

RACING ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI

CONSTITUTION – BY-LAWS AND RULES OF RACING AS AMENDED AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

NAME:

This Organization shall be known as The Racing Association of Miami, Inc. in accordance with the sanctions granted by the North American Model Boat Association. All RAM members must, as a requisite of Membership, also a Member of NAMBA.

The purpose of the RAM is to foster the sport and hobby of competitive radio control boating.

ARTICLE I

Section I

There shall not be any discrimination in regards to race, color or creed.

Section II

Only members in good standing have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of a Committee.

Section III

The members from time to time establish uniform rules fixing the amount of fees and dues, subject to the approval of the majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the RAM. Notification of the proposed changes must be at the preceding meeting and will not be voted upon for at least 30 days.

Section IV

Prospective members must fill out a membership application and comply with stated requirements. Dues are payable upon application.

Section V

An official Background check must be provided by all applying new members.

ARTICLE II

Section I

Violation of Club Rules may lead to suspension of running privileges of members involved.

ARTICLE II (Cont...)

Section II

Actual guilt and the duration of suspension or restriction will be determined by the Board of Directors (a 2/3 membership committee vote).

Section III

Dues are payable on an annual basis and are due January first of each year. Members not renewing within 30 days of expiration of membership will be considered delinquent and will be dropped from the active roll.

Section IV

Non-payment of Dues or Assessments will mean suspension of all running privileges until full payment is made.

Section V

RAM's by a 2/3 voting member's Committee reserves the right to expel from the Club any member who is considered a troublemaker or one who by his actions defies the Club's Rule of good conduct and sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III

Section I

The RAM shall meet on the last Tuesday of the month. Special meetings, Board meetings, Committee meetings may be called when necessary.

Section II

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Law.

Section III

1. Roll call of Members.
2. Reading of Minutes of the previous Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Officer's Report.
5. Old Business.
6. New Business and/or Election of Officers.
7. Adjournments.

ARTICLE IV

Section I

Amendment or repeal of the By-Laws may be proposed by the elective officers of any three RAM Members. The amendment or repeal shall be brought before the membership at any regular or special meeting. Thirty (30) days must pass before the proposed amendment or repeal may be voted upon by the membership at a regular Meeting. Amendment or repeals must pass by 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE V

Section I

The Executive Officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section II

All new business cannot be passed until the next monthly meeting, unless the President (2/3 vote present committee) decides it is of immediate urgency for action to be taken.

Section III

Candidates elected for office must be members in good standing, with dues paid to date to be eligible for office.

Section IV

Elected officers may hold office for unlimited time unless voted out by the officers and members.

Section V

The President (2/3 member's committee) may appoint or dismiss committee, chairmen and members of the board of directors as he feels necessary.

Section VI

The terms of appointment to the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen will be for one (!) year.

Section VII

No restriction will be placed upon the number of consecutive years the Directors or Committee Chairmen may serve.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of the Officers

Section I

The President shall preside at all general meetings. He shall sign such documents as necessary in the name of the RAM and perform such duties as are pertinent to the Office.

Section II

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. He shall aid and assist the President in his directives.

ARTICLE VI (cont...)

Section III

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the RAM. He shall keep an accurate record of the names and addresses of all members

Section IV

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and have general supervision of the accounts. It shall be his duty to report the status of any dues, fees and accounts due to the RAM. He shall give a monthly report on the status of his office, including all funds. His accounts shall be audited annually prior to the date of election of officers by an auditing committee appointed by the President (a 2/3 membership vote).

Section V

The Board of Directors (2/3 voting member's committee) is charged with the responsibility of overseeing such projects and activities set forth by the membership that are not normally considered duties elected officers. With Presidential approval the Committee have the power to appoint a committee chairman to carry out these projects.

Section VI

A 2/3 majority committee is responsible to carry out the task and projects as deemed necessary by RAM or the membership of the Club.

ARTICLE VII

Section I

NAMBA rules of competition will be followed as applicable. These rules are guidelines and may be changed or modified as necessary.

Section II

Any ambiguities as to the interpretation of these By-Laws will be resolved by the elected officer.

ARTICLE VIII

Any and all incidents, complaints or accidents must be reported to an Officer of the Organization within 12 hours if no officer are present at site.

All Members are responsible for his/her actions. It is members responsibility to be aware and comply with the Rules of the Club.

ARTICLE IX

1. All RAM new members before racing for the first time must be checked out to verify that they are aware of the rules and capable to handle their boats in a safe and responsible manner. It is new member's responsibility to request an appointment for check-out to a qualified senior member.
This shall be complied prior to race day. No check-outs will be done the day of the race.
2. New members must show their ability to navigate the course at racing speeds without any course infractions/ (i.e. hitting bouys, severe left turns, etc.). This preferably should be done with other boats on the course.
3. New members must demonstrate their ability to bring their boat safely back to the pit area.

Note:

The Racing Association of Miami, Inc became a Non-Profit Organization during 1975 to protect its membership from any liabilities incurred by the Club or its Members.