

New Milford Model Airplane Club

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

New Milford Model Airplane Club

B. LOCATION

New Milford, CT, USA

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To promote the sport of model aviation, and to provide a safe environment in which to enjoy it.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

AMA membership mandatory to fly at club field.

B. DUES

Provisional pending flying site requirements.

C. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club in forfeit of paid dues.

D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

E. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission, which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

F. REINSTATEMENT

Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated as a member only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected annually in March by club majority of members present.

C. DUTIES

The President shall preside at meetings, the Vice President shall preside in the absence of the president. The Secretary shall record minutes and the Treasurer shall maintain club funds.

D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

Safety Officer, Field Marshall, Committee Chairman, Program Chairman. To be appointed when deemed necessary by officers' vote.

E. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining officers.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Held at field unless otherwise arranged.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Three (3) days advance notice to all members.

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All records are passed on when new officers are elected.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees, Special Committees, and Committee Membership. To be appointed by officers as required.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer positions may originate from the floor or by mail thirty (30) days prior to elections.

B. ELECTION

Elections shall be held at a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice shall be given to all members prior to the election.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. ROBERT'S RULES

B. FISCAL YEAR

March 1 to March 1.

C. NEWSLETTER

Provisional.

D. CLUB LOGO

Provisional.

E. STANDING RULES

F. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

A. PROPOSED

By any member.

B. APPROVAL

By Any two members.

C. VOTING

By two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members.

**ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
(FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system if and when required. Although most complaints may be resolved informally, a serious incident should be referred to the Safety Committee for consideration by means of a Grievance Form. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. After reviewing the form, the Safety Officer/Committee shall use their judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A. GRIEVANCE FORM

A grievance form will be filled out and presented to the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

B. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

C. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and published in the Club newsletter.

D. THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

E. ACTIONS

The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

F. RETALIATION

Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliatory action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This includes: threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.