

LAZY EIGHT R/C CLUB BYLAWS

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1. All members must be current members of the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics).
- 2A. Club memberships are divided into four categories:
 - Senior Membership:** Those members that are 19 years of age or older as of 1 July of the membership year.
 - Junior Membership:** Those members that are not yet 19 years of age as of 1 July of the membership year.
 - Household Membership:** A senior member and any number of junior members of the same household.
 - Family Membership:** A senior member, a spouse member and any number of junior members of the same household.
- 2B. Club dues are assessed annually for January 1 to December 31. Annual dues are based on a budget that estimates the amount of the operating expenses of the club divided by the calculated income to be derived from the estimated number and categories of memberships for the following year. A budget for the following year will be prepared by the club treasurer and presented to the Executive Board by first of August for discussion. The results will be presented to the membership at the August club meeting for their approval. The approved amount of the dues will be effective on the first day of September following approval.
3. Dues paid by members joining or rejoining after September 1 will extend membership through the following year.
4. Club dues and AMA dues are to be paid by January 1 each year in order for a previous years member to retain all membership privileges. (Use of club facilities, vote at club meetings, hold office, etc.) However, members have until the March meeting before they will be considered delinquent and lose membership privileges.
5. Former members no longer flying who wish to maintain contact with the club and receive the monthly newsletter are welcome to do so by paying a \$10 fee which is due by January 1 of each year.
6. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month promptly at 7:30 p.m. The Board of Directors will meet at a time and place so designated by the Club President and announced at a club meeting.
7. Special club meetings may be held. Club members will be notified.
8. The executive Board (Board of Directors) will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the club to achieve a total of seven (7) persons.
9. Officers will be elected bi-annually by secret ballot at the November club meeting. The Board of Directors will submit a slate of candidates for each position to the membership; **out** going officers will automatically become a member of the Board of directors unless they decline. In the event that all four club officers choose to remain on the Board of Directors after an election, which would make the Board a total of eight, the Secretary will step down in order that the Board remains at the required seven members. Write-in ballots will be accepted. New club officers and/or board members will assume duties on December 1 following the election.
10. Nominations will be accepted from the floor by the Board of Directors at the September club meeting.
11. Late nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November Club meeting.
12. No member of the Lazy Eight R/C Club may serve as an officer of the Club while serving as an officer of another R/C club unless the Lazy Eight membership has been informed of the member's position in the other club before the Lazy Eight election. An officer of the Lazy Eight Club who becomes an officer of another club may continue to serve if approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular scheduled meeting of the Club.
13. Only current Senior members with current AMA membership are permitted to vote or hold office. Junior members are not allowed vote for club officers or vote on bylaws or club rule changes. They are allowed to vote on other decisions made by club membership.

14. All voting by the club will be by show of hands, except for the election of officers and membership expulsion (Bylaw #15) which will be done by secret ballot, members present ruling. Changes to a bylaw and voting on spending funds from the club security fund (Bylaw # 24) must be passed by at least 2/3 of the membership present at the regular monthly meeting.
15. In order for a member to be expelled from the club for disciplinary reasons, other than failure to pay Club or AMA dues, the member must be voted out of the club by a secret ballot and must be passed by at least 2/3 of the membership present at the regular monthly meeting.
16. Any proposed changes in the bylaws or any newly proposed bylaws must be submitted to the Board of Directors. Proposals will be posted in the newsletter prior to the meeting it is to be voted on.
17. If a member is unable to attend a meeting when voting for a club officer or to amend a bylaw or club rule, that member will have made available upon their request to the club president, an absentee ballot. Such ballot is to be made up and approved by the Board of Directors. The ballot is to be filled out and returned to the club president by mail prior to the meeting in which the voting will take place. The ballot will remain sealed and opened by the Board of Directors in the presence of the membership.
18. Members not in good standing, those breaking club rules, the AMA Safety Code, the Bylaws, or causing trouble may be brought before the Board of Directors for further action.
19. Guests are welcome at both the club meetings and the flying site so long as they have good intentions. A member must accompany and is responsible for the actions of their guests at all times. Guests are not permitted to fly at the field on a regular basis, which is defined as 4 days in a year excluding scheduled club invitational events, without joining the club. Exceptions may be made with board approval.
20. Any person or guest flying at the club flying site must possess a valid AMA license.
21. All club members and guests must obey all Lazy 8 and AMA rules.
22. The books of the treasury will be audited annually by the Board of Directors at the board meeting following the November meeting and at any time deemed necessary by the Board.
23. The Club's checking account and security account balances shall be checked monthly against bank statements by a member who is not authorized to sign checks.
24. A separate amount, called the Security Fund, shall be maintained by the Club for the purpose of accumulating funds for use in developing a new flying site in the event of loss of the Club's current site. All funds left over, if any, from each calendar year's regular operations shall be transferred to the Security Fund at the end of the year.
25. Proposed members will be voted on at a regular meeting by the general membership. If accepted as a new member, they will be on probation for 1 year during which time they will not hold office. Anyone not accepted may re-apply in 6 months. All new members including student pilots must pass a flying test in accordance with an approved pilot check-off sheet and signed by two qualified instructors before they can fly solo at the club flying site.
26. Club pilot instructors must have at least 6 months solo flying experience and pass a flying test in accordance with an approved club instructor check-off sheet given by two qualified instructors. Once qualified, an instructor will retain such status until that instructor leaves the club, declines to be an instructor, or is determined to be inadequate in the performance of their duties by the Board of Directors.