

Bylaws for Dallas R/C Club

Article 1: Name

- Club name:
Dallas Radio Control Club [Dallas R/C Club]
- Location:
Simonds Lake Park
1911 Bowers rd, Seagoville, Tx. 75159

Article 2: Purpose

- The purpose of the Dallas Radio Control Club is to promote interest in and to advance the sport / hobby of Radio Control Model Aviation.

Article 3: Membership

- Qualifications:
AMA membership required
FAA registration required
- Dues:
Dues are \$65 U.S. dollars per calendar year; January 1st thru December 31st Dues paid in November are good thru the following calendar year.
- Resignation:
Any member in good standing may resign his or her membership by giving notice to the club in either writing or thru the clubs email address. Membership fees are not refundable.
- Termination:
If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics [AMA] his or her membership shall be terminated subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility. Membership fees are not refundable.
- Expulsion:
This section provides for the enforcement of the safety rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior my and individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds [2/3] majority vote of the total votes cast 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 rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- Reinstatement:
A two-thirds [2/3] vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

Article 4: Officers

- Elected officers:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary / Treasurer.

Officers must be current club members.

- **Term of office:**
Officers are elected annually.
Officer tenures are for one [1] year.
- **Duties:**
President shall preside at meetings, Vice President shall preside in absence of the President, Secretary records club meetings, Treasurer handles and reports on club funds.
- **Appointed Officers:**
Safety coordinator, committee chairman, program chairman.
Appointed officers can be made at any time during the year as necessary to support club functions.
- **Vacancies**
Officer vacancies are to be filled by a majority vote of the remaining officers.

Article 5: Meetings

- Regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, subject to change by notifying the membership via email.
- Meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams or at a designated place with notification being made by email each month.
- Meeting shall be conducted according to the Roberts Rules of Order:

Types of Motions:

Main Motion: introduce a new item

Subsidiary Motion: Change or affect how to handle a main motion (vote on this before main motion)

Privileged Motion: Urgent or important matter unrelated to pending business

Incidental Motion: Questions procedure of other motions (must consider before the other motion)

Motion to Table: Kills a motion

Motion to Postpone: Delays a vote (can reopen debate on the main motion)

Every motion has 6 steps:

1. **Motion:** A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson.
2. **Second:** Another member seconds the motion.
3. **Restate motion:** The chairperson restates the motion.
4. **Debate:** The members debate the motion.
5. **Vote:** The chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes.
6. **Announce the vote:** The chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions.

Article 6: Expenses / Record keeping

- A vote may be taken by a majority of members present to spend over \$500, funds needed below that may be approved by the club president to cover needed maintenance items or emergency funds.
- All records are passed on when new officers are elected.

Article 7: Committees

- Any committees, safety, membership, grievance, etc., shall be appointed by the club officers as needed.

Article 8: Nominations, Elections, Recall

- Nominations for officers can be made from the floor at a meeting or by emailing the club, or by mailing the club.
- Nominations will be made at the November club meeting with elections at the December meeting.
- Elected officers can be removed from office before completion of the term by a 2/3 majority vote of the club membership.

Article 9: Club Property

- The land occupied by the Dallas R/C Club is leased from the city of Dallas.
- All improvements are done with the approval and agreement of the City of Dallas under the current negotiated terms and are subject to change.

Article 10: Club Duration

- The duration of the club is perpetual.

Article 11: Dissolution of the club

- The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds [2/3] vote of the total membership.
- Any remaining assets after all liabilities are paid off will be donated to a non-profit charity.

Article 12: Amendment of Bylaws

- Any club member may propose changes to the clubs bylaws, then brought to a motion at a club meeting and voted on.

Article 13: Grievance Procedures

- **Safety related complaints**
Safety-related complaints
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 safety coordinator/committee for its consideration by means of a grievance form to be filled out and turned into the safety coordinator/committee chair. At least one witness is required to sign the grievance form.
- *The safety coordinator/committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:*
- *A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the safety coordinator/committee chair. At least one witness is required. The safety coordinator/committee chair will investigate and consider viewpoints of both, complainants and accused. If the grievance is validated, the following disciplinary actions will be implemented:*
- *First Violation*
Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the safety coordinator/committee chair, and this will be recorded in the club records.
- *Second Violation*
Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the club safety coordinator/committee. If the committee 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.
- *Third Violation*
Safety coordinator/committee 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. club members eligible for voting who cannot attend the meeting may vote via virtual ballot. 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 total votes cast. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting or through a secure online ballot. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time-period.

- The three violations will not be enforced unless three violations are accumulated within and period of two consecutive years.
- 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 includes, but not limited to threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the club officers.
- Non-safety related complaints need to be presented to any club officer for:
 - a. Review / investigation
 - b. Disciplinary actions not addressed in article 3
 - I. first violation
 - II. second violation
 - III. Third violation
 - c. Appeal process

