

NEW ZEALAND MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION (INC.)

(Associated with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale)

BYLAWS OF THE



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BYLAWS OF THE NEW ZEALAND MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED) OPERATING AS MODEL FLYING NEW ZEALAND

DEFINITIONS

Save where the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the meanings hereto assigned them.

ASSOCIATION	The New Zealand Model Aeronautical Association (Inc.)
BYLAWS	The regulations hereinafter set forth.
CLOSING DATE	In all circumstances shall be the date on which any documents shall be received by the Secretary
CLUB	A group of Members who meet criteria in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association
COUNCIL	the Council of Management of the NZMAA
MEMBERS	Individual Members of NZMAA
MFNZ	Model Flying New Zealand – The operating name of NZMAA
MONTH	Calendar month
NEW ZEALAND	As defined by statute
NZMAA	The New Zealand Model Aeronautical Association (Inc)
SIG	Special interest group of NZMAA
TERM	A period of one year

SECTION 1: MEMBERS

1.1 Membership Classification

- (a) A **SENIOR MEMBER** shall be a person 18 years of age or over as at the 1st April each year.
- (b) A **JUNIOR MEMBER** shall be a person under 18 years of age on the first day of the current financial year.
- (c) A **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** is provided in an endeavour to encourage participation in the sport of model flying. It includes at least one SENIOR Member and is defined as including husband and/or wife/partner and Juniors. Once a junior reaches 18 years they will be classified as a SENIOR and if no longer a full-time student must pay the appropriate full fee as SENIOR. The spouse/partner and Juniors of a Senior Member will not receive any of the Association's publications and notices.
- (d) A **LIFE MEMBER** shall have all the privileges of Senior Members. Any person who has provided special services or support to the Association. Nomination for life membership shall be made to the Council by any Senior Member. The Council shall place this nomination on the agenda for the next AGM. A supportive vote of at least 75 percent of those present and entitled to vote will be necessary to approve any such nomination.
- (e) An **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** provides the Council with a mechanism to provide short-term membership to an individual who is, or has been, of service to the Association. Honorary Members may be appointed by the Council for a period not exceeding 12 months, in all cases such membership will terminate at the next ensuing AGM. The maximum number of Honorary Members at any one time shall not be in excess of ten Members. Honorary Members shall have no voting rights but may participate in any of the Association's events and activities and will receive the Association's publications.
- (f) **TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP** is available for a period of 30 days. Temporary Members will have no voting rights but may participate in all Association events and activities. Temporary membership may be renewed
- (g) **OVERSEAS MEMBER:** Overseas membership is for persons residing outside New Zealand. Overseas Members will receive all of the Association's publications.

1.2 Cessation of Family Membership

Family Membership shall automatically cease when:

- (a) The child over 18 years ceases to be a Junior and cannot be part of a family membership.
- (b) All Juniors, on reaching the age of 18 years, will automatically be reclassified as a Senior Member in the next financial year and be listed as being required to pay a full Senior fee on the membership list. In addition, if the Member is the only one making up the family membership then the other Member will also be reclassified as a Senior.
- (c) It is the Member's responsibility to check if they are still able to comply with the family membership requirements and advise the Secretary via their Affiliated Club when membership is renewed; all such changes to be notified at the commencement of the new financial year.

1.3 Attendance at Meetings

Any financial Member may attend any meeting of Council by arrangement, provided always that these committees or Council shall retain the right to hold their discussions and conduct their business in committee.

SECTION 2: CLUBS

2.1 Affiliated Clubs

This is a summary of the information contained in the Constitution. It does not override or supersede the Constitution.

The objects of a model flying Club shall be to promote, foster, encourage and support model flying.

- (a) The Association consists of Members who join by means of application and the payment of an annual subscription. These Members must join through Clubs which may be located at a regional flying field or may be Nationally based. These Clubs are affiliated to MFNZ through an application process.

The relationship between the Clubs and MFNZ has the following characteristics:

Club flying sites registered with MFNZ are recognised by CAA as being exempt overflight permission requirements in accordance with CAA Part 101/102.

Clubs will comply with the Wings Pilot Proficiency scheme as defined by MFNZ.

MFNZ provides support for flying field acquisition and retention.

MFNZ provides support for Club development.

MFNZ supports Club open days and rallies.

MFNZ provides template operating, safety and qualification rules.

Clubs collect Members' subscriptions and forward to MFNZ.

Clubs manage the Wings Pilot training of their Members and may provide an examiner for qualification.

MFNZ reserves the right to withdraw Club affiliation following due process.

- (b) An Affiliated Club shall consist of not less than five Affiliated, financial Members paying their fee through that Club.
- (c) Application for affiliation shall be accompanied by such information concerning the objectives of the Club to determine if either its rules or policies reflect a common interest in aviation or whether it may provide assistance in any form to the Association. The Council may require additional particulars of the Club's Members, activities and planned future development to determine its eligibility.
- (d) An Affiliated Club shall not have more than 20% of its Members residing overseas. This shall not include NZ citizens living overseas.

2.2 MFNZ Membership Fees

- (a) Each Club shall be responsible for the payment to MFNZ of MFNZ membership fees for its Members. Should any such Member's status change from Junior to Senior during the Association's financial year, no additional fee shall be charged, BUT for Record and all other purposes such Member shall be classed as a Senior.
- (b) A Member of the MFNZ may belong to more than one Affiliated Club simultaneously, but is affiliated to the Association through only **one** of the Clubs.
- (c) For N.D.C. and National Championships, the Member shall designate which Club shall accrue points toward Champion Club.
- (d) New Members' fees must be paid immediately as no person is deemed a Member until their fees are received by the Club Secretary. These payments will be forwarded to the National Secretary within four weeks. Consequently if payment is not received no benefits of membership apply.
- (e) Membership fees for the forthcoming year must be paid by March 31st of the current year.
- (f) New members joining after 1 October shall pay half of the full year membership fee. Former members who have not joined for a period of more than 3 years shall be regarded as new members for subscriptions and wings qualification currency.

2.3 Registration

Names and addresses, birth dates, email addresses and occupations of all Club Members belonging to MFNZ must be forwarded to the MFNZ. Additions and deletions must be reported as they occur and also change of status from Junior to Senior.

2.4 Registration of Flying Fields

All Club and individual Member flying sites must be registered with the MFNZ Secretary to allow a clear understanding of the sites' capabilities.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

3.1 Constitution

Special Interest Groups will be established as subcommittees of Council in such special interest areas as determined by the Council.

3.2 Duties

- (a) To operate within the guidelines promulgated by Council and within the document entitled RULES FOR SIGs.
- (b) To make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the SIG amending rules for the specialist classes.
- (c) To actively promote their discipline to MFNZ Members and the public.
- (d) To organise and conduct selection trials when required for World or International Championships conducted in partnership with MFNZ.
- (e) To organise and arrange the special interest classes at the New Zealand National Championships.
- (f) To organise New Zealand Championship meetings/Rallies in the special interest classes.
- (g) SIGs may apply for funding using the appropriate forms located on the website to apply to Council for a grant toward the expenses incurred by the SIG who will provide an account of the expenditure of such

monies.

- (h) SIGs must provide an Income and Expenditure Account to the MFNZ Treasurer within two months of their Annual Meeting.
- (i) SIGs may operate a designated MFNZ account. SIG accounts are to operate on two signatories or authorizations.
- (j) To conduct other business as may be required from time to time by the MFNZ Council.
- (k) A detailed document on Rules for SIGs forms part of these Bylaws.

SECTION 4: REPRESENTATIVE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

4.1 Area Councillors

Area Councillors as required by the constitution shall be drawn from the following areas:

- (a) **NORTHERN NORTH ISLAND**
A Councillor nominated and elected by Members of Clubs based in the area in all that part of the North Island north of a line drawn from the Bombay Hills north.
- (b) **CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND**
A Councillor nominated and elected by Members of Clubs based in the area in all that part of the North Island that lies south of the Bombay Hills and north of a line extending from, and excluding New Plymouth on the West Coast to the southern tip of the Mahia Peninsula on the East Coast.
- (c) **SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND**
A Councillor nominated and elected by Members of Clubs based in the area in all that part of the North Island that lies below a direct line extending from and including New Plymouth on the West Coast to the southern tip of the Mahia Peninsula on the East Coast.
- (d) **NORTHERN SOUTH ISLAND**
A Councillor nominated and elected by Members of Clubs based in the area in all that part of the South Island to the north of a line drawn from mouth of the Haast River on the West Coast and the Waitaki River on the East Coast.
- (e) **SOUTHERN SOUTH ISLAND**
A Councillor nominated and elected by Members of Clubs based in the area in all that part of the South Island to the south of a line drawn from the mouth of the Haast River on the West Coast and the Waitaki River on the East Coast.
- (f) National Clubs are based in the area of their elected Secretary.

SECTION 5: BYLAWS – GENERAL

5.1 Interpretation

Any matters not in these Bylaws or any questions arising as to their interpretation shall be decided by the Council.

5.2 Evidence of Membership

Council shall issue membership cards to all financial Members as evidence of their affiliation and sanction to abide by MFNZ Constitution and Bylaws.

5.3 New Zealand Model Aircraft Flight Records

- (a) The Council may accept claims and issue record cards to Members upon successful applications.
- (b) Claims for New Zealand records must be made on the New Zealand Record Claim Form supplied by the MFNZ and FOWARDED to the Association within 30 days of the date of the flight concerned.

5.4 New Zealand National and International Competitions

- (a) No Member may represent New Zealand in any international competition without Council approval.
- (b) No person representing New Zealand shall bring the MFNZ or New Zealand into disrepute.
- (c) Any representation of or at FAI events requires prior Council approval.