

# **TRI-COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB of NEWJERSEY**

Chartered Club of the  
Academy of Model Aeronautics

Charter #434

U.S. Representative for Model Aviation of the  
Federation Aeronautique Internationale

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1 - Name**

Section 1. The name of this club shall be the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Purpose**

Section 1. The objectives of this Club shall be to promote Radio Control building and flying and to aid insofar as possible the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and other AMA activities, looking toward the continual advancement of model aviation in all its phases in the United States.

Section 2. All special or local enterprises of the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey shall conform to the policies of the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Academy of Model Aeronautics and to the regulations of those organizations governing model aircraft activities.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Membership**

Section 1. All persons shall be eligible for membership in the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey, provided that they meet qualifications prescribed by this Club and the Academy of Model Aeronautics, hold an individual flier's license issued by the AMA, and comply with the current requirements of the FAA and FCC.

# **Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE 1 - Officers**

The officers, also known as the Board of Directors, of the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey shall be:

- (A) A President
- (B) A Vice-President
- (C) A Secretary
- (D) A Treasurer
- (E) A Trustee

All officers of the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey (hereafter referred to as “the Club), a Social Club in the State of New Jersey, shall be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Duties**

(A) President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesman for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. All correspondence shall be initiated or signed by the President.

(B) Vice-President - The Vice-President shall act for the President when he is unable to serve. The Vice-President shall be charged with the function of safety officer. The Vice-President shall coordinate the operation of the flight instruction program.

(C) Secretary - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and the attendance record of such meetings. He shall provide himself with an official minutes book for this purpose. The Secretary shall make available once yearly revised rules changes to members, also providing the AMA and members with yearly changes of fees and membership. The Secretary shall also be responsible for all Club correspondence.

(D) Treasurer - The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys received and moneys dispersed by the Club. All transactions, monetary and merchandise shall be handled by the Treasurer. At each meeting the Treasurer shall report all monthly Club expenditures. The Treasurer is also responsible for notifying all Club members who are delinquent in dues. The Treasurer shall also be responsible to file all IRS forms as required.

(E) Trustee - The Trustee shall act at all times to safeguard and preserve the interests of the Club as a whole, to supervise the activities of the elected officers of the Club and actively see that all offices are served adequately, and aid the Club in any manner possible. The Trustee shall also act as Information Officer. Candidates for this office are to be chosen from those members who have previously held office for a minimum of one full term in the Tri-County Radio Control Club

(F) Board of Directors - The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general policy and direct the general activities of the Club and such activities of individual members as relate to the general welfare of the Club so as to preserve the organization and accomplish the general aims and purposes of the Club. A decision by the Board of Directors must consist of a unanimous vote of all five of the directors, or the question must be presented to the membership.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Term of Office**

Section 1. All officers of the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey shall serve for one year from January 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 2. The elections of officers shall be held annually during the last meeting of the calendar year then current. The nominations shall be made by a committee of at least three (3) appointed beforehand for that purpose, or by individual members following the report of the nominating committee.

### **ARTICLE 4 - Vacancies**

Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Such appointee is to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

### **ARTICLE 5 - Meetings**

Regular business meetings will be held once a month, commencing in January and ending in December, on the last Thursday of that month, numbering eleven (11) meetings. If a meeting date falls on a holiday, the Board of Directors will reschedule the meeting.

### **ARTICLE 6 -Regular Business**

Section 1. All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by the Club at regular monthly meetings shall be directed by the Board of Directors, except that at any time the President or Board may call a special meeting of the membership to decide on any special problem or business activity.

Section 2. At any Club meeting, a quorum shall be a simple majority of those members present. All members must be notified of a meeting at least three days before that meeting.

### **ARTICLE 7 - Dues and Fees**

Section 1. Membership dues in this Club shall be paid annually in an amount needed to cover the present budget. Dues may also be increased in an amount needed to cover a deficit in the previous year's budget and must be approved by a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors. Yearly charter Club fees for members already registered with the AMA as chartered members of this Club shall be paid by the Club out of the Club's Treasury.

Section 2. There shall be no initiation fees charged for new members. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 3. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership at any time, except by vote of the membership as a whole, and then only by a majority vote of ninety (90) percent of the attending membership.

Section 4. A late fee of \$25 shall be charged to existing members submitting due payments past March 31<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 5. Not more than thirty (30) percent of the Club's gross worth can be spent on any one event except by vote of the membership as per Article 11 - Amendments

Section 6. All dues must be paid for the current year by March 31<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year.

Section 7. No member of the Tri-County R/C Club shall be permitted to charge fees or accept gratuities for giving lessons or instructions in the art of flying and operating aircraft at the current Flying Field.

Section 8. In the event Tri-County R/C Club was to dissolve all assets would be returned pro-rated to the existing membership.

### **ARTICLE 8 - Special Funds**

The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

### **ARTICLE 9 - Qualifications for membership**

Section 1. All members must conduct themselves in a gentlemanly way and show good sportsmanship at all times. There will be a written warning delivered by certified mail for each violation of the club rules. The first warning shall be a notice of the violation. A second warning will also include a one month suspension from flying privileges at the field. A third violation will be a suspension from all club functions for one full year. Reinstatement can only be made by satisfying the necessary requirements and being admitted as a new member. All violations are appealable during the next scheduled meeting after the notice is sent. All suspensions begin the day after the meeting for appeal. Each notice shall be negated after one full year. All violations will also be reported to the membership.

Section 2. Each new member shall attend one meeting unless waived by a Board Member due to the inability of the new member to attend a meeting as a result of a time conflict due to work or other personal matters. Student members (18 years of age or under) must also have permission of a parent or authorized guardian. The Board of Directors has the authority to screen any new member. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 3. Each new member must hold a valid Youth or Adult AMA Membership, FAA Membership, successfully completed the FAA TRUST Test and provide proof of same to the  
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Secretary and Treasurer before a Club membership is issued. All new members are automatically classified as students and may not have use of the club airfield(s) without an instructor present until a club approved pilot proficiency test witnessed by a club instructors.

Pilot proficiency tests include fixed wing, helicopter, multi-rotor, and all FPV aircraft.  
(Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 4. Active membership begins for a new member immediately when the new member fulfills all membership requirements. A new member is not required to pay dues for the month in which he joins, but he must pay a full year's dues. The following year's dues will be prorated for overpayment from the previous year. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 5. It is the responsibility of each member to act as a policing agent for the Tri-County Radio Control Club of New Jersey and to notify the individual who is not obeying the rules and regulations of his misconduct. If serious safety violations are continuous, or if Club safety rules are repeatedly broken, the Board of Directors shall be notified so that they may take proper disciplinary action. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 6. If the amounts owing are not paid up by March 31st, the member can be dropped from the roster of the Club by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Reinstatement can only be made by satisfying the necessary requirements, unanimous approval by the Board Members and payment of dues as well as the late fee. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

Section 7. Membership limit. A maximum of 150 members will be allowed into the club. Modelers wishing to apply after the cap is met will be added to a queuing list that will be reviewed and updated annually. As Club, field, and or any other limiting factors arise, the Board of Directors may adjust the membership cap as needed. (Rev. 1-26-2023)

#### **ARTICLE 10 - Committees**

Section 1. The committees of this Club shall be appointed by the President to serve throughout the term of his tenure of office, and their duties shall be indicated by the names given to the committees with actions subject to the Board of Directors' approval.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution and these By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified by official Email and or Social Media (see Article 13) at least three (3) days prior to that month's meeting when the amendment is to be considered. Proposed amendments must be approved by a simple majority of the members present.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - Club Colors**

Section 1. The Tri-County Radio Control Club official colors will be Blue and Gold.

## **ARTICLE 13 - Official Club Voice**

Section 1. Shall be by means of electronic mail (email) or Club approved Social Media at least once per month (weekly recommended) to the membership in good standing by the President. The President can recruit another board or club member to carry out this task. This will be the official voice to inform the membership of events of interest and official business as specified in Articles 6 and 11.