



## **By-Laws for Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers, Inc.**

These By-Laws of the Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers, Inc. shall be the basis for all club activities and shall be enforced by the Executive Committee as required.

### **ARTICLE I - CLUB NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: EASTERN IDAHO AEROMODELERS, INC.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is:

- A. To promote the building of all types of model aircraft.
- B. To promote public awareness and acceptance of the sport/hobby of model aircraft and RC Cars.
- C. To interest and involve the area youth in building and flying of all types of model aircraft.
- D. To promote safe practices according to AMA standards for all flying activities for club members, guests, and spectators.
- E. To promote fellowship and establish closer relations among people interested in model aircraft and RC Cars.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP and DUES**

- A. Membership is open to any individual regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, color, disability, and familial status with an interest in model aircraft. Each member of the club, who flies, shall be required to maintain a current AMA membership. Current FAA rules will also be enforced including FAA number being required on your aircraft.
- B. Membership dues per year or any part thereof shall be as follows: Adult and junior members (15 years and younger) - \$75.00. The membership year runs from May 1 to April 30.

- C. If flying field maintenance or other foreseen expenses arise during the membership year, special assessments may be required of the membership. They must be found necessary by the current club officers and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members in good standing. The assessment shall be presented to all members in writing, including an absentee ballot, at least one week prior to the next scheduled meeting. At the next scheduled meeting the assessment will be voted on, with any returned absentee ballots included, and passed if voted by two-thirds of the votes.

#### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS and TERMS**

- A. The club shall have five (5) officers as follows:

1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Secretary/Treasurer
4. Two (2) Safety Officers / Field Marshals

- B. The nomination of club officers will be at the September meeting. Numbered ballots will be sent out so they can be returned and counted at the October meeting. No ballot will be considered valid unless accompanied with an assigned number. All adult members (See Article III paragraph B for Adult Members) in good standing shall be eligible for election to all offices. A majority vote of the members in good standing present will be required for the election to be valid.

- C. Term of offices shall be from the end of the election meeting to the end of the next election meeting in two (2) years. At the end of the two (2) year term the Vice President will progress into the President position followed by the Secretary progressing into the Vice President position and a new Secretary will be voted in. The current Vice President or Secretary has the option of not accepting the new position at which point a new candidate will be voted into the vacant position.

1. President: Progression or elected by popular vote for a term of two (2) years.
2. Vice-president: Progression or elected by popular vote for a term of two (2) years.
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Elected by popular vote for a term of two (2) years.
4. Safety Officers/Field Marshals (two): Voluntary or appointed by the Executive Committee.
5. Editor: Voluntary or appointed by the Executive Committee.
6. No elected official after their term is up can be re-elected to a consecutive term.

- D. Only one (1) member from the same family can be elected to the Executive Committee in any election year.

- E. In the election of the officers, the members shall have one (1) vote for each full membership. For voting purposes, a family membership is a full membership (one vote).
- F. The President will appoint two (2) members, not from the same family and not in office or running for office, to count the ballots. The count is official at the end of the meeting and ballots are to be destroyed. A recount must be called for and accomplished before the end of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- A. The five officers of the club are designated as the executive committee. They are responsible for making decisions for the club in all matters concerning funds, flying field use and maintenance, schedules, member discipline, and other club related situations that may arise. Normally, decisions concerning these matters will be presented, discussed, and voted on during a regularly scheduled meeting. At times when a meeting has not been timely scheduled, the executive committee will have the authority to act as necessary in the best interest of the club.
- B. Any officer may be removed from office for infraction of rules or failure to carry out the duties of office. Removal can take place only after the person has been notified and given a fair chance to disprove the charges. Removal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing. The proposal for removal of the officer shall be presented to all members in writing, including an absentee ballot, at least one week prior to the next scheduled meeting. At the next scheduled meeting the proposal will be voted on, with any returned absentee ballots included, and passed if vote by two-thirds of the votes.
- C. Occasionally, committees may be formed, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to do specific research/projects for the club.

### **ARTICLE VI - MEETING SCHEDULES**

- A. A regularly scheduled meeting shall be held monthly. All meetings will be conducted according to the guidelines found in the Roberts Rules of Order.
- B. An open Executive Committee meeting will be held monthly, or as necessary.
- C. The regular monthly meeting in October is for the purpose of elections and for the following year.
- D. Attending members, including one club officer, shall constitute a meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII - FLIGHT OPERATIONS and SAFETY**

- A. The club will maintain a flying field(s) for the use of club members and their guests. All activities at the flying field shall be according to AMA guidelines and club rules.
- B. Club Field Safety Rules:
1. All pilots must be current AMA members.
  2. The first flyer of the day is to notify the FAA control tower to open the flying field. The last flyer of the day is to notify the FAA control tower to close the flying field. This site is in FAA Class D airspace.
  3. Parking permitted in designated areas only.
  4. Flying privileges are for club members and their guests only.
  5. Frequency control is required for all transmitters not operating on 2.4 GHz
    - a) Transmitters will be controlled according to standard methods.
    - b) Transmitters will not be turned on or put in use without proper frequency control procedures for this field.
  6. Flying over the pit or parking area or above 400 feet (unless previously approved by the airport tower) is prohibited.
  7. All pilots will stand between the flight/pilot line and runway staying as close to the pilot/flight line as possible and maintain safe conditions visually and verbally with all other pilots. During special events, pilots will follow event requirements. No pilots shall cross the runway without the acknowledgement of any pilots with aircraft in the air or on the runway. No model planes will be parked forward of the flight/pilot line.
  8. AMA safety code must be adhered to in all instances.
  9. Pilots and pit crews shall not permit guests or spectators to be in line of the propeller arc.
  10. No taxiing, takeoff, or landing is allowed in the pit area.
  11. Radio range check is suggested before first flight.
  12. All members/guests will be responsible for their own trash removal.
- C. Field Use:

1. Use of the flying field is open to club members in good standing at any time. For non-members, use of the field is strictly limited to persons accompanied by a club member. Any non-member using the field for any flying related activity must do so in the presence of and with the permission of a club member. Those non-members who fly without permission will assume full responsibility for his or her actions and will not be allowed to fly.
2. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the flight line or Pit Area. Smoking and vaping are allowed in designated areas off to the sides of the pit area. Smokers shall not throw butts on the ground. Sand buckets will be supplied for cigarette butt disposal. Smokers are responsible for removal of cigarette butts from the EIAM Field. Smokers are expected to be courteous and aware of those who don't smoke or vape. Repeated violations of this smoking policy can result in a no smoking policy at the EIAM Field.
3. EIAM operates two RC car tracks for the exclusive enjoyment of EIAM Club Members. Only 1/10<sup>th</sup> scale or smaller cars can be used on the tracks. Members are expected to water the track prior to use to avoid excessive wear on the dirt surface. When up-righting an RC car, drivers will announce themselves before entering the track. Drivers will slow their cars until the track is clear. RC drag cars may be used on the runway if no EIAM members are flying model aircraft. In the event a member wants to fly model aircraft, RC drag activity must cease and yield to the model aircraft user.

### **ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL**

- A. The club and its members are expected and required to understand and adhere to the safety code of the AMA in all respects as well as the club safety rules.
- B. Guests and observers are welcome at the flying field anytime that flying activities are underway. Guests must comply with the club and AMA safety rules.
- C. No alcohol or drugs of any description are allowed on the flying field. No person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be permitted on the flying field.
- D. Personal Behavior:
  1. Participation in Model Aviation is a wholesome activity that is intended for personal and family enjoyment. Should a situation arise, and a member of the club, demonstrate behavior contrary to the standards of the EIAM Club, other members present are obligated to point out the poor

behavior to the individual demonstrating it. Tact and diplomacy should be used when discussing the situation with the offending individual. Respect gets respect.

2. Club leadership, acting under the provisions of Article V, Section A, can address a situation of poor behavior by writing initially, a Letter of Warning to the subject stating that instances of poor behavior will not be tolerated. A second incident will result in immediate expulsion from the club and any future club sponsored activities.
3. An exception to the letter of warning policy will be made should an instance occur when a member threatens (either physically or verbally) any other club member or field spectator. In this instance, the individual making the threat will be expelled, via leadership letter, immediately.
4. It is assumed that instances, mentioned above, must be witnessed by at least two club members.

### **ARTICLE IX - AMMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws of the Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers, Inc., may be amended by the Executive Committee following presentation to club members for comment (for major changes). At the next scheduled meeting the amendment will be voted on by the Executive Committee.

These By-Laws have been approved by two-thirds of the Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers, Inc. club members and adopted as written:

Changes to By-Laws approved June 1990  
Changes to By-Laws approved January 1995  
Changes to By-Laws approved October 1997  
Changes to By-Laws approved January 2000  
Changes to By-Laws approved August 2005  
Changes to By-Laws approved October 2017  
Changes to By-Laws approved October 2018  
Changes to By-Laws approved October 2020  
Changes to By-Laws approved August 2021