



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN TURF FLYERS, INC.**

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### **ARTICLE I - Name**

1. The name of this organization shall be The American Turf Flyers Inc., and as such, shall constitute the parent organization and shall be referred to hereinafter as the "CLUB".
2. There shall only be Interest Groups representing One Basic type of model aircraft activity: Radio controlled

### **ARTICLE II - Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Club shall be to promote the organization of those interested in and dedicated to the advancement of model airplane activities as a recreational, sporting, and educational program, in keeping with the programs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), in the County of Wagoner, State of Oklahoma, and in the United States of America.

### **ARTICLE III - Meetings**

1. The Club shall meet as provided in the Bylaws of this Club.
2. The Members, of which this Club is comprised, shall meet at the time and place established by the Club membership.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly

### **ARTICLE IV - Membership**

1. There will be four (4) kinds of members; 1. Open members; 2. Family members; 3. Junior members; and 4. Honorary members. All members shall, at all times, show the highest degree of sportsmanship and integrity and shall pledge themselves to abide by the Constitution and By Laws of the Club and the rules of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The club roster will indicate which "kind" of member listed.

A. Open Member - Each Open Member shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership. The maximum number of open members in the Club shall be limited to one-hundred twenty five (125).

B. Family Member - Each family member shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. This type of membership shall be open only to those who are residing within the household of the open member. Family Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership with the noted exceptions, that Family Members may neither vote nor hold elective/appointive office. Family members may either be the spouse of the open member or a child no older than 18 years.

C. Junior Member - Each Junior Member shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautic and must not have reached his/her nineteenth birthday before the first day of July of the membership year. Junior Members are entitled to all privileges of membership with the noted exceptions that Junior Members may neither vote nor hold elective/appointive office.

D. Honorary Member - Nominations for Honorary Member shall be made by individuals or groups, subject to the approval of the Club Board of Directors and shall be exempt from payment of Club Dues. Such member who desires to use the flying facilities of this Club shall be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Honorary Members may neither vote nor hold elective/appointive office.

#### **ARTICLE V - Annual Dues**

1. Every Open Member, Family Member, and Junior Member of this club shall pay annual dues in such sums as prescribed in the Bylaws of the Club.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Duration of Membership**

1. Membership shall continue during the existence of the Club, unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

2. Termination - Nonpayment of dues. Any member failing to pay his/her dues prior to the end of the period for which dues are paid shall be delinquent and his/her membership terminated. A terminated member may petition as a new member to the Club Membership Committee if the Club Membership is not closed. Such rejoinders must pay a \$25.00 fee, if rejoining is during the calendar year following their full membership year.

3. Termination of Other Clauses - The membership may be terminated by the recommendation of the Board of Directors for a reason which the Board may deem to be sufficient and by the vote of the Club Membership. In such a case, the member shall be given a least ten days notice in writing of such pending action and an opportunity to submit their answer in writing or appear before the Board to state their case. Silence is considered acquiescence. If an appeal is made, the action of the Club shall be final. Dues reimbursement shall be considered or rendered as directed by the Board of Directors.

4. Resignation - The resignation of any member from the Club shall be by advising a member of the Membership Committee, either verbally or in writing. Dues reimbursement shall be considered or rendered as directed by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Officers and Directors**

1. The governing body of this Club shall be a Board of Directors constituted as the Bylaws may provide.

2. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Chairman, and three Directors, and shall constitute the Board of Directors.

3. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Chairman, and Director #3 (past President) shall take office for a period of one year, unless he/she sooner resigns or is recalled, as the Bylaws may provide. Director #1 and Director #2 shall

take office for a period of two years alternately, unless he/she sooner resigns or is recalled, as the Bylaws may provide. The Club members shall elect from among the members the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Chairman, Director #1 and/or Director #2. The elected Vice President automatically becomes the "President elect" in the year following his/her term as Vice President. Director #1 and Director #2 are elected in alternate years and serve staggered terms. The immediate past President automatically becomes Director #3.

4. Vacancies of a Club Office occurring before the expiration of a normal term of office shall be filled temporarily by appointment of a club member by the Board of Directors as an interim officer and Director. The office shall be filled at the next annual election of officers for the regular one-year term of office or the regular two-year term if the office to be filled is either of the elected Directors. If the President vacates the office of President during the first six months of his/her term, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of that term. A special election shall be held to elect a new Vice President. Nominations will be held thirty days after the office is vacated. The election shall be held sixty days after the office is vacated.

5. Except as herein otherwise provided, the Board of Directors shall conduct all business of the Club, control all Club offices and committees, and discharge all corporate responsibilities of the Club. Decisions of the Board shall be binding upon the membership, unless revoked or amended, as provided in the Bylaws.

6. No officer or Director may simultaneously hold an officers position in another Radio Control Club.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Bylaws**

1. This Club shall adopt Bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of the Club. Such Bylaws may be amended as therein provided.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Amendments**

1. This Constitution may be amended only at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Club once annually. A proposed amendment must have been presented to the membership for a period of at least thirty days preceding the meeting of the Club. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution or to the Bylaws shall be delivered in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the provisions of the amendment and give their recommendations at the Club meeting at which the amendment is presented. The proposed amendment must receive the majority vote of the members present in order to be accepted.

#### **ARTICLE X - Communications**

1. The club newsletter shall be the communication media for all the official notification of all club business.

#### **ARTICLE XI - Dates and Timing**

1. The official dates and timing for Club functions and activities are:
  - A. Club fiscal year begins January 1 and ends December 31.
  - B. Club budgets and fiscal planning shall conform to the Club fiscal year.
  - C. New officers and directors shall be nominated at the August Club meeting. The election of these officers and Directors shall take place at the October Club meeting. The new officers take office on January 1.
  - D. Dues are due and payable on or before January 1 for the new years membership. If the dues are not paid by the February Club meeting, the membership is terminated. The member may rejoin by utilizing the normal new member procedures and the Club has not exceeded the 125 member limit and fulfill obligations under Article VI.