



BMFA Club No: 0279

# MERSEY MODEL FLYERS CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the club will be the Mersey Model Flyers Club.
2. The aims of the club will be to establish friendly co-operation between members and practice safe and enjoyable flying
3. The committee will be elected at each AGM and will hold office for one year. The committee will consist of the Chairman, Vice - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, IT Co-ordinator a Senior members representative and a Jnr members representative all appointments are honorary
  - a) The Committee of the Club shall comprise of not more than 7 members, including the Executive Committee. A quorum of any Committee meeting shall consist of a majority of Committee
  - b) The Executive Committee shall consist of four officers. These shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer
  - c) Should a committee position become vacant, the Committee may co-opt a replacement who will then serve until the following Annual General Meeting. This will be by a majority vote from the Committee Members.
  - d) The Executive Committee reserve the right to carry out negotiations and make decisions in the interest of the club or on behalf of the membership where necessary without consulting the other Committee members.
  - e) Any committee member wishing to resign must do so in writing
  - f) Non committee members may attend committee meetings as observers by applying to the Secretary before the meeting. Any non Committee Member may be asked to leave the meeting subject to approval from the Committee.
4. The annual subscriptions are due at the end of November and will be determined at the AGM
5. The Hon Secretary shall keep a book containing the minutes of all meetings and shall produce such minutes at following meetings. The Hon Secretary shall in addition summon all meetings of the club and the committee and notify members of such
6. Applications for membership of minors under the age of 18 will be considered for membership after their parent or guardian are advised of the requirements of themselves and their child in line with the guidelines set out by the national body (B.M.F.A) copies of which will be supplied
7. The Hon Treasurer shall receive and pay all monies due to or by the club and shall keep a correct account of the finances submitting a statement of such duly audited by a club member at each AGM. Any monies withdrawn from the club account must be supported by the signatures of not less than two executive officers
8. The meetings of the committee shall be held as deemed necessary, but will not be less than 4 times per year. All disputes shall be settled by the committee who will also have the authority to make such by laws which may be necessary for the well being of the club

9. The committee may consider removal from the role of members any member whose conduct on the field or elsewhere is considered to be prejudicial to the club. Dismissal will be in accordance with the following procedure in order to comply with the laws of natural justice:
  - a) The member is to be given a verbal warning by an authorised Committee member in which the member is made aware of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
  - b) If the member does not respond, he is to be given a written warning by an authorised Committee Member to advise him of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
  - c) If he still fails to respond, the Committee should invite him in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his membership.
  - d) If he still fails to respond to reasoning or fails to attend without reasonable cause, the Committee can advise him in writing that his membership is withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision was reached.
10. In the event of gross misconduct, immediate dismissal without warnings may be considered but the member must still be accorded his rights to present his case to the Committee and be given a right of appeal in accordance with sub-paragraphs c, d above.
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12. Any alterations to the constitution shall only be made at an A or EGM. Any such alterations must be supported by no less than 40% of total club membership
13. New members will be required to serve an initial probationary period of 1 year, during this time they will not be eligible to serve on the Committee and may have their membership terminated at the discretion of the Committee for unsatisfactory conduct.
14. No member shall operate any model aircraft which is likely to cause annoyance or damage to persons or property or that contravenes the terms and conditions of club insurance, copies of which will be available to every member
15. Mersey Model Flyers Club will accept no liability for any damage or injury howsoever caused. This cover being provided by The British Model Flying Association insurance which every member must hold. Membership of the B.M.F.A. being a condition of membership
16. The committee have the authority to call an EGM if deemed necessary of which every member will be informed by the Hon Secretary
17. Club membership will be decided and limited at the discretion of the committee and will be reviewed at each committee meeting
18. Any complaint concerning any member must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). The written complaint must then be forwarded to the members representative so that the matter can be addressed at the next Committee meeting.
19. The Committee, through the Chairman has the power to ask a person to leave any meeting in the event of that person disrupting the meeting.