

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this club shall be the Charleston Radio Control Society. The club address is PO Box 81, Ridgeville SC 29472

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this club is:

- To promote the construction and flying of radio controlled model aircraft.
- To provide an association for active members interested in radio controlled aircraft building and flying.
- To promote safety in, and enjoyment of, radio controlled model aircraft building and flying.
- To establish, equip, own, lease or hold a flying field and facilities for flying radio controlled model aircraft as an Academy Of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered club.  
Because CRCS is a Non-Profit organization, the club field cannot be used to provide services that charge a fee.
- To provide radio controlled model aircraft training to members and potential members.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Anyone with interests coinciding with the stated purpose of the club may apply for membership. All applicants must apply for / hold a current AMA membership.

Section 2:

Membership shall be valid as long as dues and assessments are paid, until resignation in writing, or membership is terminated by a vote of the membership as provided in ARTICLE X in these bylaws, whichever comes first.

Section 3:

Members of the immediate family (members of the household living at home) may enjoy club facilities with the exception of liabilities for dues and assessments, voting privileges, or holding office, as long as they hold a valid AMA license.

Section 4:

Any member may resign from this club, for any reason, by notifying the club Secretary in writing. Any member who has resigned while in good standing, in accordance with above, may apply for reinstatement and shall meet all requirements of a new member except for payment of the initiation fee.

ARTICLE IV: DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1:

All new members of the club shall have to pay an initiation fee of \$25.00, non-refundable. New members dues will be a prorated lump sum of \$5.42 per month from the month they join to the following April.

Section 2:

Existing members dues shall be \$65.00 per year, to be paid by the April meeting of CRCS. Members that have not paid by the May meeting will be considered delinquent and lose their club privileges. Members that are delinquent will need to pay the full years dues (\$65) before regaining club privileges.

Section 3:

Members of the club who, through occupational necessity, are required to be absent from the geographical area for 90 days or more, upon notification of the club Treasurer prior to absence, will not be required to pay dues for the period of absence. The fees during the absence will be prorated for the next membership year.

Section 4:

Assessments to cover exceptional club expenses may be proposed at a regular schedule CRCS meeting in the form of a motion that includes the amount of the assessment per member, and that the vote on implementing the assessment will take place at the next regular scheduled CRCS meeting. After discussion, the motion needs to receive a majority vote of the members present for the proposed assessment to be scheduled for a vote at the next regularly scheduled CRCS meeting. The minutes of the club meeting will be posted on the web site and a special note on the front page of the website will make reference to the minutes of the meeting. At the next regularly scheduled CRCS meeting the assessment will be voted on by the members present at that meeting and must receive a majority vote. Failure to pay assessments when due shall result in immediate suspension of all club privileges and automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Safety Officer and three Members At Large.

Section 2:

Terms of office shall be by calendar year and elections shall be held during the last quarter.

Section 3:

President: presides at club and Board Of Directors meetings, is automatically a member of all committees, and is a signatory of the club treasury.

Vice-President: Assumes the duties of President when the President is not available, assists and represents the President at committee meetings, or at other times when requested by the President.

Secretary: Provides administrative support for club business, maintains records. Responsible for recording minutes of club meeting.

Treasurer: Custodian of the funds, responsible for receipt and distribution of funds. Maintains official club membership records in accordance with club and AMA rosters. Presents a written report at monthly meetings and at end of office. Safeguards CONFIDENTIAL personal membership data.

Safety Officer: Promotes increased safety awareness on the part of all members. Acts as a communication liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material.

Field Marshall: Shall head and be responsible for establishment of the field committee.

Member At Large (3): Represents the club membership at all committee meetings.

NOTE: The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if insufficient nominations occur.

Section 4:

Only minor disbursements required to conduct the business of the club may be made by the club Treasurer without consulting the Board Of Directors. No club member, with the exception of the Board Of Directors may incur any liability or commitment of, against, or in behalf of the club. Financial commitments in excess of \$300 shall require a vote of two-thirds of the total vote cast at a Board Of Directors meeting. \$300 or less may be obligated by the President. Budgetary exceptions include, field maintenance, toilet, field lease and AMA expenses.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

The Board Of Directors shall consist of:  
All elected officers.

The previous President is automatically a member with no vote.

Section 2:

The Board Of Directors shall be the governing body of the club and shall be responsible for the management of activities, property, and affairs of the club. Actions of the Board Of Directors require the vote of 55% of the members Board Of Directors.

Roberts Rules Of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1:

CRCS regularly scheduled meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month.

Special meetings may be called:

By the Board Of Directors at any time.

By the Board Of Directors upon receipt of a petition signed by ten members of the club.

Such petition must identify the reason for the request.

Section 2:

In order to conduct the following club business:

Amendment of the bylaws,

Election of officers,

Such business must be conducted at a regularly scheduled CRCS meeting where at least 3 club officers are present. Such business must be voted on by written ballot.

For amendment to bylaws, the proposed amendments must be presented to the membership at one regular scheduled meeting and then posted on the web site. Ballots along with a copy of the proposed bylaws must then be sent by mail to the entire membership. Members may mail the ballots back to the club address, or may bring them to the next meeting where the votes will be counted. A vote of 55% or greater of the total votes received is required to pass the amendments to the bylaws.

For election of officers, nominations for officers will be taken at one regular scheduled meeting. Then ballots must be sent out by mail to the entire membership. Members may mail the ballots back to the club address, or may bring them to the next meeting where the votes will be counted. The person receiving the most votes for each office will be elected.

ARTICLE VIII: VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office, except President, shall be filled by a vote of the club at a regular scheduled meeting and the person elected shall serve until the end of the term for which the predecessor was elected. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall ascend to the office of President. If the Vice-President is also vacant, then progressively by the Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall or Member At Large for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be appointed by the Board Of Directors as deemed necessary:

Safety,  
Field,  
Competition,  
Training.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT

Section 1:

All members shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner and adhere to the operational requirements of the club. All members agree to abide by the CRCS Field Rules.

Section 2:

Any voting member may submit a written complaint to the Board Of Directors requesting that a member (including a board member) be expelled and his membership terminated for unsatisfactory conduct. Any member so identified shall be afforded the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors at a hearing held at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. At this time he/she will be given the opportunity to present his defense of the action that resulted in the proposed expulsion charges. The Board will take a vote on what action should be taken with a majority vote needed to recommend expulsion. If there is no expulsion action taken, it is not necessary to inform the membership. If expulsion action is recommended by the board, the membership will be notified by email of the boards recommendation, and that the boards finding will be presented at the next scheduled membership meeting where the membership will vote on the expulsion. A 55% majority vote by written ballot is required by the membership present at the meeting to expel a member.

Section 3:

A majority vote of the Board Of Directors shall have the right to suspend any member for flagrant violation of the club rules. The procedures in Article X, Section 2 above will apply.