

THE BELLEVILLE RC FLYERS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Belleville RC Flyers, hereafter referred to as the "Club".

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1 This is an incorporated, non-profit organization established to promote radio controlled model aviation as a sport. Through group endeavor, it will obtain safe and effective flying sites for the members.

Section 2 The purpose of the Club is to stimulate an interest in model aviation and exchange information and ideas to improve the state of the art. It will serve as the focal point for radio controlled model aviation activities in the St Clair County area and as a point of contact with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

ARTICLE III – FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 The fiscal year shall extend from 1 July to 30 June.

ARTICLE IV – BY-LAWS AND FLYING REGULATIONS AND/OR RULES

Section 1 By-Laws deemed necessary by the Club members to insure the safety and welfare of the members and their guests while flying model aircraft at the Club flying site. They shall be adopted and have the force and effect as if published as part of the constitution, providing that all such proposals adopted by the Club membership are consistent with the Academy of Model Aeronautics and this Constitution.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Individuals desiring membership in this Club shall fill out a Club Membership Application and return it to the Club Treasurer, who will present it to the Club Membership for consideration at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 2 The Club will vote on an individual desiring membership by secret ballot or show of hands, not in his presence. If the majority approves, the individual shall be accepted. The Club President shall inform the individual of his acceptance or rejection of membership.

Section 3 Members of the Club must have a current AMA membership in order to have field flying privileges. Members that have applied for AMA membership through the Club Treasurer will also be granted flying privileges.

Section 4 Newly accepted members not belonging to the AMA will pay their AMA dues along with Club initiation and flying field fees. The individual will fill out the AMA application and the Club Secretary will forward the application to the AMA.

Section 5 All members in this Club shall have an FCC approved, commercial transmitter with which they intend to control their model aircraft.

Section 6 Upon written request, membership is automatically extended to the club member's dependents under 18 years of age, provided each dependent is properly licensed with the AMA. Dependent member's dues shall be one-half the amount of general membership dues. When a dependent member becomes 18 years of age, he will then pay general membership dues; not being charged initiation and flying field dues. Pre-teen dependents will be supervised by an adult during all phases of flight operations.

Section 7 Dependent members under 18 years of age will not be charged an initiation fee or a flying field fee.

Section 8 Dependent membership shall terminate at the end of the Fiscal Year in which the dependent member becomes 18 years of age.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers for the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer.

Section 2 The term of office for Club Officers shall be for 1 year.

Section 3 Elections will be by secret ballot under normal parliamentary procedures.

Section 4 Elections will be held during the business meeting of November.

Section 5 Newly elected officers will take office at the January business meeting.

Section 6 All Club Officers can succeed themselves in Office.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES

Section 1 Duties of the President shall be

To preside at all meetings of the Club

To keep order and decorum at all times

To rule on any questions before the Club as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order

To appoint any person or committees not otherwise ordered by the Club members

To call special meetings as necessary

To vote only when one vote is necessary to break a tie

To personally represent the Club on matters of business and public relations

Section 2 Duties of the Vice-President shall be:

To assist the President in the discharge of his duties

Preside at meetings when the President is absent

Arrange and conduct social activities for the Club

Section 3 Duties of the Secretary shall be:

To keep a record of the meetings of the Club in a minute book provided for that purpose

To send out notices of regular or special meetings or flying sessions to each member

To maintain Club membership records

To handle all Club correspondence

Section 4 Duties of the Treasurer shall be:

To receive all monies due the Club and keep records of expenditures and collection of Club monies

To report on the financial status of the Club at each business meeting

To handle all correspondence relating to monies and business transactions of the Club

Section 5 Duties of the Safety Officer shall be:

To promote the safety and welfare of the members and guests of the Club who are flying model aircraft at the Club flying site.

To promote the AMA SAFETY CODE as guidance for flying model aircraft at the Club flying site.

To ENFORCE the Club Model Aircraft Flying Rules and provide guidance when a safety problem becomes evident at the Club flying site.

To assist the Contest Director at Club contests and promote safe flying of model aircraft at the Club flying site at all times.

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUMS AND MEETINGS

Section 1 A quorum for general membership meetings shall be at least 10 members present, including 2 Club officers.

Section 2 Business transactions will be decided by a simple majority vote of the members present.

Section 3 The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Section 4 The President may call a special meeting at any time by written or telephone contact with the membership.

Section 5 All procedural matters in connection with regular Club meetings not otherwise provided for herein shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING

Section 1 Club members only shall be allowed to vote on any matter requiring a vote and they shall be entitled to only one such vote.

Section 2 There shall be NO PROXY voting.

Section 3 Voting by mail shall be permitted for changes in the Constitution or by-laws.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL

Section 1 Club dues shall be an amount decided by the general membership. It shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting to change this amount. Dependent member's dues shall be the amount set forth in Article V, Section 7. Proposed changes must be published in the preceding edition of the Club Newsletter or posted in the local hobby shop in the event of no available newsletter. (As amended 10-90)

Section 2 Initiation fee is five dollars for general membership.

Section 3 Flying field (site) fee is ten dollars. Each non-dependent member will pay this fee on a one-time basis.

Section 4 General and dependent members will pay their own AMA license fee.

Section 5 Dues will be paid on an annual or semi-annual schedule. Schedule will correspond with the fiscal year as outlined in Article III, Section 1.

Section 6 Membership in the Club shall be terminated if dues are not paid within thirty days of the due date as set forth in Article X, Section 5.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This Constitution and/or by-laws may only be amended by a simple majority vote of not less than one-half of all Club members. Sections 3, 5 and 6 of the by-laws as pertains to Flying Rules, Ground Rules and Courtesy Rules may be changed by a simple majority vote of members present at a regular meeting. Proposed changes must be published in the preceding edition of the Club Newsletter or posted on the Club's website and at the flying field.

Section 2 Members must be advised in writing of the proposed amendment and/or change to be considered, one meeting prior to the consideration of change in the Constitution or by-laws.

Section 3 All members of the Club will be given a copy of this Constitution and by-laws.

BYLAWS

Section 1 - Club Minutes

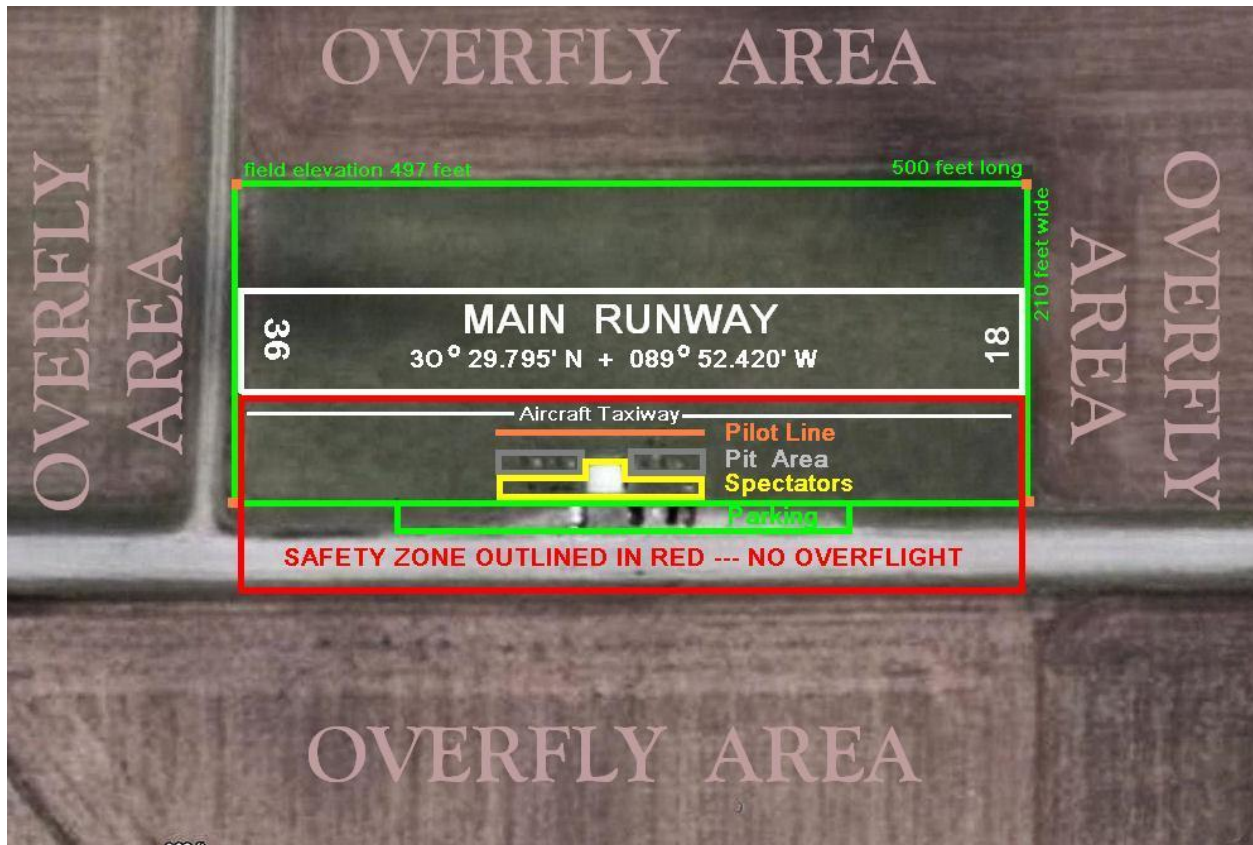
The Club Secretary will be responsible for providing all members with a copy of the Club minutes of each meeting, when instructed to do so by the Club President.

Section 2 - Interim Use

Individuals desiring to join the Club may use the Club flying site in a guest capacity until the next regularly scheduled meeting, however they must be cleared to fly by a designated club member. Also, the individual must possess a valid AMA License. The only exceptions to this rule are pilots enrolled in the AMA Pilot Introductory Program.

Section 3 - Flying Rules

1. No transmitter shall be turned on unless you have placed your club credentials in the correct slot of the frequency control board. Credentials will consist of a current AMA and BRCF card, either originals or copies. Pilots operating radio equipment on the same frequency should inform each other as to when they are going to fly. - - - Don't rely solely on the control board.
2. All FM transmitters must have appropriately numbered tags and red "aircraft only frequency" ribbons attached when in operation.
3. A flight line will be established while flying model aircraft at the club's flying site. The Club's established flight line runs parallel to the active runway and consists of protective fencing. All pilots must operate their aircraft from behind the protective fencing.
4. Pilots will taxi their model aircraft out from the established flight line to the active runway for takeoff. Pilots WILL NOT perform a take-off of their model aircraft from the flight line.
5. Aircraft in the landing pattern have the RIGHT-OF-WAY over aircraft taking off or taxiing.
6. Landings will be made down the center of the active runway. Landing approaches will be made as close as possible to be parallel to an extension of the runway center line. A pilot who has an emergency and must land his model aircraft other than down the center of the runway may take exception to this rule.
7. All pilots and instructors must stand behind the orange safety fences while flying during routine day to day flying sessions. Where pilots stand during contests is at the discretion of the Contest Director.
8. Pilots will CALL OUT any maneuver they intend to execute over the runway. Example: touch & go, etc.
9. Aircraft landing with a dead engine will be removed as quickly as possible from the runway. Pilots will recover their model aircraft from the runway and walk along the side of the field when returning to the flight line. Clear the active runway as quickly as possible
10. THE AMA SAFETY CODE WILL BE OBSERVED BY ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHILE FLYING THEIR MODEL AIRCRAFT AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD



Section 5 - Flying Field Ground Rules

1. Only members and guests of the Belleville RC Flyers with current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership cards are permitted to fly at this site.
2. Only FCC approved (narrow band) commercial transmitters will be permitted to operate at the Club's flying site and all pilots will have completed a successful radio equipment ground check before flying their aircraft (it is strongly suggested that transmitter/receiver functions be verified prior to each flight).
3. 72 MHz, 27 MHz and 2.4 GHz Operation:
 - Prior to flight, all pilots must place their AMA and Club card in the appropriate frequency slot on the Frequency Control Board.
 - All FM Transmitter antennas will be collapsed when not in use.
 - Radio transmitters may be impounded during special events.
4. Regardless of the operating frequency, no more than six aircraft are allowed to fly at one time. This will require pilots to be considerate of their fellow pilots and take turns in the operation of their aircraft.
5. All pilots airborne must follow the established flight pattern. All take-offs and landings will be made in the same direction. Cross winds may require a change in the pattern and this will

be determined by the Safety Officer or a Board Member; in their absence, the operating pilots.

6. Pilots shall not fly a new or rebuilt model aircraft until it has been inspected by an instructor or a senior experienced club member.
7. All pilots must operate their aircraft while positioned behind the safety fences along the flight line.
8. All flying will be conducted outside of the Field boundaries. Positively no flying will be allowed over the Safety Zone which includes the pits, spectator and parking area. Off-field landings will be permitted only in cases of emergency.
9. Low altitude, high speed passes are only permitted beyond the West perimeter of the flying field.
10. All two/four cycle and gas engines are required to have baffled mufflers. The turbine engine is regulated by specific AMA rules.
11. No pit areas will be established in front of the Flight Line fences.
12. All spectators will stay within the designated observation area located behind the pit area.
13. Children will not be permitted to play on the flying field, pit area or in the ditches adjacent to the ends of the flying field.
14. Pets will not be allowed on the flying field.
15. When a model aircraft goes down in the crop area, only a minimum number of personnel will search and recover. Walk around the edge of the field where possible. Use care when walking through the crop area to preclude damage.
16. Trash will be put in the trash container at the field. If no trash container is available, club members will take the trash with them.
17. Members will be held responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the flying site.
18. Immediately notify the Club President and Safety Officer if an accident of serious nature occurs at the flying site.
19. The official AMA rules and regulations shall be applicable to all flying activities at this field. In situations where specific guidance is not provided, sound judgment and common sense shall prevail. Compliance to these safety rules is the responsibility of each club member.
20. Repeated failure to comply with these rules and regulations by any member may result in termination of their membership in the Belleville RC Flyers pending a hearing by the Officers of the Club.
21. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON THE FLYING FIELD.**

Section 6 - Courtesy Suggestions

1. Place your credentials on the frequency control board even if you are the only flyer at the field or the only flyer using that frequency. See Flying Rule #1. Someone may show up to use that frequency while you are flying and cause your aircraft to become uncontrollable and if this happens, it's your fault.

2. Remove your credentials from the frequency control board after each flight. It is rude to make another flyer "find you" to get you to remove your Club and AMA cards.
3. Do not tie up a particular frequency for more than 15 to 20 minutes, especially if there are several people waiting for it. This includes "ground" and "air" time.
4. If at all possible, do your engine check, adjusting, running in, etc., at home or somewhere besides the field.
5. Do not rev-up the engine so the prop wash blows in another pilot's area.
6. Give a helping hand to other flyers whenever possible.
6. Extend every courtesy to new and or beginner flyers.
7. Brief your guests on ground and flying rules.
8. When your flying is done, help clean up the area (flying site).