



**BYLAWS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RADIO CONTROL UNLIMITED FLYERS INCORPORATED**  
**May 7, 2009**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of this corporation is Northern California Radio Control Unlimited Flyers Incorporated (NC R/C UF).

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTS**

**Section 1.** This corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

**Section 2.** The specific purpose of this corporation is to promote the education of its members in the design, construction and flying of model aircraft.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Secretary, NC R/C UF  
PO BOX 494036  
Redding, CA 96049-4036  
**Last amended 5/08**

**Section 2.** All members must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

**Section 3.** There shall be four classes of membership, namely, adult membership (18 years of age or older), family membership (consisting of immediate family members residing in the same household), junior membership (17 years of age or younger) and associate membership (members residing outside a 50 mile radius of the Ash Creek Field). Membership applications must be completed, signed and mailed, along with any dues and fees to the address in Section 1. **Last amended 5/08.**

**Section 4.** Property, voting and other rights, interests and privileges of each regular adult member shall be equal. No junior members or associate members shall be elected or appointed as an officer or director or have the privilege to vote.

**Last amended 5/05**

**Section 5.** No adult person who has been accepted as one part of a family/household unit membership without having paid an initiation fee is entitled to the aforementioned property or voting rights, interests, or shall be appointed or elected as an officer or director. **Last amended 1/08.**

**ARTICLE IV - OBLIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINES**

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

**Section 2.** The acceptance of membership in this organization shall bind each member to abide by all the conditions, rules and regulations of the organization. Each member will be responsible for encouraging adherence to the Safety and Operational Code. **Last amended May 6, 2009.**

**Section 3.** Refusing or neglecting a strict and honorable compliance with the rules, code and regulations of this organization shall render any member liable to suspension or expulsion.

**Section 4.** No member shall be suspended or expelled without charges being made in writing by another member to the Board of Directors. The member shall be cited in writing to appear before the Board of Directors in his or her defense. The Board of Directors by a vote of two-thirds may reprimand, suspend or expel the member from membership.

**ARTICLE V - PILOT CLASSIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION**

**Section 1.** Pilots will be classified into one of the following categories in Sections 2 through 5. While at the flying field visible identification denoting pilot's name and classification is recommended. The type of identification will be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Student Pilot. Student pilots are those learning to fly with the aid of an Instructor Pilot. Student pilots may fly only under direct supervision of an Instructor Pilot. Student Pilots must pass the Solo Pilot test to fly without the supervision of an Instructor.

**Section 3.** Solo Pilot. One who passes the Solo Pilot test to fly without supervision, all Members must qualify as a Solo Pilot.

**Section 4.** Advanced Pilot. The designation of Advanced Pilot can be earned by passing the Advanced Pilot Test.

**Section 5.** Instructor Pilot. Instructors must pass the Instructor test and show an interest and skill in teaching primary flight skills. Active instructors must train a minimum of one Student Pilot to the Level of Solo Pilot each calendar year.

**ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The control and management of the affairs, funds and property of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall be composed of four elected members, the President, Vice-President, the Secretary and the

Treasurer. The President will vote only in the case of a tie or when needed for a two thirds ( 2/3 ) majority. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs, funds and property of the Organization between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Organization, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Organization, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Organization. **Last amended 11/00.**

**Section 2.** The term of office of the members of the Board of Directors shall be for two years from January 1 through December 31. Two directors will be reelected or replaced annually. **Last amended May 6, 2009.**

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall have power to fill vacancies in its membership. Such new Directors shall hold office until an election is held by the membership to fill the vacant Directors position. The election must occur no more than 90 days following the occurrence of a vacancy.

**Section 4.** At the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors the members will elect their new Chairman. Said first meeting will take place on or after January 1 of the year for which the new Board was elected to serve. The term Chairman's term shall be for one year from January 1 to December 31. The Chairman shall call for and preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors in the conduct of its business. He/she will prepare agendas for the meetings, conduct votes of issues as needed and call for adjournment when appropriate. Last amended 8/00.

**Section 5.** Based on club size and activity, the members may increase the size of the Board of Directors as determined by a 2/3 vote of the members

#### **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of this corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer. The term of office of each officer shall be from January 1 through December 31.

**Section 2.** President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the corporation. He/she shall appoint members of all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees. He/she shall make such reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors and to the members of the corporation at any regular or special meeting concerning the work and affairs of the organization, as in his/her judgment may be necessary for their information and guidance. He/she may require such reports from other officers as in his/her judgment are necessary. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be required by the office.

**Section 3.** Vice President: In the absence of the President, he/she shall perform the duties of the President and be program chairman.

**Section 4.** Secretary: The secretary shall keep a written record of all regular and special meeting of the organization. He/she shall maintain a current Roster of members, shall answer all communications addressed to the organization, and shall send all notices to organization members.

**Section 5.** Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the organization and have custody thereof. He/she shall deposit the funds in the bank accounts as directed by the Board of Directors, to be disbursed in accordance with the directions of two persons designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may by himself sign a check paying NC R/C UF obligations of up to \$150. Checks for greater amounts will require the signatures of two NC R/C UF Officers. He/she shall keep a full account of all moneys received and disbursed and make such reports thereof to the President, the Board of Directors and membership as they require. He/she shall receive and have custody of the deeds, securities, notes, contracts and other financial papers of the organization and shall hold them for safe keeping as designated by the Board of Directors. He/she shall assign such papers as may be required by his office or as may be directed by the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office. **Last amended 2/7/2006.**

**Section 6.** Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall be in charge of posting and maintaining safety regulations at the flying site. **Last amended May 6, 2009.**

**Section 7.** Newsletter Editor: Newsletter Editor shall be a voluntary position appointed by the Board of Directors. The Newsletter Editor shall prepare and send a monthly newsletter to all current members. The newsletter must contain at a minimum, a president's message, a listing of all current officers and directors, the minutes of the preceding month's Members and Board meetings and may contain a calendar of local flying events and a classified section. **Last amended 3/04.**

**Section 8.** Impeachment: Impeachment of an elected officer or board member may occur when a petition stating the reason for impeachment and signed by 10% or 5 regular adult members, whichever is more, is presented to the Board of Directors. Within 7 days of receipt of petition, the Board of Directors will notify the named person in writing with a copy of the petition. The named person may respond in writing to the Board which will publish the response to the membership. At the next regular meeting, thirty days or more following mailing of response, a vote to impeach will be taken by secret ballot and majority vote will prevail, If named person wishes to respectfully and honorably address the membership prior to the vote, he/she will be granted permission.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** Officers/directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual meeting of members. If two candidates run for an office, the winner will be the one who receives the greatest number of votes. If three or more candidates are running for a single office a majority of 51% will be required for election. If one candidate does not receive 51% then a run off election will occur between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. The winner of the runoff election will be the one who receives the greatest number of votes.

**Section 2.** Nominations of candidates for officers/Directors can be made by any member in good standing at the meeting prior to the elections and the meeting election day.

#### **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the members of the organization shall be held in October of each year at a time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of receiving reports of Officers and committees, to elect Officer/Directors, and to act on any other matter which may properly come before the annual meeting. **Last amended 5/08.**

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the members of the organization may be held at the call of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give notice of such meetings to all of the members at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, which shall contain the purpose of the meeting. **Last amended May 6, 2009.**

**Section 3.** The Members present and two Officers at a regular scheduled meeting shall be considered a voting body for conducting the business of this organization.

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall meet at a regular time and place each month except December. The Board can, upon an agreement of a majority of its members, elect to modify the frequency and location of its meetings. **Last amended May 6, 2009.**

**Section 5.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the call of the Chairman or of at least one-third of the members of the Board of Directors, providing a notice of the time and purpose of the meeting is given to each board member.

**Section 6.** A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided herein.

#### **ARTICLE X - DUES**

**Section 1.** The annual dues for all members shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by majority vote of members for the period of January 1, to and including, December 31 of each year. If the annual dues are paid before December 1, a discount of 10% will be given. **Last amended 4/97.**

**Section 2,** Failure to pay annual dues by January 31 shall constitute a delinquency. Any delinquent member shall be suspended and will not be allowed to vote or to participate in the organization, including the use of the flying facilities. Reinstatement shall require the payment of back dues with the addition of a 30% late fee.

**Section 3.** A new member joining after January 31 will pay dues based on a monthly-prorated basis. No discounts will be applied.

**Section 4.** In an emergency when the treasury lacks sufficient funds an Assessment of \$50.00 or more per regular adult member per calendar year may be approved by a two-thirds vote of the general members present at a regular meeting or a specially called meeting. Notification of the specially called meeting shall be sent to all members affected by the assessment no less than thirty days prior to the meeting and shall specify the amounts, terms and purpose of the assessment.

**Section 5.** Assessments must be paid within 90 days of the approved date or according to the terms and conditions specifically approved by the Board of Directors. Delinquent members will not be allowed to vote or to participate in the organization, including the use of the flying facilities.

**Section 6.** Initiation Fee: A one-time initiation fee for an adult or for two adults comprising a family/household unit in the amount of \$125 is required. There is no initiation fee for life, associate or junior members. The fee may be paid in installments within 90 days of acceptance to membership. The definition of a family/household unit or a family unit is governed by California law. **Last amended 1/08**

#### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws adopted only by the vote two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting or a specially called meeting. The notification of the meeting shall be sent not less than thirty days prior to the meeting and shall specify the amendments to be voted upon.

**Section 2.** Whenever an amendment or a new bylaw is adopted, it shall be copied in the Book of Bylaws with the original bylaws, in the appropriate place. If a bylaw is repealed, the fact of repeal with the date of the meeting at which the repeal was enacted or written assent was filed shall be stated in said book.

**Section 3.** Notification of bylaws changes will be made to members through the newsletter.

#### **ARTICLE XII – GROUPS USING THE FIELD**

**Section 1.** Use of the field to conduct events in which some members participate is usually beneficial to the NCRCUF and is to be encouraged. Any individual or group proposing to use the field for an organized event, whether sanctioned by AMA or not, shall obtain NCRCUF permission prior to publically announcing the use of the field or conducting the event. Obtaining permission will be initiated by informing the Board in writing or by appearance of the event Director or his representative before the Board at least one month before the event. Sufficient information shall be provided to the Board so that they can have an adequate proposal and their comments (if any) on it ready for a presentation at the first following regular meeting. The proposal will be discussed, amended if agreed, and put to the vote of the members present at said meeting. A simple majority will be sufficient for a decision. **Added November 5, 2008.**