

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SLOPE RACERS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 – The full and formal name of the organization is THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SLOPE RACERS..

Section 2 – The official abbreviation of the name is SCSR.

Section 3 – The SCSR is an unincorporated, non-profit group of individuals and other organizations.

ARTICLE II – EMBLEM AND LOGO

Section 1 – The official emblem and logo of the SCSR **shall be selected or modified as the Board of Directors may decide.**

ARTICLE III – ADDRESS

Section 1 - The address of the organization shall be any address in California designated by the president from time to time. In the absence of a designation, it shall be the residential mailing address of the president.

Section 2 – The internet email address of the SCSR shall be:
“socalsloperacing@yahoo.com”,

Section 3 – Web page: It is the intention of the SCSR to maintain a suitable address on the world wide web and that web site shall be: www.socalsloperacing.com.

ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE

Section 1 – The primary purpose of the SCSR shall be to foster, encourage, promote, advertise, organize, and increase the participation and awareness of various forms of slope racing of radio controlled gliders in the state of California, particularly in Southern California.

ARTICLE V – POLICIES

Section 1 – It shall be the policy of the SCSR to engage in any lawful act or activity. Such purposes for which this organization is formed include, but are not limited to, pleasure, recreation, collective identification, mutual benefit, and other non-profitable purposes.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Members may be assessed an annual contribution, as such shall be set by the Board of Directors from time to time, to cover administrative and other expenses.

Section 2 – Application for membership shall be made in writing, by electronic or conventional means, and by supplying such information as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, require of active members. This may include, but is not limited to the following: Full name; mailing address; e-mail address; club affiliation; AMA number. Membership in the SCSR shall be without regard to age, sex, race, religion, marital status, disability, ethnic origin, country of origin, or country of residence.

Section 3 – Upon submittal of an appropriate application and acceptance by the SCSR, each such applicant shall become a member of the SCSR and entitled to all of its membership benefits and privileges. However, membership in the SCSR shall not be considered a property right under any laws of any state of the United States or of the United States of America, but rather shall be considered a privilege.

Section 4 – Bona fide, current members of the SCSR shall be entitled to use and display the SCSR name and insignia so long as they remain members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of the SCSR shall be:

1. President;
2. **Competitions Director;**
3. Secretary;
4. Treasurer;
5. **Safety Officer**
6. **AMA Liaison.**
7. **Chairman (past president)**

Section 2 – The officers of the SCSR shall be chosen **bi-annually** and shall serve for a term of **two years, beginning at the first of the year (January 1st).**

Section 3 – Any officer may be removed for cause by a majority of the Directors at any time during his or her tenure of office, at either a regular or a special meeting of the Board, and any officer may resign by giving written notice thereof to the Board or to the president.

Section 4 – Any vacancy in any office because of death, removal, or resignation, or for any other cause, shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Vacancies shall be filled by a process of nomination of one or more members by the president, followed by approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – The president shall be the chief executive officer of the SCSR. Subject to the supervisory power of the Board the president shall have general supervision, direction,

and control of the business and affairs of the SCSR; and shall preside at all meeting of the officers, the Board of Directors, and of the general membership.

Section 6 – In the absence or disability of the president, the vice president shall perform all of the duties of the president and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be prescribed for that office.

Section 7 – The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a book of minutes of all meetings of the officers, the Board of Directors, or any official membership meetings, together with the names of the presiding officer at such meetings. **The Secretary shall also maintain records of all competition events and season point tabulations.**

Section 8 – The treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the SCSR, which shall be open for inspection by any officer, Director, or member at any reasonable time. The treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the SCSR and shall be authorized to disburse funds as ordered by the Board. **Disbursements of \$100 or less may be authorized by agreement between the president and treasurer.** However, the treasurer alone shall be authorized to endorse funds solely for the purpose of deposit in SCSR accounts. Annually, within 15 days after the end of the fiscal year (December 31), the treasurer shall report to the president and the Board of Directors an accounting of the income, expenditures, assets and liabilities of the SCSR, and more frequently as the president may direct from time to time.

Section 9 - The AMA liaison shall be authorized to communicate with and coordinate with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and to receive communications from the AMA from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of the five current Officers, the Chairman of the Board, and not less than one nor more than four Members-at-Large.

Section 2 – The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to provide for the organization, management, and operation of the SCSR by and through its officers.

Section 3 – The term of office of al Directors shall be **two years**.

Section 4 – In the event of vacancies on the Board of Directors, either by death, removal, or resignation, or for any other cause, the remaining term of any such Director or Directors shall be filled by a member or members nominated by the president and affirmed by a majority of the Board.

Section 5 – The Chairman of the Board shall be the immediate past president. In the event that the immediate past president is unavailable or unwilling to serve, then the current president shall hold the office and have the duties of the Chairman of the Board.

Section 6 – No more than two and no less than one month prior to the expiration of the two year terms of the Officers and Board members, the president shall form a committee consisting of the president and any two current Board members to select qualified candidates for nomination as Officers and/or Board members. One month prior to the expiration of the current terms, such nominations as the committee may have shall be promulgated to the membership. Any member may nominate any other member, including him or herself, for any position on the Board and in the event there is more than one nominee for any one or more positions, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall select the candidate to fill the office. Should there be no opposing candidate for any Board of Director position, the nominee of the nominating committee shall be automatically be declared the incoming Board member as of the last day of the current term of office of the existing Board of Directors.

Section 7 – Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held from time to time, at any time and any place that shall be selected by the president. Alternatively, meetings of the Board maybe held at such times and places as a majority of the Board may indicate by resolution or written consent, or as shall be set by the Chairman of the Board.

Section 8 – A majority of the current Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and every act or decision made or done by a majority of Directors present, having constituted a quorum, shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 9 – The Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Directors.

Section 10 – Any Officer or Director may be removed for cause by the Chairman of the Board, with the approval of a majority of the Directors at that time in office, at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – These by laws, and any supplements, attachments, or revisions, may be altered, amended, deleted, or replaced by two methods: (1) By an affirmative vote of two thirds of the membership of the Board of Directors; or (2) By the suggestion of any member-in-good-standing, in writing, and promulgated with reasonable notice to the Membership (but in any event no less than 30 days) followed by a formal vote of the general membership by such means and under such procedures as the president may determine are reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.

Section 2 – Any proposed change to the by laws which is disapproved by either of the above methods shall not again be brought up for consideration until the **next calendar year/racing season**.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The president may, in his or her sole discretion, appoint various committees for specific purposes and time periods.

Section 2 – Any Committee will report directly to the president who shall make the activities and findings of any such committee known to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI – SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION

Section 1 – The following are causes for termination and/or suspension of membership in the SCSR: (1) Failure of the member to maintain membership in the SCSR; (2) Failure of the member to a material and serious degree to observe the SCSR rules of conduct, by laws, or Board direction; (3) Conduct by the member materially and seriously prejudicial to the purposes and best interests of the SCSR and its membership; (4) Repudiation of the rules of conduct, directions, or by laws of the SCSR by word or deed; (5) Conduct by the member which has caused actual bodily harm or serious property damage to members of the SCSR, or to the general public, or which has posed a substantial threat to the safety and welfare of the SCSR, its membership, or the general public. **(6) Failure to maintain current and valid membership in the AMA.**

Section 2 – A member may be suspended, under this Article of the by laws, based upon a good faith determination by a majority of the Board of Directors, or a committee of persons authorized by the Board to make such a determination, that any of the circumstances listed above exist. The period of suspension shall be determined by the Board or by its committee.

Section 3 – A member may have his membership terminated under this Article of the by laws based upon a good faith determination by the Board of Directors, or by a committee of persons authorized by the Board to make such a determination, that one or more of the circumstances enumerated above exists and that good cause exists for terminating the membership status of the member in question.

Section 4 – If grounds appear to exist for suspension or termination of a member, as set forth in this Article of the by laws, the procedure set forth below shall be followed:

1. The member shall be given no less than 30 and no more than 45 days written notice of the proposed termination or suspension, and the reasons for the proposed action shall be clearly stated. Written notice shall be given by U. S. Mail to the member in question. Any such notice shall be sent by First Class or Registered mail to the member who is to receive such notice, at the last known address as shown in the records of the SCSR;
2. A time and place for the determination of the suspension or terminations shall be set forth in the notice and the member affected thereby shall have the right to appear or send a designated representative to the hearing. The

- member may, but need not, respond in writing and, if so, the writing will be read and considered by the Board or its Committee;
3. The Board or its Committee shall decide whether or not to suspend or whether or not to terminate the membership of the member and shall make its determination known to the affected member either orally at the hearing or by U. S. Mail sent within seven days of the hearing. The decision of the Board or its Committee shall be final.
 4. Any action challenging a suspension or termination, including a claim alleging defective notice, must be commenced within one year after the date of suspension or termination. Any such challenge shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors of the SCSR, sent by First Class or Registered mail to the business address of the SCSR.
 5. **An expelled member may apply for reinstatement at any time more than six months after his expulsion. Reinstatement will require a majority vote by the Board of Directors.**

ARTICLE XI – INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1 – To the full extent permitted by law, the SCSR shall indemnify its Directors, Officers and employees (if any), including persons formerly occupying any such position, against any and all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any SCSR activity, and including any action by or in the right of the SCSR by reason of the fact that such person is or was a person described in this Section.

Section 2 – Upon written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification, the Board shall promptly determine whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth above has been met and, if so, the Board shall authorize the indemnification.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 – The SCSR may be dissolved by an affirmative written vote of two thirds of the current active membership.

Section 2 – With 30 days advance written notice to the membership, the SCSR may also be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – In the event of dissolution, any net assets, after the payment of all existing debts of the SCSR, shall, at the direction of the Board of Directors be given to a worthy organization with similar purposes or, in the event that no such organization can be found, then to any recognized charity selected by the Board of Directors.

Article XIII – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by

providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Coordinator for his consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into him. At least one witness is required to confirm the Grievance.

The Safety Coordinator shall use his judgment in carrying out action on the following:

1. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Coordinator. At least one witness is required to confirm the Grievance.
2. **FIRST VIOLATION**
Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Coordinator, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
3. **SECOND VIOLATION**
The complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Safety Coordinator. If he so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days.
4. **THIRD VIOLATION**
The Safety Coordinator will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the internet expulsion procedures in Article XI will be implemented. Said expulsion will last for six months minimum.
5. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
6. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

