



Radio Control Combat Association Bylaws

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1 – Organization

1.1 Name - The Radio Control Combat Association, also known as "RCCA"- formerly known as The American Scale Dogfighters Association and/or "ASDA". RCCA reserves all rights to its former name American Scale Dogfighters Association, also known as "ASDA". The RCCA is the Special Interest Group (SIG) for radio control combat within the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

1.2 Official Communication - The official RCCA communication vehicle is the RCCA web site, www.rccombat.com.

2 - Headquarters Location

2.1 The offices of the association shall be located in the State of the current Secretary's residency.

3 - Mission Statement

To promote and encourage the sport and hobby of radio controlled combat through:

- Organized aerial dogfighting competition known as "Combat".
- Assisting RCCA members in the development, design, construction and operation of such aircraft.
- Encouraging an environment of safety in operation and competition.
- Fostering an atmosphere of fun and fellowship among members and spectators.

4 - Compliance with RCCA Guidelines, Standards, Rules, Regulations and Directives

4.1 All official RCCA contests as such shall comply with RCCA guidelines, standards, rules, regulations and directives.

5 – Membership Requirements

5.1 Application Procedure, Acceptance or Rejection - Any person desiring to become a Member of RCCA shall submit a written application to the Secretary together with a minimum of the yearly dues. Should the Board of Directors reject an application for Membership, any tendered dues shall be refunded.

5.2 Event Participation - Any person who wants to fly an aircraft at any combat event sanctioned by the AMA using RCCA rules must be a current member in good standing of AMA or MAAC, or an acceptable model aircraft association of the country in which the member resides.[EK1]

6 - Officers

6.1 Principal Officers - The principal Officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and ONE Representative from each of the RCCA Districts. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall form the Executive Council. Each officer shall serve a two year term and may serve additional terms thereafter. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of RCCA Members. The District Representative must live in the District they represent, and will be elected by majority vote of the members residing in their District. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office.

6.2 Officers' Duties

6.2.1 President - The President shall preside over the formal meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for presenting agenda items to the Board at both its formal meetings and by way of written proposals when the Board is not meeting formally. He/she shall not have any vote on any matter brought before the Board, except to resolve a tie-vote of the Board.

6.2.2 Vice-President - In the event of the absence, disability, or inability of the President to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the Vice-President shall be responsible for executing all of the duties and assuming all of the responsibilities of the office of the President. The Vice-President also shall perform such other duties relating to the operation of the Association as may be assigned by the President or directed by the Board of Directors.

6.2.3 Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records of the Association, other than financial, including the minutes of any formal meeting of the Board of Directors, and a roster of the Membership. He/She also shall be responsible for the incorporation of any duly enacted amendment or change to the By-laws and for promulgating announcements of such amendments and changes of the Association to the Membership. The Secretary also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or directed by the Board of Directors.

6.2.4 Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible to the President and to the Board of Directors for conducting the financial affairs of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors and for maintaining the financial records of the Association. He/She shall collect all money and other things of value due, payable, or donated to the Association, and shall disburse Association funds as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or directed by the Board of Directors.

6.3 Vacancies - In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the position of the President for the remainder of the current two-year term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Vice-President, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Vice-President to fill the remainder of the current two year term.

6.4 Removal of Elected Officers - Elected Officers may be asked to resign by a 2/3 (two thirds) majority vote of the remainder of the Board of Directors. If such request is not complied with, the Board shall have the right to poll the membership by written, email and/or on-line ballot, in which case a two-thirds majority vote in favor of removal from office shall result in the office being vacated, and subsequently filled according to the bylaw provisions for vacancies. Such ballot shall be mailed to each member and will include both the reason for the vote and a statement from the officer.

6.5 Subordinate Officers - The Board of Directors may appoint and specify the duties, responsibilities, and the terms of office of such subordinate Officers as deemed necessary or desirable for the conduct of RCCA business. Each subordinate Officer appointed by the Board of Directors shall report to the Board. All except Legal Advisors, shall coordinate the execution of his/her duties and responsibilities by and through the President, and with such other elected or appointed persons as the Board of Directors or the President may direct.

Each elected or appointed Officer or subordinate Officer may appoint such Assistants as he/she deems necessary or desirable for the proper execution of

his/her duties and responsibilities and any such appointment is subject only to a majority veto of the appointee by the Board of Directors. Such Assistants shall be responsible to the Officer or to the subordinate Officer appointing him/her for the execution of his/her duties and responsibilities.

6.6 Bonding of Officers – The officers designated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and/or any subordinate Officers and Assistants as may be designated by the Board of Directors or the Academy of Model Aeronautics, shall be bonded and any such bond shall be an Association expense.

6.7 Membership of Officers Required - All Officers, subordinate Officers, Board of Directors members and any appointed assistants must be AMA and RCCA members in good standing before they may be or appointed to such positions. Failure to maintain current membership shall be cause for immediate dismissal from that office or position.

6.8 Appointed Offices

6.8.1 Board of Directors - RCCA shall have a Board of Directors that will consist of the Principal Officers as defined in the RCCA Bylaws. If additional districts are authorized by the Board, the new District(s) will automatically have the right to representation on the Board. Prior to the date of normal election of officers by the membership, the Board may appoint (by a simple majority vote of the board) a Representative to serve each new District in the meantime.

6.8.2 District Officers - The District Officers will be charged with providing regular reports of district activities, events and membership activity for publication on the RCCA website. District Officers shall also serve as the contact point for communications from the district to the Board and vice versa.

6.8.3 Policy Decisions - All policy decisions affecting the association appointments, policy, membership dues, publications, sanctioning, national budget, and any national championship events shall be ratified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

6.8.4 Removal of Appointed Officers - Any appointed officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the remainder of the Board of Directors. All Appointed officers serve at will and have no right or guarantee of continued appointment, implied or expressed.

7 - Representation - Board of Directors

7.1 General - The powers of the Association, and the conduct of its business, shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, however, such powers and the business to which they relate may be delegated, subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The property of the Association shall be controlled by the Board of Directors, however, the custody of such property may reside with such Officers, subordinate Officers or Assistants as the Board of Directors may direct, subject to its control.

7.2 Vacancies - Any time that a Director establishes residency outside of the district to which he was appointed he must relinquish his seat within thirty (30) days of relocating. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of Director, the remaining seated Board shall appoint a new Director to fulfill the vacant term from a Member in good standing of the District affected.

7.3 Procedures for Board Business - Since the members of the Board of Directors reside throughout the United States, it is expected that most of the Board's business will be conducted by mail, facsimile, email, the Board Forum, or by phone conferencing, primarily, but not necessarily, initiated by the President. Any proposal for Board of Directors consideration, whether initiated by a Director, or by the President or other Officer, must therefore allow adequate time for each Director to receive, analyze, and vote on it. The normal cycle shall be ten (10) days, unless otherwise extended by the Executive Council or Board of Directors.

7.4 Conflict of Interest - Anytime a paid employee, Officer or appointed Official of the Association should concomitantly hold elective office and an issue should arise before the Board of Directors wherein such member would have a serious and irreparable conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall require said member to choose at that time, which position they wish to retain.

7.5 Record of Matters Considered by the Board of Directors - RCCA shall maintain and update the record of those matters considered by the Board of Directors. RCCA shall provide each Member of the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Association with a notice of any matter requiring a vote a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of the due date of the vote by placing the item in the Board Forum. It is the responsibility of the Board members and officers to check the Board Forum frequently. The results of Board actions shall be posted to the membership in a timely manner. Matters that the Board considers in private, such as disciplinary issues, need not be posted to the membership.

8 - Membership Meetings

8.1 RCCA Membership Meetings - All RCCA membership meetings will be held as deemed necessary or desirable by the Board of Directors. Announcement of any meetings shall be published on the RCCA website or sent out by mail by the Secretary to those members without email addresses. This notice must be given no later than 30 days before the meeting is to take place. Minutes of the meeting will be presented in an abstract form and published on the RCCA website.

8.2 RCCA District Meetings - The District meeting will be conducted by the District Representative and minutes will be taken by his appointed secretary. A Quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total number of the members of the District present in person and/or represented by written/email proxy. A simple majority of members present or by proxy is required to carry an affirmative vote on any matter properly presented. All matters which have been affirmed at the meeting by the members shall be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration.

9 - Elections

9.1 General - The elected positions in the Association consist of the President, Vice-President, and District Representatives. The Board of Directors shall establish the procedures for elections.

10 - Financial

10.1 General - The Treasurer shall make only those expenditures of Association funds authorized and approved by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding any general authorization granted the Treasurer by the Board of Directors, specific authorization and approval of the Board of Directors is required for each additional expenditure of Association funds in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

10.2 Signatures - RCCA drafts and/or checks require the signature of the Treasurer and that of one other Principal Officer of the Association.

10.3 Auditing – The Board of Directors may call for an audit of the financial records by a majority vote. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records of the RCCA to an independent accounting firm, which is to be selected by the Board of Directors, in order to conduct a non-certified audit of their contents.

11 - Amendments

11.1 General - These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the entire Board of Directors and then must be published on the RCCA website and/or mailed within 60 days by the Secretary to the general membership.