



**SKY KNIGHTS
RC Flying Club
BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

- 1.1 The organization name shall be the 'Sky Knights Radio Control Club of Portland, Oregon, Inc.'.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- 2.1 The primary objective of this club shall be to assist each member in achieving that which he seeks from-radio control aeromodeling.
- 2.2 The club shall establish basic rules of conduct and shall define club activities.
- 2.3 The club shall be non-profit.
- 2.4 -The club shall maintain continuing effort to provide flying sites for members.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Any responsible individual showing an interest in building and/or flying radio controlled model aircraft shall be eligible for membership.
- 1.2 Membership is available in three categories:
 - A. Adult – Shall be defined as any person 18 years or older who meets membership criteria
 - B. Family – Shall be defined as membership that includes spouses and/or minor dependants.
 - C. Junior – Shall be defined as any person under 18 years old as of the beginning of the Membership Year (Article IV Section 4.1)
 1. At all times, Junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- 3.3 All members shall maintain a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- 3.4 All members shall have read and shall comply with these Bylaws.
- 3.5 No member shall participate in club activities nor be extended voting privileges until the' full amount of his dues has been paid as specified under ARTICLE IV- DUES.
- 3.6 By a majority vote the membership with a quorum present and voting at a regular business meeting the Club may place a limit on total Club membership.
- 3.7 New Membership shall be defined as any new member or any previous member who has not paid full dues for at least two previously consecutive membership years

ARTICLES IV - DUES

- 4.1 The Membership year shall be April 1st through March 31st.
- 4.2 Club dues shall be paid at a rate established by the general membership. Dues for membership are due PRIOR to the beginning of the membership year.
 - A. Current Annual Membership Dues for new members and members in good standing are:
 1. Adult \$90.00
 2. Family \$140.00
 3. Junior \$ 45.00

- 4.3 The rate, as approved by the general membership, may include late payment fees, dues increases and/or special membership discounts.
- 4.4 New members shall pay an initiation fee; which shall be established by the general membership.
- 4.5 Dues for membership after the beginning of the membership year shall be prorated based on the following calculations:
 - A. Memberships beginning after April 1st but before September 30th - full dues, plus any applicable late fees
 - B. Memberships beginning after September 30th, dues shall be one-half of the annual membership of the then annual membership cost.
- 4.6 Dues shall not be refundable.
- 4.7 All members, upon payment of dues, shall be entered on the membership roster and shall be presented with a membership card, name tag (first year members only), and a copy of these Bylaws.
- 4.8 Members will be considered in arrears if dues are not paid in full within 30 days of the beginning of the membership year and shall be assessed penalties and be suspended from the club roster and club activities in accordance with a plan approved by the general membership.
 - A. Late payment fee - \$10.00
- 4.9 Reinstatement of prior members to active status

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

- 5.1 Regular business meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise scheduled by the membership.
- 5.2 Regular meetings are open to all members and their guests.
- 5.3 Additional meetings may be called by the President, or any five members of the Executive Committee, upon due notification of the membership.
- 5.4 The order of business at Regular Meetings shall be:
 - 1. Call meeting to order.
 - 2. Introduce guests.
 - 3. Introduce prospective members.
 - 4. Reading of the minutes of previous meetings, with approval.
 - 5. Reading of correspondence.
 - 6. Treasurer's report and approval.
 - 7. Special reports.
 - 8. Unfinished business.
 - 9. New business.
 - 10. Adjournment.
 - 11. Entertainment or Special Activities.
- 5.5 Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all questions of procedures not otherwise covered in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

- 6.1 Candidates for election shall have been members for one year at time of election.
- 6.2 Club officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Treasure, and Secretary.
- 6.3 No member shall hold more than one office at any one time.
- 6.4 Officers shall be elected for a term of one year, commencing with the first regular meeting in January.
- 6.5 Nominations shall be made at the October and November meetings, with the election to be held at the November meeting at the close of nominations.
- 6.6 Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval by the membership. Presidential vacancies may be filled by election only.
- 6.7 Any officer may be recalled by a vote of the majority of the whole membership. The membership shall be notified, in writing, of the time and place of any recall vote.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF CLUB OFFICERS

- 7.1 The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, and enforce the Bylaws. The PRESIDENT will designate the Club News Letter Editor, the Video Librarian and the Club Safety Officer; and may appoint Committees.
- 7.2 The VICE-PRESIDENT will preside at all meetings, preserve order, and enforce the Bylaws in the absence of the President.
- 7.3 The TREASURER shall receive all monies due the club, and regularly deposit said monies, except petty cash, in the club checking account. Petty cash shall be kept less than \$25.00. He shall keep an accurate and current record of all financial dealing of the club, and shall present an itemized report at each Regular Meeting which, when accepted, shall be included in the minutes.
- 7.4 The SECRETARY shall record the proceedings of all meetings in a special book for the purpose. He shall conduct the correspondence of the club, and shall retain a copy of all correspondence received by his office.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

- 8.1 Any member may recommend, and vote on a amendment to the Bylaws.
- 8.2 Amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in writing and shall be read and discussed at a Regular meeting. A vote shall be taken at the next Regular Meeting.
- 8.3 Adoption of amendments, changes in Club dues and setting limitations on Club membership shall require a 2 3 majority vote in favor by the members present and voting with a quorum present. A quorum shall be one third (1/3) of the Club membership at the time of the vote.

ARTICLE IX - PERMANENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

- 9.1 The Club shall annually sponsor the North West Seaplane Championships held at a time and place as approved by the membership.

ARTICLE X - RULES OF CONDUCT

10.1 Members shall comply with the AMA Safety Code and Rules of Conduct.

10.2 All members shall conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman like manner at all time. Any member not conforming to the rules of conduct will be called before the Grievance Committee for possible disciplinary action.

- 1 The Grievance Committee shall consist of Club Officers plus three non-officer members appointed by the President.
- 2 The Grievance Committee shall investigate reports of violations of conduct by members.
- 3 If the Grievance Committee determines that a member violated the rules of conduct they shall advise the offending member of their findings and that continued inappropriate or improper conduct will not be tolerated in the future.
- 4 If additional complaints of improper or inappropriate conduct are substantiated against a member then the Grievance Committee may recommend to the General Membership disciplinary action or sanctions up to and including the loss of membership privileges.
- 5 If a majority of the General Membership voting at a regular meeting indorse the recommendations of the Grievance Committee the sanctions, disciplinary action or dismissal from the Club will become effective immediately. The President shall notify the affected member of the action taken by the membership. If the action is dismissal the Secretary shall remove the member's name from the Club Roster.

ARTICLE XI - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Club Officers, the Club Librarian, the Club News Letter Editor, and the Club Safety Officer. All Club members in good standing may attend and participate in Executive Committee meetings.

11.2 The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be to recommend actions to the General Membership, plan activities, and other duties as directed by the President.

11.3 The President shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

11.4 The Executive Committee shall meet on the first Monday of each month at a location and time determined by the Executive Committee.