

Jersey Sky Devils - R/C Aircraft Club

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Club By-Laws

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ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

The club name is "The Jersey Sky Devils, Inc R/C Aircraft Club."

B. LOCATION

The Club is located in Vineland, NJ.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Club's purpose is to further the sport of model aviation and promote the camaraderie of its members.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. REQUIREMENTS

Prior to being considered for membership, an individual must,

1. Have the sponsorship of a member. The member's sponsor is responsible for orienting the new member to the club.
2. Present evidence of a valid A.M.A. membership.
3. Prospective new members must be approved by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Definition of "MEMBER": When not further modified, the term MEMBER refers to current club members with voting privileges. This term does not include JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Members must maintain a valid A.M.A. membership.

B. VOTING

1. A regular vote will be decided by a simple majority (greater than 50%) vote of the voting members present at a meeting.
2. A supermajority vote (greater than 2/3 of the voting members present) will be required for certain issues specified below in this document.
3. For urgent matters or to expedite club business, a vote may occur outside of a regular club meeting by

electronic means, provided the members have an adequate opportunity to review the issue being voted on by being provided with the relevant information and being given due NOTICE. This may occur by telephone conference call, video conferencing, or group email. In this case, a record of the event must be kept.

4. NOTICE: Notice may be given by regular mail or verbally at a club meeting and noted in the minutes of the meeting. It should be given at least 7 days prior to a special meeting or non-meeting vote. Club member(s) may choose to waive notice for any notification (satisfying the NOTICE rule for that notice).

C. DUES

New members (excluding Junior Members) shall be assessed an initiation fee of \$25.

Members shall be assessed dues of \$75.00 per year.

Junior Members shall be assessed dues of \$50 per year.

The dues will be prorated the first year for new members joining after the month of February.

"JUNIOR MEMBERS" are club members under the age of 18.

- shall have no voting privileges.
- shall become a regular MEMBER upon attaining age 18.
- Dues will increase to the Member rate the January following the Junior member's 18th birthday.
- Must have written permission from their parent/legal guardian.
- No Junior Member is to be at the field or meetings without being accompanied by a parent/legal

guardian or adult who is willing to accept full responsibility for that Junior Member.

All dues must be paid by the regular February Club Meeting. Failure to pay by said meeting may result in automatic loss of club membership and flying site privileges.

D. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club. A former club member who has left the club in good standing may rejoin the club, but is subject to approval by a vote of the members. The normal initiation fee shall be waived, and the member will resume payment of club dues at the current rate, prorated if after February.

E. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall there by terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

F. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Bylaws and Safety Rules. They are for violations that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable or disruptive behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from club membership, 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 the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation, by supermajority vote of the membership present at the expulsion meeting. The general membership is to be notified of the expulsion meeting 30 days prior to the meeting. No unused dues will be refunded.

G. REINSTATEMENT

A simple majority vote of the membership at a regular club meeting is required for reinstatement to the club unless the member was previously expelled or not "in good standing" when his membership terminated. In that case, a supermajority vote is required for reinstatement.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. ELIGIBILITY

Prospective Elected Officers must be active club members for a minimum of 12 months. The club may make an exception to this rule provided the member is elected by a supermajority vote.

Any Member in good standing is eligible to be an Appointed Officer, regardless of duration of membership.

B. FUNCTION

The Officers will conduct the routine business of the club.

C. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all officers shall be one year.

D. ELECTED OFFICERS

- President: shall preside at meetings and coordinate with the other officers and serve as the business proxy of the club.
- Vice President: Assists the president and fills in for the president in his absence

- Secretary: Records meeting minutes and maintains the Bylaws, Field Rules, and other club documents (unless otherwise delegated).
- Treasurer: Handles club funds, writes checks and maintains the checkbook and bank accounts

E. APPOINTED OFFICERS (Appointed by the Elected Officers)

- Safety officer
- Field Marshall

F. VACANCIES of OFFICER POSITIONS

Should an Officer leave the club, resign his/her position, or otherwise vacate the officer position prior to the end of its term, the position will be filled as follows:

- Vacancies of the Elected Officers will be filled in by a vote of the club members.
- Vacancies of Appointed Officers will be filled by the Elected Officers appointing a replacement.
- If an officer does not fulfill the duties of his position (eg. repeated non-attendance of meetings) as determined by the club members, a member may make a motion at a club meeting that the position be considered vacated, and the above procedures will be applied to fill the position.
- If an officer is temporarily unavailable or unable to perform his duties, he should notify the other officers and together they can either assign another club member to fill-in for him or the remaining officers perform his duties until his return.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held monthly. The meeting schedule will be maintained on the club's website. Although monthly meeting attendance is not mandatory, each member should make an effort to attend as many meetings as possible.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called if needed provided NOTICE is given.

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

Records will be maintained by the elected officers.
They will be transferred to the newly elected officers when they are replaced.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

There shall be a permanent Safety Committee, chaired by an appointee of the President. The Chairman of the Safety Committee shall appoint two additional members to the Safety Committee.
Other committees, temporary or permanent, may be created as necessary by the President.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the officer positions can be from the floor or by mail or email to the Club Secretary. Nominations of officers shall be held during the October meeting. Mail/email Nominations must be received before the October meeting.

B. ELECTION

Elections are held at the regularly scheduled December meeting.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Meeting Minutes

The Club Secretary shall publish on the club's website, the Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting, as well as any other pertinent news concerning the club.

B. SAFETY RULES

Safety Rules are held in the document titled “**Jersey Sky Devils Field Safety Rules**” . That document will be considered part of the Club's Bylaws, by reference.

C. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved by a supermajority vote. In the event of the club disbanding and after all the Club's financial obligations have been settled, any remaining funds in the Club's bank accounts shall be donated to the A.M.A.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND / OR SAFETY RULES

A. Publication on the club's website and email distribution to the club members together with 21 days NOTICE prior to the vote must be given.

B. Changes to either the BYLAWS or SAFETY RULES require a supermajority vote of the voting members present at the meeting in which the vote occurs or a supermajority of the members participating in a vote by electronic means.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing Bylaws and Safety Rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Bylaws violations will be handled by the President and Elected Club Officers. Safety violations will be handled by the Safety Committee. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the

matter should be referred to the appropriate body for consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and submitted to the appropriate body. At least one witness to the event, in addition to the member submitting the grievance, is required to submit the Grievance Form and initiate the Grievance Procedure. The Club Officers (Bylaws infringement/disruptive behavior) or Safety officer/Committee (flying rules violation) shall use its judgment in carrying out an action on the following.

a. **FIRST VIOLATION:**

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. If needed, a verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the President (Bylaws) or Safety Officer/Committee (flying violation), and this will be recorded in the Club records.

c. **SECOND VIOLATION:**

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the appropriate 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 minutes.

d. **THIRD VIOLATION:**

The appropriate committee will notify the accused in writing and the club members will be notified by email. The Club members will vote by secret ballot on the expulsion of the accused at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If expelled, the expulsion will last for a minimum of one year. Expulsion from the Club requires a supermajority vote. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

e. For purposes of counting violations, only those violations occurring within the previous 24 months are included.

f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing the said grievance or those involved in mediating said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.