

BYLAWS OF THE CHARLES COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB

(last amended on January 8, 2015)

ARTICLE I. FLIGHT SAFETY RULES

1. All model aircraft operations shall be in accordance with the Official Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Code. All members shall, by actions and attitude, keep safety paramount during ground and flight operations.
2. Pilots must use the flight pattern established for the runway in use and will use the appropriate flight station for all flight operations after takeoff. The first pilot to take off determines the direction of the flight pattern. Pilot's first turn after take-off will be away from the pit area.
3. There will be no flying over the SATCOM Compound, antennas, pits, parking and spectator area. The SATCOM site is a restricted area and entry requires an escort.
4. All persons participating in flight operations at the CCRCC field must be an Open, Youth or Affiliate AMA member in good standing, except as provided in paragraph 7,b. below. AMA cards with current Club Membership Validation stickers must be on hand for verification when flying at CCRCC.
5. Members are responsible for their children and guests. No children, guests or spectators may go beyond the spectator area unless they are accompanied by a member. All pets shall be kept secured in the spectator area or the owner's vehicle.
6. Functional mufflers are required on all engines used at the field except diesel engines, four-stroke engines, and two-stroke glow engines not larger than .051 cu. in. displacement.
7. Flying privileges may be extended by a member in good standing to a nonmember under the following circumstances:
 - a. As a courtesy to an occasional visitor who is an AMA member and an experienced flyer, or

b. To provide introductory flight training, for a period not in excess of 30 days, under the terms of the AMA Introductory Pilot Program. It shall be the responsibility of the member to assure that the guest flier abides by the provisions of these By-Laws. Under the Introductory Pilot Program, the AMA allows designated club pilots to provide introductory flight training to non-AMA members. These designated pilots are fully covered by AMA liability insurance.

8. Any beginning or inexperienced member shall fly only under the supervision of an experienced and qualified member/pilot or instructor. Beginners will move to faster or more complex airplanes only after being checked out by an experienced and qualified member/pilot or instructor. New members who feel that they are qualified as pilots shall fly solo only after demonstrating their ability to one of the Executive Council Members or to a listed instructor. Any Club member who does not abide by the provisions of Sections 1, 2 or 3 above will be considered an inexperienced pilot and thus will be able to fly only under the supervision of an experienced and qualified member/pilot or listed instructor.

9. All transmitters must be stored in the impound rack upon arrival and when not in use.

10. All members and guests must abide by the frequency control system in use by the Club. Guest flyers must display their AMA card. Members shall display their AMA card with club sticker.

11. In the event that two or more persons are on the same frequency at a flying session, a member shall not control a frequency for a prolonged duration without the consent of the other pilot(s) present.

12. There shall be no prolonged engine runs in the pits, particularly engine break-ins.

13. It is the responsibility of members and their guests to police the pit area and any other area in which they cause debris before they leave the area.

14. It is the responsibility of each member to adhere to the flying site safety rules at each flying session. Members are expected to warn

violators of any noncompliance and, in the event such warning is disregarded, will notify a Club officer for appropriate further action.

15. Maximum altitude allowed at Brandywine is 1000 feet.

16. There will be NO turbine-powered aircraft flown at the CCRCC field

17. Aircraft will not be taxied through the pits. Pilots must have physical control of aircraft until it reaches the runway. After landing, clear runway by 10 feet, stop engine, move the plane to the pits and place on carpet or safety stand.

18. There will be no low level, high speed passes or 3D maneuvers directly over the runway. Low level, high speed passes and 3D maneuvers will be permitted only when at least 50 feet beyond the runway. Touch and go should be limited when others are flying or waiting to fly.

19. Aircraft landings have priority over takeoffs. Dead-Stick conditions have priority over all other flights.

20. All FCC approved 27 MHz, 49 MHz, 50 MHz, 53 MHz, 72 MHz (except channel 20), and 2.4 GHz frequencies are authorized for use at the club flying site. Only narrow-band transmitters may be used on 72 MHz frequencies.

ARTICLE II. CLUB ADMINISTRATION RULES

1. No motor vehicle will travel anywhere on the Brandywine Communication Site except for areas designated for motor vehicle use. No member will drive or park their vehicle off the roadway leading to the flying site or parking lot area without specific permission from the Club President or Field Maintenance Chairman. Any member who violates this provision shall be brought before the Executive Council and General Membership to initiate membership revocation in accordance with the Club Bylaws, Article II, Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10.

2. The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

3. Special committees may be appointed by the presiding officer at any meeting and confirmed by the President, in order to perform special

short-term functions as defined by the appointing officer at the time of the appointment.

4. The Executive Council, consisting of the elected officers of the Club, Standing Committee Chairs and Members-at-Large appointed by the President, is empowered to conduct business in the name of the Club when the urgency of the business precludes waiting for a regular or special meeting or when minor business can be conducted more expeditiously by the Executive Council. [See Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution]

5. The Executive Council is empowered to expend up to \$100 as part of its power to conduct Club business under Bylaw Article II, Paragraph 3.

6. Any Club business conducted by the Executive Council will be reported to the Club membership at the next regular or special meeting.

7. Membership revocation action may be initiated on the complaint of any member, but must be based upon lack of compliance with safety and good flying practice, or upon lack of compliance with the administrative rules and responsibilities as established in the Bylaws. Unanimous consent of the Executive Council will be required to bring membership revocation action before the membership. Appropriate disciplinary action, less than revocation of membership, may be recommended by the Executive Council.

8. The Executive Council, on unanimous vote, may temporarily suspend the flying privileges of a member for destruction of Government or Club property, or repeated violations of the provisions of Article I (Flight Safety Rules) for which the member has been previously warned. The member will be notified of the suspension in writing and has ten (10) days to respond. Further action will be in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

9. Any individual subject to disciplinary action will be notified in writing of the charges and date when action will be taken. In addition, the charges and the date of the meeting when the action will be taken will be posted at the flying site and on the Club website at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

10. Revocation of membership of an individual will require an

affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership present at the meeting.

11. Failure to maintain AMA membership will be cause for automatic revocation of Club membership. Automatic revocation of Club membership will also result for any member who operates a 72 MHz wide-band transmitter at the flying site. Individuals losing membership, for the above two reasons, may reapply for membership as a new member. They will be required to show proof of AMA membership, repay the initiation fee and current dues. Loss of membership twice for these infractions will result in a permanent ban from the club.

12. Issues that will consume an inordinate amount of time at a meeting will be referred to a committee of volunteers for discussion and presentation with recommendations to the membership for a vote at a later meeting.

13. All Club actions, other than constitutional amendment or Bylaw changes will require a motion, a second and a majority vote of the members present. A motion can be withdrawn or held over until the next meeting, after discussion by the membership.

14. The presiding club officer at any club meeting may run the meeting as they see fit. At the discretion of the presiding club officer, the meeting may be conducted under a set of parliamentarian rules, such as Robert's Rules, but it is not required.