

**INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CONTROL MODELERS CLUB**  
**(Indianapolis RC Modelers Inc)**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**Updated January 2022**

**ARTICLE I -- Name**

1.0 The name of this organization shall be the Indianapolis Radio Control Modelers Inc.

**ARTICLE II -- Objectives**

1.0 The objectives of this organization shall be to promote modeling and its associated educational and recreational activities.

**ARTICLE III -- Policies**

1.0 This organization shall be a nonprofit incorporated association.

2.0 Neither the name nor the activities of this club shall be associated with any outside organization or partisan activity not in the best interest of radio control modeling.

3.0 Activities of this organization shall be directed exclusively to plans and projects promoting the best interests of the club and its members.

**ARTICLE IV -- Membership and Dues**

1. Membership in this organization is open to all individuals interested in radio control modeling, subject to the conditions listed in the subsequent paragraphs of the Articles.
2. Membership is classed as ADULT, YOUTH, FAMILY and DEPENDENT. ADULT and YOUTH memberships are defined by the current regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). FAMILY membership covers the ADULT member as well as any DEPENDENTS and the spouse of an ADULT member. A DEPENDENT member shall be defined as a dependent of an ADULT member and shall not have reached their 19th birthday as of July 1st of the year of membership.
3. Membership in the club shall include only individuals belonging to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
4. Resignation - Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
5. Termination - If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility
6. Expulsion - This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at a club meeting (as defined in Article VIII) if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of

the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation. As an example, if a member were to commit physical violence against another member, willfully and obviously damage another persons' or the club's property or willfully and purposely endanger other people with their actions this rule could be applied.

7. Reinstatement – Identical to 6. Expulsion, A two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at regular meeting is required for reinstatement to the club.
8. Club membership ends each year on December 31st regardless of the date a membership application is received.
  - 8.1. Late year membership is as follows: Those who join from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> pay full next year's rate and receive membership for the following year plus whatever days membership remain in the year of application.
  - 8.2. The determination of the amount of club dues for all membership categories for the succeeding year shall be by the majority vote of the membership present at a club meeting upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, at a time no later than the September meeting of the current year.
  - 8.3. Full club dues shall be paid annually by ADULT, and FAMILY members
  - 8.4. Those renewing membership after the end of the February meeting shall pay a penalty. The amount of the penalty for the succeeding year shall be determined by the majority vote of the membership present at a club meeting upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, at a time no later than the September meeting of the current year.
  - 8.5. Club dues for YOUTH members shall be one-half the ADULT member fee.

#### **ARTICLE V -- Officers and Elections**

- 1.0 Any member in good standing for a period of at least six months is eligible to hold office.
- 2.0 Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall serve a period of one year or until their successors are elected and installed.
- 3.0 Nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the October, November, and December club meetings. Members may also nominate themselves for any office. All nominees must be a member in good standing and shall consent to run for office prior to the elections in December.
- 4.0 When there is more than one person nominated for an office then election shall be by secret ballot at the December meeting each year. Election of an officer shall be based on the nominee that receives the most votes.
- 5.0 Newly elected officers shall assume office January 1, each year.
- 6.0 A Safety Coordinator shall be appointed by the president on a yearly basis. This individual will monitor and report on safety issues to the board and interface with AMA leadership as needed.

#### **ARTICLE VI -- The Executive Board**

1.0 The elected officers of the club are the Executive Board.

2.0 This board shall formulate the general policies of the organization and shall act on all necessary matters of the business in the interim period between meetings of the organization.

3.0 The Executive Board shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy of office of the organization until the next regular election.

4.0 This Board shall meet as needed during the year or whenever called by the President.

5.0 Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VII -- Duties of Officers

1.0 The **President** shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint each Special Committee as are necessary for the proper conduct of business of the organization, and shall serve as ex-officio of each.

2.0 The **Vice President** shall preside in the absence of the President and shall assume the duties of the office of President in such an event and shall be a member of the committees.

3.0 The **Secretary** shall keep the minutes of all meetings, shall notify all Chairmen of their appointments, and shall conduct such correspondence as may be delegated to the office.

4.0 The **Treasurer** shall be custodian of all funds and shall maintain such funds and make such payments as are authorized by the organization, and shall keep accurate records of receipts, and expenditures, and shall submit a monthly report to the membership showing all transactions by the club and the current state of the budget in light of these transactions. This monthly reporting shall include a final yearly summary at the end of the fiscal year. Fiscal year to run from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. At the October club meeting the Treasurer shall present a summary of the previous year club expenses. This summary along with any anticipated expenses for the following year shall be used as a draft budget for the coming year.

#### ARTICLE VIII -- Meeting of the Organization

1. The Organization shall hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month and at other times as called by the Executive Board.

2. *Twenty* percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum necessary for the conduct of business.

3. Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, when not in conflict with this Constitution, shall govern the proceedings of the Organization.

4. The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE IX -- By Laws

1.0 The Executive Board and three club members appointed by the President shall serve as a Standing Committee to formulate and propose By Laws governing club activities. Proposals shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular monthly

club meeting.

## **ARTICLE X -- Amendments**

1.0 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the club members at any regular meeting of the organization, provided notice of intent to amend has been given at a previous meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI -- Grievance Procedure (Flight and Safety Rules).**

1. The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Board for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Coordinator. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Board shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:
  - a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Coordinator. At least one witness is required.
  - b. **FIRST VIOLATION** - Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Club Safety Coordinator/Board, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
  - c. **SECOND VIOLATION** - Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/Board. If the Board so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
  - d. **THIRD VIOLATION** - Safety Coordinator/Board will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
  - e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
  - f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

# Indianapolis RC Modelers Club Grievance Form

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Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Violation:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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