



SOUTH COAST R/C SQUADRON

South Coast Radio Control Squadron By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

Section 1: The name of this club shall be "South Coast Radio Control Squadron" hereafter referred to as "**SCRCS**."

Section 2: Purpose **and Mission**

1. The South Coast R/C Squadron (**SCRCS**) is a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) established for the promotion and raising awareness of a variety of radio-controlled model aircraft including the art of building and flying. While our motto is "Fun, Learning, Friendship and Mutual Respect," our goal is to encourage safety, proficiency, sportsmanship and enjoyment in flying radio-controlled model aircraft.

2. All activities of **SCRCS** shall conform to the policies and regulations as defined by Academy of Model Aeronautics (**AMA**).

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in SCRCS shall be open to anyone interested in the hobby of radio control models and who meets the requirements for membership as noted in section 2.

Section 2: Prospective members shall submit an application for membership and shall meet requirements of section 3. The prospective member shall attend the next regular club meeting to be interviewed by members of the club. A prospective member will be ask to temporary leave the meeting. Club members shall vote by ballot to *accept* or *reject* prospective member. An officer of the club shall notify the prospective member at club meeting or no later than 3 days, the result of the vote. Accepted members shall be provided a copy of the SCRCS by-laws and club rules. New members will be ask to sign a form, stating they have received, read and understand club rules and by-laws. Signed form will be submitted to SCRCS along with \$25.00 for club membership.

Section 3: In addition to requirements noted in **section 2** prospective members shall be a current member of **AMA** or in the process of becoming an **AMA** member. Prospective members wishing to join **SCRCS** for social interest and have no plans to become an **AMA** member will be considered an **Associate** member of **SCRCS**.

ARTICLE III: MEMBER DEFINITION

A: Full Member – any member over the age of 19 as of July 1st of club membership year and holds a current **AMA** membership.

B: Junior Member – any individual under the age of 19 as of July 1st of membership year and holds a current AMA membership. Junior club member has no voting rights in **SCRCS**.

C: Associate Member – Usually a husband, wife or parent of an AMA member **who does not operate model aircraft as part of any club activities and are not an AMA member. They are not covered under AMA General Liability Policy!**

Associate club member has voting rights in SCRCS.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Section 1: Club fiscal year will be from July 1st through June 30th. Membership fees must be paid on or before July 1st and will be considered delinquent after 30 days. Extraordinary circumstances effecting payment of club dues can be reviewed by club officers on a case – by – case basis.

Section 2: Delinquent members can be reinstated anytime within the year of being delinquent by paying past dues for the entire year. After 1 year a delinquent member shall be required to re-apply for club membership.

Section 3: Annual dues for Full and Associate members, of 19 years of age or older, shall be \$25.00. Junior members and active military service personnel are not required to pay club membership dues

ARTICLE V: GUESTS

Section 1: Non-members of **SCRCS** may only fly as a guest and participate in club flying activities when a **SCRCS** member is present and displays proof of **AMA** membership card. Guests are required to follow all **SCRCS** field rules.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular club membership monthly meetings shall be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at a location defined by club members.

Section 2: Each SCRCS member shall attempt to attend at least one meeting per year.

Section 3: A simple majority of the members attending club meetings shall constitute a quorum. Changes to club by-laws and decisions regarding club operational policy may be changed for the good of the club by a simple majority attending club meetings.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION

Section 1: Most complaints can be resolved informally. However if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the compliant(s) should be referred to Club officers for determination of action, see **Section 3**.

Section 2: Membership in SCRCS may be revoked or suspended for one or more of the following reasons:

- Failure to comply with **AMA** and **SCRCS** rules.
- Failure to comply with FAA rules.
- Continual unsportsmanlike conduct.

- Theft or vandalism of any kind to property of club members or club property.

Section 3: Allegations or compliant(s) of violations shall be brought before club officers and if warranted a special meeting of the membership will be held as soon as possible to determine action to be taken. Action to be taken will be voted on by secret ballot. **SCRCS** club officers shall use its judgement in regards to action to be taken, using the procedure outlined below:

- The first violation shall be a warning letter from officers.
- Second violation can result in being suspended for up to ninety (90) days.
- Third violation can result in termination of member from **SCRCS**.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Section 1: The membership shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Safety and Field officers. Nominations shall be presented to the membership at the November general membership meeting.

Section 2: Elections will be held at the November general membership meeting with a simple majority vote of the members in attendance casting a vote.

Section 3: Officers are elected to a term of one (1) year and may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms unless waived by vote of club membership.

Section 4: When there are no nominations from the floor, for any office, Secretary shall declare nominations closed, and cast one vote for each unopposed nominee. The President shall then declare such nominees to be duly elected.