



# National Model Fun Fly Association

**A Special Interest Group of the South African Model Aircraft  
Association**

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL FUN FLY ASSOCIATION**

### **1) Name**

The name of the association shall be the “National Model Fun Fly Association” (hereafter referred to as the Association).

### **2) Affiliation**

The Association may affiliate with any other legal entity having materially the same objects.

### **3) Objects of the Association**

- a)** To form an association of aero modellers, under the auspices of SAMAA who officially represent all forms of aeromodelling in South Africa.
- b)** The Association has been formed to actively promote the construction and flying of Fun Fly model aircraft.
- c)** To foster comradeship amongst the association members.
- d)** To advance and protect the interests of all association members and persons engaged in activities of the association.

- e) To create competitive opportunities and to regulate or contribute to the regulation of such activities at local and national levels.
- f) To communicate and provide all relevant information on a regular basis to all members of the association and if applicable the South African community as a whole.
- g) To establish links, relationships and to co-operate with National Interest Groups, Model Aircraft Clubs, and all national entities having similar objectives.
- h) To provide high levels of competency and proficiency amongst all pilots in South Africa.

#### 4) **Legal Capacity**

The association shall be a body corporate not for gain, with perpetual succession and capacity to acquire rights and incur obligations independent of its members. All assets, funds or property of the association shall be held or registered in the name of the association as a corporation at law.

#### 5) **Income**

All income of the association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any of its members, provided this shall not be construed to prohibit the bone-fide remuneration to any person or member of the association for services rendered to the association. Or the re-imbusement to any member of the association of reasonable costs incurred in pursuit of the objects of the association.

## **6) Liability of members**

The liability of every member shall be limited to the amount of limited to the amount of the relevant unpaid membership fee due by such member in terms of this constitution and beyond this no member shall be personally liable for any debts or legal liability of the association.

## **7) Membership**

- a)** Membership of the association is open to all SAMAA members.
- b)** Any person substantially interested in fun fly model aircraft of any description shall be eligible for membership. Membership will be automatic on the first payment of the entry fee for any of the qualifying round events.
- c)** A pilot who pays his entry fee does not necessarily have to fly in the events to become a member.
- d)** A pilot may pay the full amount to cover all three of the qualifying rounds if he wishes. There will be no refund should he not fly in any of the subsequent rounds.
- e)** A junior member is described as a person under 18 years of age.
- f)** Each member must accept and abide by the associations rules and regulations, and the SAMAA rules and regulations.
- g)** The Management committee may refuse any application for membership without assigning any reason therefore, whereupon all accompanying fees are refundable.
- h)** Membership shall cease on the happening of any of the following events:
  - h.1)** At the end of the financial year.

- h.2) Upon receipt of resignation.
  - h.3) Upon membership being terminated by the Management committee in terms of this constitution or any process instituted in terms thereof.
  - h.4) On the death of a member.
- i) In the event of cessation of membership, all subscriptions and other fees paid shall be forfeited to the association.

## 8) **Subscriptions**

Membership fees will be R100 per year, or R50 per round.  
Being a member will cover all 3 rounds flown.

## 9) **Association year**

The association's financial year shall commence on the first day of January in each year and shall terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year.

## 10) **Masters Championships**

Only those members, who are paid up members of the association and are SAMAA members at the time of selection for the National Masters, shall be entitled to complete.

## 11) **Management Committee**

- a) All the business and related matters of the association shall be managed, dealt with and finalised by the Management committee of the association (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).

- b)** The committee shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary/treasurer, contest organiser and a webmaster (editor).
- c)** The Secretary/Treasurer post can be held by one person i.e. the wife of a committee member and need be a SAMAA member.
- d)** The Chairman of the association shall be the chairman of the committee meetings and in his or her absence, the vice-chairman, and in the absence of both, the committee shall elect a chairman. The chairman shall have a casting vote as well as deliberative vote and all decisions shall be carried by a simple majority of the committee members present.
- e)** The committee may co-opt additional members from time to time.
- f)** All members of the committee shall be SAMAA members.

## **12) Election of Members of the Management Committee**

- a)** The members to be elected in terms of section 11b shall be nominated and voted in by the members present at the AGM.
- b)** Every member of the association shall be entitled to attend and vote at any AGM, special meetings provided the member is not in arrears with any payment due to the association.
- c)** Votes shall generally be counted by a show of hands, but the chairman has the right to call for a secret vote (ballot) if the issue at stake is of such a nature as to require this.
- d)** All voting shall be open to scrutiny by the members.

## **13) Powers of Management Committee**

The committee shall actively pursue the objects of the association by managing and administering the affairs and business of the association in terms of the laws of the country, consider any matter affecting the flying of model aircraft, make representation or take such action as the committee deems advisable and in particular may:-

- a) Acquire, hire or dispose of property, borrow money on the scrutiny of the assets of the association and accept and administer any trust or donation.
- b) Render financial assistance to any person or legal entity in order to promote and realise the objects of the association.
- c) Delegate to any committee or member of the association such of its powers as it may from time to time determine, but shall not be divested of any power so delegated.
- d) Make rules on all matters that the committee considers necessary or expedient in order that the objects of the association may be achieved.
- e) Determine in the entry subscription to be paid by the relevant members for each financial year in order to ensure that the objects of the association are achieved on a sound long-term financial basis.
- f) Arbitrate on any issue to ensure that the objects of the association are adhered to at all times.
- g) Discipline, after investigation and due process, any member of the association, and may after the process, terminate the membership of any member.
- h) Determine the arrangements and criteria for National Events.

#### **14) Duties of Management Committee**

##### **a) Conflict of Interest**

A member of the association, or a member of the committee of the association to which powers of the association have been formally delegated by the committee, shall declare his or her position regarding an

actual or potential conflict of interest, prior to participating in discussion and voting on sole matters.

**b) Motion of No Confidence**

If a motion of no confidence is directed against the committee member or a committee member and is seconded and adopted by majority vote at any formal meeting of the association, the sole member(s) shall immediately vacate their position(s) whereupon the vacancies so created will immediately be filled in terms of section 13(c) of the constitution.

**c) Vacancies**

Every vacancy arising from the circumstances referred to in section 13(b), (d) and every vacancy caused by death or resignation of a member, shall be filled by a new member elected at the following interim or special meeting.

**d) Attendance at Meetings**

A member of any committee of the association vacates his/her position automatically, if he/she is absent for more than two consecutive meetings of such committee without the committee's leave.

**e) Minutes**

The proceedings of each of the committee of the association shall be preserved in Minutes compiled by a person designated prior to the commencement of such a meeting, and shall be ratified at the next meeting, after confirmation by the signature of the chairperson of the meeting.

- f) Ratified copies of the minutes of the meetings of the management committee and ratified copies of the minutes of all meetings of the association shall be preserved.

#### 15) **Duties of Chairperson of Management Committee**

- a) The chairperson of the management committee shall ensure that all Office Bearers are informed of their duties and perform their duties adequately and make necessary arrangements for assistance or relief if circumstances so require.
- b) The chairperson will set up the dates and venues for interim and special meetings and will chair these meetings and ensure that minutes are taken.
- c) The chairperson will ensure that the association operates in a controlled manner, and will have the power to authorise expenditure, represent the association at meetings and rule on disciplinary matters.
- d) The chairperson is empowered after issuing a warning, to request the resignation of any member of the committee or sub-committee, who in his view, is not performing his duties adequately (after having received adequate assistance) or is obstructing the work of the committee. Such a resignation request shall not be opposed by the committee member and his resignation will be tabled prior to the next committee meeting.

#### 16) **Association Meetings**

- a) **The Annual General Meeting:** will normally be held annually at the Masters Championships. At this meeting, the annual report will be presented; matters of importance will be discussed, constitutional changes



approved and the management committee appointed. A quorum for this meeting is those members present.

- b) **Special Meeting:** these will be managed by the committee when required or if so requested, in writing by at least six members of the association. The quorum for this meeting will be 10 members.

#### 17) Attendance at Meetings

- a) Save for the provisions of clause 15e hereof, every member of the association shall be entitled to attend and vote at any Annual General Meeting, or Special meeting; provided he is not in arrears with any payment due to the association and if such be the case then he is disqualified from voting at such meetings. Admittance to the meeting may require the proof of the member's membership.
- b) The majority of the votes of members present shall decide any question at the meeting except that in the case of a constitutional or dissolution matter, where two-thirds majority of the votes of members present is required at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.
- c) At all meetings the Chairperson shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- d) Votes shall be given by a show of hands or ballots as decided by the chairperson.
- e) A junior member shall be entitled to be present at any meeting of the association but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.
- f) Each committee member shall have one vote.

- g)** Should the non-SAMAA, SAMAA members then the non-SAMAA members will have no vote at the meeting and the majority vote at the meeting and the majority vote from the SAMAA members will decide the issue.

#### **18) Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure**

In the case of either a grievance being received from a member or a number of members or in the case of a disciplinary matter, the chairperson shall appoint a sub-committee to hold a hearing and come up with a recommendation. Such recommendation shall be presented to the management committee for further action. In unresolved cases, the action could result in an Arbitrator being appointed and the arbitrator's decision shall be final. The arbitrator will apportion the costs incurred.

#### **19) Auditor**

The management committee shall annually appoint an auditor who shall not be a member of the committee, for the ensuing year to examine and report upon the accounts of the association. The retiring auditor shall be eligible for re-appointment.

#### **20) Amendment of Constitution.**

- a)** The constitution may be replaced, substituted, amended or added to at the next Annual General Meeting, or by Special Meeting provided that at least six members desirous or moving any alteration, amendment or substitution shall notify the chairperson by certified mail of the intended person.

- b)** Notice specifying the nature of the contemplated amendment, alteration or substitution shall be circulated to the members of the association, within a reasonable time, to their last known address.
- c)** The alteration, amendment or substitution shall be accepted if approved by two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting.

## **21) Proof of Constitution**

A copy of the constitution certified by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the management committee shall be accepted as evidence for all purposes whatsoever.

## **22) Interpretation on Constitution**

Should the interpretation of any clause or sub-clause of this constitution be in doubt, the matter will be referred to arbitrators who are officially recognised in South Africa.

## **23) Dissolution**

- a)** The association shall only be dissolved by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- b)** The quorum for such meeting shall be at least one-third of the total number of the members who are entitled to vote.
- c)** Notice of such meeting shall clearly state that the dissolution of the association and disposal of its assets will be decided.

- d) If there is no quorum at such meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date a reasonable time after, at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the members in attendance and when it is resumed, it shall finally decide with an ordinary majority vote, irrespective of the number of members in attendance.

#### **24) Disposal of Assets on Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the association, any property of the Association shall not be distributed to the members, but shall be transferred to or put into trust for some other institution or association having similar objects to those of the association.