

BY-LAWS
Airmasters

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Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered Club #4983

1. The name of said Club shall be Airmasters, a Chartered Club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as well as being an Ohio 501 (c) (7), founded exclusively for charitable, educational, and recreational purposes, including, but not be limited to teaching, training, and educating the public in the flying and safety aspects of radio controlled model aircraft, helicopters, multirotor, and U-Control model aircraft as well as improving skills and enjoyment for pleasure and competition.

Members of Airmasters have the obligation to uphold the By-Laws of this organization. The right to use the Airmasters facilities may be revoked if a member does not comply with the Airmasters, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), or any other applicable government agency whose rules and regulations may affect the flying of model aircraft.

2. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall be used to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the above paragraphs as approved by the membership. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Club officers shall consist of the following; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The indicated officers are to be elected by members of the Club in good standing and maintain active membership.

President: The President is the executive officer and spokesperson for the Club who presides over Club meetings. He or she appoints standings and special committees as deemed necessary. The President will cast the deciding vote in case of a tied vote.

Vice President: The Vice President assists the President in all matters and assumes the duties of the President if for any reason the President is unable to perform those duties. The Vice President assist in Club meeting schedules and other Club events whether scheduled or requested by the Club officers or members.

Secretary: The Secretary keeps accurate minutes of all regular scheduled, called Club meetings, records attendance, provide meeting minutes and any correspondence necessary to active Club members.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's responsibilities shall include maintaining the financial records of the organization, reporting the financial status of the Club at the regular monthly meetings, and filing all required financial forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Safety Coordinator: A Club Safety Coordinator is an appointed position in the Club by the President. The safety coordinator promotes and encourages a climate of safety awareness within the Club. He or she provides a communications between AMA and the Club in matters related to safety. A safety audit of Club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public is recommended at least annually. He or she establishes a Club emergency action plan to handle serious incidents and annually reviews emergency procedures with Club members.

Membership Coordinator: The Membership Coordinator is an appointed position in the Club by the President. The Membership Coordinator is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date membership record of all Club members including mailing addresses, AMA membership numbers, and other contact information deemed needed.

4. Club officers for the coming year are to be nominated at the October meeting. Nominated officers shall be voted upon at the December meeting. Elected officers will then be installed at the January meeting and shall serve for the current year.
5. The official meetings of this organization shall be held monthly with the time and location set forth by either the President or the Vice President. The membership will be notified well in advance as to any change in the meetings.
6. A quorum shall consist of 10 members present at the meeting and will require two officers in attendance.
7. The Airmasters shall have the right to limit membership and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or religion.
8. The Airmasters dues calendar year is January 1st through December 31st. Annual membership dues are due January 1st.. Renewal dues not received by March 31st, the individual will be removed from the active roster. To return to active member in good standing status during the current calendar dues year, the individual shall submit their annual dues.

New membership dues received after October 1st of the current dues year will carryover to the next calendar year.

Active Members: In order to become an active member in good standing of the Airmasters, prospective members shall submit a complete membership application accompanied by \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) and verification of current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The form must be presented to the Membership Coordinator who will file such. The prospective member will receive a copy of the by-laws along with a copy of the field pit rules. All new members will serve a six-month probationary period. Annual dues for active members is \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars).

Youth Membership: Members under 19 (nineteen) years of age will be charged \$25.00 (twenty five dollars) per year and must have current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Lifetime Membership: When a member in good standing reaches the age of 75 (seventy-five) and has been an active member for 10 (ten) consecutive years prior to their birthday, he/she

will be awarded a lifetime membership and will not be charged yearly dues. It is the responsibility of lifetime members to maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Honorary Membership: Active or lifetime members may become honorary members by requesting a change in their status to honorary membership by notifying the Membership Coordinator. AMA membership is not required for honorary members as they will be non-flying, non-voting members of the Airmasters organization. Dues for honorary members that have not attained lifetime membership shall be \$25.00 (twenty five dollars) per year. A member of the Club may request their spouse to become an honorary Club member by notifying the Membership Coordinator.

A membership identification card will be issued each year by the Membership Coordinator to verify membership and compliance with the Airmasters membership requirements.

11. There is no time of day restrictions for flying.
12. Helicopter and multicopter flying will be permitted at the field; however, pilots must show proof of their ability to control their craft and must have an endorsement signed on the back of their membership card by the Airmasters helicopter flight instructor. All pit rules must be adhered to at all times and common and safety sense must prevail at all time.
13. The flying of U-Controlled airplanes will be permitted at the field in the designated area only. All applicable pit rules and safety rules must be adhered to at all times. Common and safety sense must prevail at all time.
14. New members and students must have a Club Officer endorsement on the back of their membership card to verify ability to control their aircraft whether it is an airplane, helicopter, multicopter or drone of any type before they fly alone.
15. All flights must be restricted to the open field and must not encroach the air space over the pit area, parking lot, and driveway.
16. Flight safety shall be the responsibility of each member and guest. Both are expected to handle his or her equipment in a safe manner. All pilots are to adhere to the posted rules and pit rules. Any violations of the foregoing items are to be halted immediately if brought to your attention. Continued violations could result in possible expulsion from the organization.
17. Non 2.4 GHz transmitters must be placed on the impound shelf and in the off position upon arrival at the field. They must remain there when not in use. This requirement will be **your** responsibility
18. Each member will have access to the gate and shelter locks. **The last member leaving the field must secure all locks.**
19. In order to become a trainee, membership in the Airmasters is mandatory.
20. Work details are not mandated; however, it is requested that all members be able to help with the various projects that are necessary to keep our field in the excellent shape we now enjoy.

21. Guest flyers are welcome; however, it is the responsibility of the host member to insure that the guest is a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) unless the guest is on a trainer box with a current member and verify ones ability to control their aircraft. Guest are only allowed to fly 3 (three) times per year.
22. No alcohol on the premise will be permitted, nor shall be consumed during or prior to members actively engaged in flying at our field.
23. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** An Advisory Committee is the organization of a Chairman, Co-chairman (two Club members) and seven rank and file members appointed by the current officers to review rule and safety infractions. The committee will serve as an advisory role in assisting the officers in various issues. The committee also has the authority to recommend the termination of a member to the Club officers should a serious rule violation arises. Should this situation occur, 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the advisory committee is necessary to terminate a member for violating the organizations rules. The Secretary will notify the member of his/her termination by registered mail.
24. **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:** The Airmasters by-laws may be changed or mandated with the discretion of the Club officers and a vote of a quorum of the membership. To revise the by-laws, it will be necessary to involve (3) three consecutive regular monthly meetings. The first monthly meeting will consist of the initial motion to change an item in the by-laws seconded and voted upon by the membership. The second regular monthly meeting will be notification that the proposed by-law changes will be discussed. The next (3rd) regular monthly meeting will involve the actual voting by the membership in attendance. At that point, the by-laws in question will either pass or fail depending upon the vote of the membership in attendance. If passed, the item in question will immediately become incorporated into the by-laws. If the item in question fails, no further action will be necessary.
25. **SPENDING CLUB FUNDS:** Club funds shall be dispersed as described in the following paragraphs.

The Club Treasurer shall pay Club expenses as approved by motion by the members in good standing, at a regular monthly meeting. Normal, anticipated operating expenses shall be included in an annual budget presented to the membership by the President and Vice President, for approval by the members in good standing, at the regular membership meeting in January of each year.

The budget year shall run from January 1 to December 31 each year.

The Treasurer may spend up to a maximum of \$300/month in Club expenses between regular monthly meetings with prior approval of two (2) Club officers. An explanation for the expenditures shall be provided to the members at the first meeting immediately following the expenditure. Any other expenditures require a prior approval by the membership.
26. **CLUB PROPERTY DISPOSAL:** When an item or items owned by the Club are no longer needed, the item(s) shall be disposed of as outlined in the following paragraphs.

At a regular membership meeting, a Club officer shall initiate a motion to dispose of any

item(s) owned by the Club that is to be disposed of.

The motion shall include the reason for disposal and how the item(s) are to be disposed of.

A majority vote by the members in good standing present at the meeting is required for disposal of the item(s).

These BY-LAWS were presented to the membership and voted upon June 30, 2020

Mike Edwards

Current President

Mike King

Current Vice-President