
- Any member who has been warned with regards to the use of drugs and/or alcohol whilst attempting to fly or whilst flying, is liable to have disciplinary steps taken against them.
- Pilots must ensure that their aircraft are airworthy before start-up.
- The Safety Officer, or his designated representative, reserves the right to refuse any person from flying as a result of an unsafe (flying) situation arising for any reason whatsoever.
- The Safety Officer/designated representative has the right to approach any person on behalf of the club and bring to their attention that they have acted in an unsafe manner and has transgressed club rules, and ask them to vacate the premises.

AIRFIELD COURTESY

- Pilots are obliged to show respect for fellow fliers, visitors, and guests, by not running their engines at full throttle in the pit area which results in blowing dust and depositing fuel on other model aircraft in the vicinity.
- Use of members' equipment and tools without their express, prior permission is prohibited.

- **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

- A landing fee (currently R50 per day), which will be reviewed by the management from time to time, is to be paid by all visiting pilots. This rate is negotiable for pilots visiting during holiday season(s) who wish to fly on more than one occasion.
- The amount of times that a visiting pilot may use the facilities at the club is currently not restricted. However this may be reviewed for further approval at the management's discretion.
- A visiting pilot may use the club's facilities, subject to a Visitor's card being issued to him by a member of management. Such Visitor's card may be issued once proof of current, valid SAMAA membership is established, landing fees are fully paid, and the visitor agrees (in writing) to abide to club rules.

- **SPECTATORS**

- Members accept full responsibility for any person that they have invited to join them as (guest) spectators. Spectators are prohibited from going into the pit area or onto the active runway.
- Spectators who act in a manner that is contrary to club rules may be asked to leave the premises by a member of management.

- **MEMBERS IN TRAINING**

- All new pilots who have applied for membership, visitors, and guests, must have their proficiency evaluated by the Training Officer of the club.
- New entrants to the hobby who have gone through the application process, must submit to a training programme as set out by the Training Officer. Such entrants will only be allowed fly solo once the Training Officer has satisfied himself that the trainee has acquired the necessary skills to do so.

- **MAIDEN FLIGHTS**

No other model aircraft are allowed in the air when a "maiden" (first flight of an aircraft) is to take place. Arrangements for the maiden flight are to be discussed with the other pilots at the field at that time.

- **GENERAL RULES**

- Membership of SAMAA and the club is a mandatory requirement of the club. Each member shall ensure that their membership of both bodies is current, and must be able to produce current membership cards of both on request of management.
- Drivers of vehicles shall use existing roadways only. Members shall park in the designated parking area. Visitors are only allowed to park in the Visitors area.
- No litter is allowed to be strewn around the site (the RC flying site is to be kept clean at all times).
- All IC engines shall be fitted with an effective muffler (silencer). Management will have the final word what constitutes an effective muffler.
- It is each member's duty to conduct themselves at the club and at all other facility that is involved in similar activity, in such a manner so as not to bring the club's reputation into disrepute.
- The facilities at the club may not be used for any other purpose, other than that laid down in the constitution.

- Any uncertainty concerning the above rules must be clarified with a member of the management. Suggestions with regards to improvements related to any safety issues should be submitted to management for consideration.

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 CHAIRPERSON (SIGNATURE)
 DATE

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 CHAIRPERSON (NAME & SURNAME)

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 SECRETARY (SIGNATURE)
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 SECRETARY (NAME & SURNAME)

ANNEXURE A

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Application forms and SAMAA details as well as any other relevant information will be furnished to the applicant by a member of management.
2. The following must be brought to the attention of the applicant:
 - 2.1 He will receive temporary membership for a probationary period of **3 months**
 - 2.2 His application will not be considered if he is not a paid up member of SAMAA.
3. Completed application forms must be handed to the Treasurer, accompanied by payment or proof of payment of membership and joining fees.
4. In the event that monies are paid directly into the club account or that an electronic transfer of funds takes place, the applicant must ensure that his name is spelt correctly on the deposit slip or electronic proof of payment
5. A temporary member may not start flying until such time that a frequency has been allocated to him by the Secretary of the club.
6. After an application has been reviewed and approved by the management committee, the application must be submitted to the Secretary for loading onto the club's database.
7. Unless otherwise decided by the management committee (for valid reason) after the **3 month** probationary period has expired, a temporary member shall be awarded full membership,
8. In both cases (i.e. temporary and full membership) the Secretary has to inform the member, in writing of his current status