

DIABLO VALLEY RADIO CONTROLLERS BYLAWS

- I. **NAME:** The name of the Club is “Diablo Valley Radio Controllers” or “DVRC” herein referred to as *The Club*. The Club is incorporated and operated under the laws of California as a non-profit organization. The Club shall be a continuing member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The business address of the Club is:

**P.O. Box 9411
Pittsburg, California 94565**

- II. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Club is to accommodate its members in their operation of or interest in radio-controlled flying models. The Club shall provide a meeting place and operating facilities for radio-controlled aircraft.

- III. **FINANCES:** The Club shall meet its financial needs generally by collecting initiation fees, membership dues and assessments from its members. Other revenues (e.g. contest entry fees and similar proceeds) shall go into the Club’s general fund. The Club shall maintain, separate from its general funds, a “**Field Fund**”, which shall be dedicated to paying for major improvements, major additions or major repairs to its flying field facilities. No distributions or payments from the Club funds shall be made to members on a share-and-share alike basis except in the event of dissolution of the Club.

- IV. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in the Club is open to any person that engages in or has interest in operation of radio-controlled flying models and who agrees to conform to the Bylaws and other rules of the Club.

A. **Classes of Membership:**

1. **Regular Members:** A regular member is a person that has applied for membership, has been accepted by the Club, has paid the necessary fees, dues and assessments applicable to new members, and is a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
2. **Associate Members:** In each class of membership, a member’s spouse or child under 21 years of age living in the member’s residence may request associate membership at no cost. The associate member may exercise the rights and privileges of that member, except that he/she may vote in membership meetings only as proxy of the member and must be an AMA member to take control of a radio-controlled model. The same rights and privileges shall be granted to grandchildren under 21 years of age. When the members child reaches age 21, to remain a member of the club, he/she must join the club as a Regular Member, subject to all fees and dues paid by Regular Members. These fees would be due at the next annual enrollment. Spouses would maintain their associate member status.

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3. **Lifetime Members:** A lifetime member is a regular member who has paid a lump sum in lieu of future dues. (Several lifetime memberships exist; no more shall be granted.) A lifetime member who is a local resident and operates radio-controlled flying models at Club facilities is liable for any assessment(s) regular members must pay and must be a current **AMA** member.

4. **Honorary Members:** An honorary member is a person who has accepted a membership offered by the Club in recognition of that person's service to the Club or to the field of radio-controlled flying models. An honorary member does not pay fees, dues, or assessments except that an honorary member who is a local resident and operates radio-controlled flying models at Club facilities is liable for any assessment(s) that regular members must pay and must be a current **AMA** member.

5. **Sponsored Junior Program:** The Sponsored Junior Program permits any regular member of DVRC to sponsor a person less than 18 years of age to fly radio-controlled aircraft at the DVRC field under the listed rules.

6. **Business Members:** A Business Membership shall be voted on by the Board of Directors with a majority vote of attending board member for approval and presented to the membership for validation. A Business Membership shall have all the privileges of a Regular Membership. This membership shall be awarded to a person that has though their business or businesses made substantial contributions to the club. The Board of Directors shall review these memberships on an annual basis to determine qualification of each of the Business Member.

B. Member's Rights and Privileges:

1. Each member may, in accordance with the rules and bylaws, use all Club facilities and participate in all meetings and activities of the membership.

2. Each regular member has one vote in membership meetings.

3. Each member may bring guests to Club meetings, activities, and operating facilities; however, no guest may take control of a radio-controlled flying model unless the guest is a current **AMA** member.

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4. Any member who has left the Club in good standing (i.e., obligations paid and not expelled for cause) may rejoin the Club without paying another initiation fee or other assessments applicable to new members, and without delay because of any limitation of the number of members.

C. Disciplinary Action:

1. The Board of Directors (see section **VIII**) shall preside over punitive action against DVRC members.
2. All punitive actions shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board for passage and the Board shall be responsible for the length of suspension or expulsion periods.

D. Expulsion of a Member:

1. Any member who is more than 60 days delinquent in paying dues or assessments is automatically expelled from membership. The Secretary must make reasonable attempts to warn a member of delinquency, but inability to notify the member does not forestall automatic expulsion. A member expelled for delinquent payments may rejoin the Club but must first pay delinquent obligations and a penalty equal to the initiation fee. The returning member will then be readmitted unless there is a waiting list of applicants, in which case the member's name will be entered at the end of the list and the returning member will be admitted in turn. (See section **IV.F**)
2. A member of the Safety Committee or a Club officer may suspend any member on the spot for violation of the rules on over flight of adjacent properties or for deliberate or reckless violation of flying or other safety rules. Such "on the spot" suspensions shall be reviewed within ten days in an executive meeting in accordance with **IV.E.1** below.
3. A member who reveals the combination of DVRC security lock(s) to an unauthorized individual(s) will be immediately suspended by a Club Officer or a member of the Board of Directors who has sufficient evidence of such act. A majority vote by the Officers and Board of Directors at the next Board meeting will determine whether to expel or reinstate the suspended member. The suspended member may address the Board during their deliberations; or, if expelled without a hearing, may appeal the decision. The Board of Directors will hear the

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expelled member's appeal within 35 days, normally at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

E. **Suspension of a Member:** Suspension revokes a member's right to operate flying models at Club facilities and to vote in meetings but does not bar the member's presence at either:

1. Any member may be suspended for cause (see section **IV.C.2**) by majority vote of an executive meeting. The member must be given at least seven days notice that the suspension notice will be on the executive meeting agenda and may present a defense at the meeting.
2. A member of the Safety Committee or a Club officer may suspend any member on the spot for violation of the rules on over flight of adjacent properties or for deliberate or reckless violation of flying or other safety rules. Such "on the spot" suspensions shall be reviewed within ten days in an executive meeting in accordance with **IV.E.1** above.

F. **Limitation of Number of Members:** The Club may limit memberships to a specified number except that the limitation shall not prevent the granting of an honorary membership or the rejoining of a former member.

V. **MEETINGS:** The President shall designate the date, time and place of regular and special membership meetings and of executive meetings.

A. **Regular Meetings:** A regular meeting of the membership shall be held monthly. Members shall be notified of the date, time and place at least three days in advance of the meeting. The following proposals **cannot** be considered at a meeting unless they have been announced in the meeting notice:

1. Election of officers. All the nominations on hand at the time of notice must be represented.
2. Amendment to the Bylaws. Each proposed amendment must be reported, in its entirety, in the notice.
3. New or changed fees, dues or assessments.
4. Establishment of a subordinate organization.
5. Granting use of Club facilities or loans of money to a subordinate organization.
6. Scheduling of contests, fly-ins, etc.

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7. Major expenditures. Any proposal for a transaction or related transactions that shall exceed \$2500 or shall be outside the scope of the Club's purpose must be reported with reasonable clarity.

- B. **Special Meetings:** The President may call a special meeting of the Membership at any time, provided that the members are notified at least seven days in advance of the date, time and place of the proposal to be considered. Ten or more members may obtain a special meeting by making a joint written request to the President, stating the proposal they wish to make. The President must schedule the requested meeting not less than ten days or more than 14 days after the day the request is delivered. Only the proposal stated in the meeting notice may be acted on at the special meeting, and the proposal may address only one subject.
- C. **Board of Directors Meetings:** A Board of Directors meeting shall consist of the Club Officers and the Club Directors. It shall deal principally with planning and administration of Club business. Other members may attend but may not take part except by invitation of the President.
- D. **Quorums:** The quorum for a regular meeting shall be 10 percent of all members. Quorum of a Board of Directors meeting shall be five members.
- E. **Parliamentary Procedures:** Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with an accepted, currently published code of parliamentary procedure chosen by the incumbent officers. Examples are Robert's Rules of Order, Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

VI. Elections: Officers and Directors shall be elected at the November regular membership meeting and shall be installed at the December regular membership meeting.

- A. **Nominations:** The President shall appoint a Nominating committee of three regular members at least two months before the election meeting. The Committee shall nominate at least one regular member for each office. Nominations by other members may be made in writing to the Committee or from the floor at the election meeting. Incumbent officers are eligible for nomination.
- B. **Officers:** The Club Officers are: The President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Their duties are those commonly understood. A member may hold only one office at a time.
- C. **Directors:** The Club Directors are: Four elected members-at-large and the immediate Past President.

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D. Term of Office:

1. The term of office for Club Officers is one year.
2. The term of office for club Directors is as follows:
 - a) The four elected Directors of the Board shall each serve a four-year term.
 - b) The terms of the individual Directors shall be staggered so that only one Director's term expires each year.
 - c) In the event that a Director is unable to complete his/her term, a special election shall be held to elect a successor who shall serve out the balance of the term.
3. The Past President shall serve until replaced by the current President. In the event that the Past President is unable to serve or complete his duties, the Board of Directors shall appoint a regular member to serve in the position of Past President

E. Vacancies:

1. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers, such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which their predecessor was elected.

VII. Voting: A secret vote shall be taken for each office. Election is by majority of the vote by members present. If no candidate has a majority, another vote shall be taken on the two candidates who had the most votes in the preceding vote. Write-in votes are valid.

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- VIII. Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and the elected Directors.
- A. The Board of Directors shall run the general business of the Club under the direction of the President.
 - B. They shall set the policy and practice of the Club operation. The board of Directors shall make the final interpretation of the Bylaws and see that proper audits of the Club's finances are taken annually.
 - C. Decisions requiring major expenditures of those that affect the continual operation of the Club shall require a majority vote of the membership.
- IX. Standing Committees:** Heads and members of standing committees shall be appointed or re-appointed by each new President at the beginning of the term of office. Vacancies shall be filled as necessary by appointments of the President.
- A. **Safety Committee:** A standing committee on safety in flying operations and other activities shall be headed by a Safety Officer appointed by the President. This committee shall develop safety rules for adoption by the club and enforce them by recommending disciplinary actions to be taken by the Club against safety rule violators.
 - B. **Flight Operations Committee:** A standing committee on flight operations shall be headed by a Flight Operations Officer appointed by the President. The committee shall develop minimum standards of flying competency and provide flight training for members who do not meet those standards. It shall certify those members competent to fly without supervision and assist members who wish to improve their flying skills.
 - C. **Field Management Committee:** A standing committee on the management of the flying field shall be headed by a Field Manager appointed by the President. This committee shall manage field improvements, maintenance, and housekeeping; shall develop housekeeping rules for adoption by the Club; and shall enforce them by recommending disciplinary actions to be taken by the Club against housekeeping rule violators.
 - D. **Subordinate Organizations:** In order to cooperate with other branches of the radio-controlled flying model field, it may be necessary or desirable for the Club or some of its members to join or sponsor other organizations such as IMAA, QSAA, etc. Such organizational affiliations shall have the status of standing committees and shall be bound by DVRC rules, Bylaws, and by actions taken by the DVRC officers or membership. Subordinate

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organizations may use DVRC facilities or borrow DVRC funds as specified by DVRC membership

X. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote in a regular or special membership meeting.

Amendment History

04-21-1984	Add sentence defining Field Fund
10-13-1992	Establish an elected Board of Directors in lieu of Executive Board comprised of Past Presidents.
12-01-1995	Incorporate references to Sport Flyers Association (SFA) and clarify wording.
01-21-1997	
01-20-2000	Re-typed in Microsoft Word 7. Fixed minor grammar. No change to content.
11-17-2000	Re-typed in Microsoft Word 97. Fixed minor grammar. Updated to specify SFAII due to change in Sport Flyers Association.
12-12-2003	Remove references to Sport Flyers Association (SFA). Corrected address Added Sec. IV.A.6 Added Sec. IV.D.3 Added Sec. VI E. 1
4-16-2008	Revised Sec. IV.A.2 to reflect changes approved by the membership on March 8, 2008, changing Associate Member age to less than 21 years of age. Sec. IV.D.1 - Corrected "he" to "the" and "sill" to "will". Sec. IV.D.2 – Corrected "above" to "below". Sec. IV.E – Corrected "members" to "members." Sec VI.E.1 - Corrected "fill" to "filled".