

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & REGULATIONS OF WHITE HILLS EAGLES R C CLUB, INC.

August 8, 2023

ARTICLE 1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be White Hills Eagles R C Club, Inc.

ARTICLE 2 - Purpose

To promote growth in the art of design, construction, and flying of radio controlled model airplanes.

1. To gather and disseminate information on all aspects of model aircraft, design, construction and flying techniques.
2. To encourage family participation in all aspects of the hobby.
3. To educate, help, support and encourage both new and existing members.
4. To develop rules for safe flying in a manner which will consider the needs and desires of all members and the community in which we fly.
5. To be affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (hereafter also referred to as the AMA) and to engage in activities which support its programs.
6. To operate as a non-profit club. In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the club, after payment of debts, shall be paid over to the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center, Bridgeport, CT.

ARTICLE 3 – Classes of Membership

All persons committed to the Purposes in ARTICLE 2 above are eligible to apply for membership in the White Hills Eagles R C Club, Inc. (hereafter also referred to as the Club or WHERCC). Membership is granted by a majority vote of the existing members present at a regular or special meeting.

Classes of Membership:

1. To be a Full Voting Member, an individual must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
2. To be a Junior Member, an individual must be under the age of eighteen (18) years. Junior members are not eligible to vote.
3. To be an Honorary Member, an individual may be any age. Honorary members are not eligible to vote.
4. All members have the right to attend all meetings and to participate in all social as well as business functions of the club.

ARTICLE 4 – Membership Requirements

1. All members must read and shall be responsible for knowing and abiding by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Club.
2. All members must also be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
3. All members are responsible for knowing and complying with the safety rules and regulations set forth by the AMA.
4. All members must conduct themselves in a proper manner. Since our hobby attracts many youngsters and spouses as spectators, all members must use appropriate language at all times.
5. All new members who intend to fly must be approved at the site by a Flight Instructor Pilot before flying by themselves at the Shelton Field or any other WHERCC sanctioned event. They must demonstrate flight competency as well as knowledge of the field boundaries and no fly zones. See the more specific requirements under Article 10 - Instructor/Student Rules.
6. Any flyer that after they have soloed, but later appears to fly in an unsafe manner, will have to go back for recertification by an instructor.

ARTICLE 5 – Guests

1. Members are allowed to bring only one flying guest per day. Each individual guest will be permitted three flying visits in a calendar year. After three visits, the guest must apply for membership according to WHERCC's Bylaws.
2. All flying guests must show evidence of their possessing current membership in the AMA before they will be allowed to fly.
3. All guests are responsible for knowing and complying with the safety rules and regulations set forth by the AMA.
4. Every club member is responsible for the conduct of his/her guest, and it is therefore the club member's responsibility to ensure that the guest fully understands our safety rules and frequency control regulations. In the event of an infraction of the rules by any member or guest, it shall be the responsibility of the member to repair or replace any equipment damaged by such action.
5. All guests who intend to fly must be approved at the site by a Flight Instructor Pilot before flying by themselves at the Shelton Field or other WHERCC sanctioned event. They must demonstrate flight competency as well as knowledge of the field boundaries and no fly zones.

ARTICLE 6 - Dues, Fees, Special Assessments

1. Annual dues, initiation fees, and Special Assessments shall be established from time to time by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting. Until changed per those provisions, the dues and any other fees shall be:

Class of Membership	Annual Dues
Full Member (over 18)	\$100.00
Each Household Member (over 18) of Full Member	\$35.00
Each Junior Household Member (under 18) of Full Member	No Fee
Junior Member (18 or under)	\$35.00
Honorary Member	No Fee

Additional Fees	Amount
Late Fee (over 30 days from due date)	\$10.00
Non-refundable Application Fee	\$25.00
Field Assessment Fee	\$100.00

2. Annual dues are due and payable on July 1 of each year.
3. The membership of any member failing to pay his or her annual dues and other fees on or before July 31st will be automatically terminated. The terminated member can be reinstated only upon payment of a \$20.00 late fee plus the annual dues and any other fees prior to August 31. After August 31, the terminated member must apply as a new applicant.
4. A new applicant for any membership, other than a junior membership, will pay in advance a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00.
5. Upon being accepted as a new member by vote of the membership, a new applicant will pay a prorated annual dues fee per the table below plus an additional \$100.00 field assessment fee.

Prorated New Member Annual Dues	
Aug. 1st to Oct. 31st = \$100.00	Nov. 1st to Jan. 31st = \$75.00
Feb. 1st to Apr 30th = \$50.00	May 1st to July 31st = \$25.00

6. New Junior Member applicant's dues will not be prorated.

7. Junior Member applicants will not be required to pay the application fee.
8. Junior Members would not pay the Field Assessment Fee until they reached the age of 18 years old.
9. The Executive Committee is empowered to consider and grant a waiver of dues and fees to any individual who feels their economic circumstances are such as to warrant such consideration.

ARTICLE 7 - Membership Limit and Membership Waiting List Procedure

1. The number of members that the club can safely accommodate on a yearly basis (Membership Limit) shall be established from time to time by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting.
2. Junior Members do not count towards the Membership Limit, but there is a limit of 5 Junior Members after which applicants will be put on a waiting list subject to the rules of the full member waiting list.
3. Honorary Members do not count toward the Membership Limit
4. As of August 8, 2023, the Membership Limit is 60 individuals.
5. When an applicant pays the \$25 application fee, the applicant will be put on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by the Membership Chairman in the order that the application is received.
6. When an opening becomes available, the Membership Chairman will present the applicant to the members present at a regular or special meeting.
7. If the membership votes to accept the applicant as a member, the applicant will have 14 days to pay his field assessment fee and pro rata dues. If the applicant fails to do so within the 14 day period the applicant will drop to the bottom of the waiting list.

ARTICLE 8 - Officers and Executive Committee

1. The Club Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. There shall be an Executive Committee. Its chairman shall be the President, and it shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Duties of Officers and Other Key Positions

3. **PRESIDENT:** Presides at Club meetings, is ex-officio member of all committees, appoints key individuals and chairpersons of committees to complete appropriate tasks as may be needed from time to time. The appointment of a Safety Officer is mandatory.
4. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Assumes the duties of the President if absent and assists and represents the President when so directed.
5. **SECRETARY:** Keeps records of the proceedings of all meetings. Maintains an official membership list with names, addresses, telephone numbers and other member information as may be necessary in collaboration with the Membership Chairman and the Treasurer. Notifies members of special

meetings, records number of those present at the meetings and maintains custody of all Club documents, records, reports, communications connected with the business of the Club except those associated with the Treasurer. Conducts all correspondence of the Club, including updating changes in club membership to AMA Headquarters.

6. **TREASURER:** Accounts for all finances of the Club, including money received and bills paid, and issues membership cards in collaboration with the Secretary. Presents financial reports at the Club business meetings. Maintains pertinent financial records of the Club and other pertinent records, as required by law.
7. **SAFETY OFFICER:** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the overall safety environment at the Flying Field. The Safety Officer has the responsibility and authority to bar individuals, whether Club members or not, from using or continuing to use the Club flying field if they do not adhere to the AMA and Club safety rules and procedures. It is the Safety Officer's responsibility to notify the said individual of his/her violation, along with one or more of the officers to determine what arrangements must be made to alleviate the unsafe situation. The Safety Officer then must approve these arrangements before the individual can use the Club flying field. The Safety Officer has the authority to appoint other club members in good standing to perform the duties of the Safety Officer in the absence of the Safety Officer.
8. **CHIEF INSTRUCTOR PILOT (CIP):** The CIP has the authority to appoint other club members in good standing to perform the duties of an Instructor Pilot. The Instructor Pilot's responsibility is to train new pilots to fly in a safe manner in accordance with all WHERCC and AMA rules and regulations. When a new Pilot has completed his training, the CIP has the final authority to approve any new pilot flying at the WHERCC field locations.
9. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** The Membership Chairman is responsible for all aspects of introducing prospective members into the Club from the time of first contact, through the membership approval process, and subsequently through integration within the club community. In collaboration with the Secretary and Treasurer, the Membership Chairman maintains the membership list. The Membership Chairman is also the representative of the general membership on any committees on which the Membership Chairman may participate.
10. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** May be appointed by the President at any time it is considered necessary. The Sergeant-At-Arms' duty will be to maintain order and to prevent physical injury between persons during club activities.

ARTICLE 9 - Election of Club Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

1. Only Full Members and Household Members of Full Members who are at least 18 years of age, and are members in good standing with the Club, are eligible to hold office and/or to vote in all elections and meetings. Junior Members and Honorary Members are not eligible to hold office or to vote.
2. Election of Club Officers will be held every two years, with nominations and elections at the annual July meeting of the Club or as soon thereafter as may be practical.

3. At the July annual meeting, provisions will be made to accept written nominations in a secret ballot box and also verbally from the floor of the meeting. While no person may hold two or more offices simultaneously, a person may be nominated (or self-nominated) for each office as it comes up for a vote. Once elected to an office, a person becomes ineligible for nomination to another office.
4. The names of the general membership shall be made available to all members prior to the nomination process.
5. Elections shall be by paper secret ballot. A candidate shall be elected by a majority of those members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. There shall first be elected a President, and then in turn, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
6. The newly elected Officers shall assume their responsibilities on August 1st for a two (2) year term.
7. In the event of the resignation or death of an Executive Committee member during the two year term, the Executive Committee by majority vote will appoint an eligible member in good standing to perform the duties of the Executive Committee member until such time as a special meeting can be called to elect a replacement member for the remainder of the term. The special meeting must take place within 60 days of the officer's resignation.

ARTICLE 10 - Instructor/Student Rules

1. Certain qualified flyers have been designated as instructors. No one may assume the role of instructor without being so designated by the Chief Instructor Pilot. All beginners must fly under the direct control of an instructor until that instructor allows them to solo.
2. Cases may arise that an individual wishes to have his/her aircraft checked out by a member in good standing not rated as an instructor. Under these conditions, the person asked to perform the checkout becomes the "de facto owner" of the aircraft for the duration of the flight(s), but still may not function in the capacity of an instructor. The aircraft must remain solely under "de facto owner's" control and responsibility.
3. In order to qualify as a pilot, each student must demonstrate his/her proficiency in performing each of these maneuvers:
 - 3.1. Takeoff
 - 3.2. Perform procedure turn away from the pit/spectator area and climb to altitude.
 - 3.3. Perform two consecutive figure eight maneuvers while maintaining altitude.
 - 3.4. Land in a satisfactory manner.

ARTICLE 11 - Field Rules

1. It is recommended that no member fly alone.
2. All fliers must be AMA members in good standing. All field and flight operations shall be strictly in accordance with the current AMA safety code.

3. Full-scale aircraft have absolute right of way over all model aircraft.
4. Announce your intentions to take off, touch and go, dead stick, low pass and landings. Dead Stick has right of way.
5. Use the four flight stations marked by a break in the fence.
6. Fly responsibly.....use spotter.
7. Flying is absolutely forbidden over the pits and no fly zones as established by the Executive Committee.
8. No more than three aircraft including helicopters shall be in the air at any given time. This includes helicopters hovering on the helicopter pad or flying in pattern on the main field.
9. All helicopter operations shall be by mutual consent with airplane pilots with a 15 minute time limit.
10. No one other than pilots, spotters, students, instructors or safety officers is permitted in the Pit area or on the flying field. All others must remain in the spectator area, which is located under the canopy.
11. Every pilot is responsible for the worthiness of his or her model and controls, and shall inspect his or her aircraft before each flight. Every new or repaired aircraft is subject to safety and flight worthiness inspections at any time by any officer, safety officer or instructor. Unsafe equipment will be grounded until correction and/or repairs are made.
12. All engines with a displacement greater than .051 cubic inches shall be equipped with a muffler with db no greater than 96 @ nine feet at full throttle.
13. Observe posted times at the field.
14. Transmitter Frequencies and Controls:
 - 14.1.1. All non 2.4 GHz transmitters must display channel number on the antenna and comply with current AMA requirements. No transmitters shall be operated on any frequencies which are not approved by the AMA and FCC.
 - 14.1.2. A transmitter impound is recommended under the canopy for three or more FM radio flyers.
 - 14.1.3. No FM radio shall be activated until the pilots' frequency clip appears on the FENCE.
 - 14.1.4. All flyers not using 2.4 GHz transmitters shall place their frequency clip on the fence when ready to fly.
 - 14.1.5. All pilots should observe a 15 minute time limitation, after which the frequency clip is removed from the fence, allowing rotation to the next flyer.
 - 14.1.6. When flight is over, make sure transmitter is OFF. Remove your frequency clip from the fence and return transmitter to the impound area.

- 14.1.7. Any member causing the loss of another member's aircraft by not following the frequency control system, shall be required to repair or replace said member's aircraft.
15. It is recommended that all members flying gasoline powered models have a UL approved fire extinguisher close at hand.
 16. All members are responsible for removing their trash when they leave the field.
 17. All major engine adjustments and breaking in will be performed on the hill behind flight line.
 18. Use fuel overflow containers.
 19. No smoking.
 20. Pilots will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, nor during, participation in any model operations.
 21. Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly fashion, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
 22. Cell phone calls shall not be received or made within earshot of any Club meeting that has been called to order and has not been adjourned.

ARTICLE 12 - Parking

1. Drive on gravel road and parking area only.
2. Only Park vehicles in designated area behind the pits.
3. No driving down to field when snow is covering the road. You can walk down to the field to fly off the snow.
4. First car in parks on either side of the canopy.
5. No parking on roadway or farmer's hay field. Please avoid driving or turning on these areas.
6. Guests are not allowed to park in the parking area on busy days. If parking area becomes crowded with members, guests will be required to move and park on the road.

ARTICLE 13 - Sanctions for Unsafe or Non-Sportsmanlike Behavior

1. Any member flying in an unsafe or non-sportsmanlike manner shall have his or her flying privileges suspended upon receipt of two written warnings within any 12 month period. A subsequent third warning at any time will result in termination of Club membership.
2. Such warnings may be requested (in writing) by any member of the Club through the Secretary. Such allegations will be investigated by the Executive Committee and a decision rendered as to whether or not a warning will be issued. Should the offending member be a part of the Executive Committee, the case shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. The results of the investigation shall be discussed in a private meeting of the Executive Committee and the charged member may be present, if he/she so desires. Should the charged member disagree with findings of the Executive Committee, he/she may appeal to the general membership

at a regular or special meeting. The decision of the Executive Committee may be overturned at such a meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

3. The Executive Committee shall suspend the flying privileges for up to one year of any member receiving two written warnings as set forth in paragraph 2. Any member who has been previously suspended under this paragraph 3, and again receives an additional third warning as set forth in paragraph 2, shall be terminated from Club membership. No suspended member during the period of his or her suspension, and no terminated member at any time, shall be allowed to fly in any capacity at any Club facility or in any Club event.
4. Any fees or dues previously paid by the suspended or terminated member will not be refunded.
5. A record of such warnings, suspensions and terminations will be maintained by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 14 - Amendments

1. This Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Club, and any supplements or attachments, may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of all the members present and eligible to vote at any regular or special meeting with 20% of the Club's Membership Limit being present.
2. A vote to amend the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations shall not be taken at any meeting unless notice of any proposed changes had been emailed to all members a minimum of two weeks prior to the said meeting. This notice shall contain the substance of the proposed change(s).

ARTICLE 15 – Conflicts and Governing Document

This CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & REGULATIONS OF WHITE HILLS EAGLES R C CLUB, INC. dated August 8, 2023 supersedes and takes precedence over all previous versions of this document. In the event of a conflict with any other Club document, this CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & REGULATIONS OF WHITE HILLS EAGLES R C CLUB, INC. shall govern.