

Port Saint Lucie RC (Radio Control) Hobby Group

Club By-laws

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ARTICLE 1: Organization

1. Port Saint Lucie RC (Radio Control) Hobby Group Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Club" or "Club") is a not-for-profit organization chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (hereinafter referred to as AMA), charter number (5329). The organization operates pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. The principal business address of the club will be located in Florida at a location designated as the Blanton Torino Airfield (5227 NW Blanton Blvd, Port Saint Lucie, Florida) by the Executive Officers and the city of Port Saint Lucie.
3. The official club name shall be, Port Saint Lucie RC Hobby Group, Inc. (Art. I) The names Port Saint Lucie RC Hobby Group and PSL-RC-Hobby Group may also be utilized in the club's various correspondence, advertisements and communications.
4. The purpose and objectives of the club are to promote the safety, education, and enjoyment in the construction, displaying and operation of radio controlled (battery only powered) model Land Vehicles, Multirotors / FPV, Aircraft (plane/helicopters etc. (also known as Groups (1.) (2.) and (3.) respectively) and to encourage the membership to expand their knowledge of aerodynamics and the related sciences through networking and fellowship among themselves, with other clubs, and the community.
5. Accordingly, the club will:
 - a. Provide a suitable (electric/battery powered only) RC site for the use of the members.
 - b. Set standards for safety and enforce those standards to ensure personal safety and that of the property of its members, guests, and spectators.
 - c. Endeavor to promote a feeling of camaraderie between all members, regardless of RC modeling interests, so each member will value his/her association with the club and its members. Each Group will give the utmost respect to the other Group members and areas.
6. The Club fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.
7. No part of the Club earnings shall be for the benefit of or be distributed to, its members, or officers, except to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose in Article 1 (4), and article 2 section 9.
8. Each subgroup will have its own bank account from which to operate. General funds will be managed by the Executive Board with each individual subgroup responsible for its own expenditures. Initial projects to set up the club's group areas must be cleared by the Executive Board. Each subgroup will be responsible for contributing to the over-all club and property maintenance. This amount will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.
9. Each subgroup will be self-funded. (**An exception to this rule will be if the Executive Board approves the Robin Hood Rule as outlined at the conclusion of these bylaws).

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ARTICLE 2: Executive Board; Executive Officers

1. The control and management of the affairs and business of the club shall be vested in the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. As such, the Executive Board will act in the name of the club, and convene with adequate notice to all Executive Board members.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of the following Executive Officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board members will be adults in good standing with the Club.
3. The Executive Board has discretionary spending of up to \$500 (per project) without requiring group membership approval.
4. An Executive Board quorum shall consist of at least 60% of the current Executive Officers. In the event of a tie vote among the officers, the president may cast the deciding vote. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Executive Board.
5. President: The President is the official representative of the organization and the Chief Executive Officer. As such he/she shall preside at all meetings of the club and act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it. The President shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the club – as Deemed by the Executive Board. The President may appoint Committees, permanent or temporary, and will be one of the club's bank account signatories.
6. First Vice President and Second Vice President: The Vice Presidents will be in charge of their own Group activities and will coordinate the planning of special activities with the other Groups. The First Vice President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve. When acting as the President, the First Vice President shall have all of the powers and be subject to the restrictions upon the President.
7. Secretary: The Secretary shall record minutes of club meetings, proceedings, and will handle all correspondence pertaining to club activities. The Secretary or the President will be the club's contact person with AMA and will be the custodian for the club's charter, insurance, and other non- financial records. The Secretary will keep a register of the members, member addresses, and member AMA, FAA Registration (if applicable), and FCC verifications.
8. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge and chain of custody of all funds of the club. He or she shall maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all club assets, and an accurate ledger of all financial transactions. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report at each regular meeting of the membership or any other time requested by the president. The president or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the treasurer's books. The Treasurer will be one of the club's bank account signatories.
9. Compensation: Executive Officers shall serve without compensation.
 - Grass Cutting- The membership voted anyone volunteering 3 hours or more in one sitting may receive up to a \$15.00 credit towards their meal on that day. Signed receipt from member may be submitted reimbursement no later than 1 week after event, unless approved by the group membership.

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ARTICLE 3: Terms of Office; Elections

1. All Executive Board Officers of the club shall serve for two (2) calendar years.
2. Each Group will put forth its own representative for an Executive Officers position by a vote of the simple majority from the respective Group.
3. The three individual elected Executive Officers from Groups (1) (2) and (3) will then appoint, of themselves, the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, respectively.
4. Each nominated Executive Officer shall be in good standing, not lacking in annual membership dues, and will possess the applicable field credentials (AMA, FAA, FCC,). Newly elected Executive Officers will take office effective January 1st.
5. The Club (Groups 1, 2, and 3 combined) as a whole will submit nominations for the positions of Executive Secretary and Executive Treasure.
6. The nomination of the respective Executive Officers, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be made by any club member holding voting rights at a general membership meeting designated in advance by the President and occurring at least one meeting prior to the elections.
7. Vacancies in the positions of Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President will be filled by the Group who the outgoing officer represents.

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ARTICLE 4: Committees

1. Committees of the Club shall be by appointment by the President. Standing Committees are the Safety Committee and Field Marshall Committee.
2. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall be responsible for ensuring all AMA and club safety rules and policies are enforced and will serve as chairman of the Safety Committee. The Safety Officer is empowered to ground any pilot/aircraft not in compliance with established safety and airworthiness standards until the cause for the grounding is corrected. Club members will be given a list of the AMA safety rules and expected to understand & follow them or risk reprimand up to and including expulsion from the club.
3. Field Marshall: The Field Marshall shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of the clubs flying site and shall serve as chairman of the Field Marshall Committee. He shall ensure that the flying field is properly maintained and shall recommend any improvement/changes that may be deemed necessary and may enlist such aides as may become necessary to operate the field.

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ARTICLE 5: Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held at a reasonable time and place designated by the Executive Board. The regular meetings will be open to any member in good standing.
 - a. A 50/50 or raffle could be held at regular meetings by the President with the proceeds to the Club.
2. The annual meeting will be posted in advance by the President to occur towards the end of the calendar year.
3. The Executive Board may call special meetings with no less than ten days' public notice. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the advanced notice.
4. The quorum of membership to conduct Club business shall consist of a majority of the club Executive Officers (3) and at least 10% of the current Club membership in good standing.
5. The Club will conduct meetings using parliamentary procedure and follow a fixed order of business. Roberts Rules of Order shall serve as guidance for conducting meetings info can be found at this website:
<http://www.robertsrules.org/rulesintro.htm>.

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ARTICLE 6: Membership

1. Membership in the club is open to any person interested in the design, construction and/or flying of radio-controlled model aircraft regardless of gender, race, color, religion or sexual orientation. Members accept the responsibility of adhering to the club's by-laws, all field safety rules, and City of Port St. Lucie Park rules, FAA & FCC rules and the AMA National Safety Code as published in the current issue of 'Model Aviation' (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/>) and when applicable any rules pertaining to the special interest groups of AMA. These rules will be binding on club members. In the absence of the Safety officer, all members are obligated to accept responsibility for safety as described in Article 4, section 2.
2. Voting privileges are extended to members in good standing (fees and dues paid) but may be withdrawn from those who are in arrears in their assessment obligations. Each voting member shall have only one (1) vote. Snowbird membership does not have a vote. See article 7 Section 1.
3.
 - a. The annual membership dues will all paid in a manner set forth by the Executive Board. Types of membership and limits on the total number of members may be determined by the Executive Board and approved by a vote of a majority of the members present at a regular monthly meeting.
A meeting deciding a membership quota limit must have advanced notice, along with an explanation of the intended quota limit (Example: no one group overtakes the entire club property or 2.4 frequency spectrum)
 - b. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by the club officers on a case-by-case basis.
4. No new assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular monthly meeting, and the members have been given at least a prior ten-day notice of an assessment vote. The advanced notice will be accompanied by an explanation of the assessment.
5. To encourage new adult members throughout the year, staggered calendar-based dues assessment rates will be offered as follows:
 - a. New adult members joining between the dates of January 1 and March 31 will pay the full annual membership rate (100%).
 - b. New adult members joining between the dates of April 1 and June 30 will be assessed dues at seventy-five percent (75%) of the full annual rate.
 - c. New adult members joining between the dates of July 1 and September 30 will be assessed dues at fifty percent (50%) of the full annual rate.
 - d. New adult members who join from October, 1 - through December, 31 will pay the full annual dues - which will cover the rest of the current year and the following calendar year.
6. A member will be considered in arrears and not in good standing if his/her dues have not been paid by January 31. After January 31, members not in good standing will no longer be considered a member of The PSL RC Hobby Group. A member renewing

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his/her annual membership after January 31, will be required to pay as a “new member.” Exception for late annual dues will be considered under extraordinary circumstances by the Executive Board.

7. The membership shall include the following three categories: Land Vehicles, Multirotors / FPV, and Airplanes/Helicopters, a member must select a primary group for which they will spend the majority of their time to allow for proper fund allocation. Members are encouraged to explore the other RC disciplines. If asked to prove membership, a member can call the gate in order to demonstrate their active status in the club. Member will then receive an automated text response.

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ARTICLE 7: Dues, Assessments

1. Membership:

- a. **Adult Member:** Someone who is nineteen years of age or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Each adult member has ONE vote.
- b. **Junior Member:** Someone eighteen years of age or under and has full privileges, but do not have voting rights. Junior members must always be under a parent's supervision when on the property.
- c. **Family Membership:** membership add-on to Full Adult and Junior memberships extended to the minor dependents and/or married spouse of the Adult member. Juveniles must always be under a parent's supervision when on the property.
- d. **Snowbird Membership:** Must live in another state or outside of tri-country area and can visit the club as many times a year as desired. Snowbird members with full privileges but will not have club voting rights.
- e. Regular members are considered from the tri-county area, which includes Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. Anyone outside of these three counties can take advantage of the "snow bird" membership.

2. Membership Dues:

	New Membership	Renewal	Add Family	Snowbird
Adult:	\$120	\$100	\$20	\$80
Junior:	\$50	\$40	\$20	

3. Mid-Year Membership Rates - As reflected in ARTICLE 6, the following new adult membership rates will be assessed:

- a. New adult members joining between the dates of January 1 and March 31 will pay the full annual membership rate of \$120.
- b. New adult members joining between the dates of April 1 and June 30 will be assessed dues in the amount of \$90.
- c. New adult members joining between the dates of July 1 and September 30 will be assessed dues in the amount of \$60.
- d. New adult members who join from October, 1 - through December, 31 will pay the annual full dues - which will cover the rest of the current year and the following calendar year.

4. Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Membership is a requirement for membership and admission to the Club property. AMA Membership is currently offered free to juniors under the age of 19. Please consult the AMA website (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/>) for further information on becoming an active AMA member.

5. Members and new applicants will be required to hold and maintain a valid membership issued by the AMA. Ground racers will be required to have Remotely Operated Auto Racers (ROAR) membership for special events.

If any member ceases to have membership in the AMA, his/her membership and rights to the property in the Club shall thereby terminate. Proof of reinstatement of delinquent membership or registration in AMA, within thirty days, will not result in any additional fees or dues to the Club

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member. Increased fees or renewal of full or partial membership dues for those delinquent more than thirty days will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

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ARTICLE 8: Guests; Spectators; Special Event Memberships

1. Any Adult or Junior member in good standing may bring guests to the PSL RC Hobby Group site.
2. The Club will extend full-field privileges to the guest (for non-special event functions) for a maximum of four one-hour sessions per the calendar year or one full day. After this trial period, the guest is encouraged to join the Club to operate any remote aircraft, ground vehicle. A guest will not be permitted to return as a guest of another member in the same calendar year.
3. The guest must provide proof of current AMA, and if applicable, FAA registration when asked to do so by any Club Officers, Field Marshalls, or member. If no proof can be provided, the "guest" must become a "spectator."
4. A Spectator is any individual not participating in any RC activities while members are present.
5. The host member will be responsible for the guest's actions and it will be the host member's responsibility to ensure the guest complies with the Club's field and safety rules.
6. The host member must be present at all times while the guest is conducting RC activities. Safety rules must be adhered to at all times, as non-club members may not be familiar with all the club rules.
7. No member is to provide a guest or any other person with field access information. (Such as keys, lock combinations, or other access devices) which would allow unauthorized use of the PSL RC Hobby Group field.
8. Special Event Memberships may be granted to individuals wishing to actively participate (Driver, Pilot, Operator) in the specific event. Special event memberships will be active for the length of the event as designated by the Executive Board. The cost of the Special Event Membership will be set for each event by the Executive Board. Special Event Membership assessments may not be applied to full annual membership rates.
9. Weekend passes may be offered to "guests" at an assessment rate of \$20 for each person (Adult and Junior). Proof of AMA membership is required for Weekend Passes. Weekend passes will only allow field access alongside a host member on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Weekend passes will not be offered during Special Event activities. To encourage forethought for Club membership, full membership will be granted to the guest after six-weekend passes (\$120) have been purchased in the same fiscal year. Weekend pass assessments will be applied to the guest's primary designated subgroup (ground vehicle, aircraft, multirotor/FPV).
10. Guests, Spectators, Special Event Memberships, and Weekend Pass holders offer no voting privileges for the Club.

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ARTICLE 9: Property Maintenance and General Rules

1. Property of the Club, fields, race tracks, along with the parking & surrounding areas must be kept clean and litter-free.
2. Persons responsible for damage to any parts of the fields, tracks, parking, and surrounding areas will be liable for the cost of repairs and may face suspension or banning from the club premises.
3. NO PETS, other than genuine service animals, will be allowed on the Club property.
4. NO alcohol, or drugs are permitted on the Club's property. Person(s) suspected of being intoxicated or under the influence are responsible for unruly or unacceptable behavior due to intoxication will be evicted from the premises and could face suspension or expulsion from the Club as the board deems.
5. NO abusive or excessive foul language will be tolerated. This Club promotes and encourages a family atmosphere. Persons found to be using foul language to the offense of other members will be asked to leave the premises and could face suspension or expulsion from the Club.
6. Each subgroup will maintain its own specific operational rules. Consult each subgroup's rules for further information concerning the use of the Aviation field, RC car tracks, First Person View (FPV) usage, and Multirotor fields.
7. Donations of dirt, asphalt millings, etc to the club will become the property of the City of Port Saint Lucie.

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ARTICLE 10: Disciplinary Action

1. In order to achieve the purpose and objectives of the club, its members and their guests must conduct themselves in accordance with socially accepted standards while at the RC field or while attending off-site club functions. Acceptable standards of behavior include showing consideration to and respect for fellow members and their guests at all times. Failure to act in this manner is contrary to the club's objective of promoting camaraderie among members and to foster an environment that enhances the enjoyment of RC activities
2. Unacceptable social behavior includes, but is not limited to; Loud or abusive behavior, vulgar or offensive language, consumption of alcohol or prohibited drugs, harassment of any form against anyone while at the RC field. Conduct at the RC field which jeopardizes the clubs privilege of using the site, any actions which places personal safety or the safety or property of others in danger, or continuously or willfully commits any act or omission which violates any of the terms of the clubs Articles of Organization, and/or Bylaws, Club Safety Rules, or Field Rules as published and posted, the AMA National Safety Code, or those of any Special Interest Group of the AMA if applicable, or which is deemed detrimental to the Club.
3. In consideration of the above, the Executive Board may at their discretion initiate proceedings to expel a member who repeatedly and after warnings, continues to behave in an unacceptable manner or who repeatedly violates the AMA National Safety Code and/or club's Field Rules. Such behavior can be brought to the attention of any Executive Officer, Field Marshal, or Safety Officer in person, writing, or by any other means of communication by any member who witnessed the unacceptable behavior or rules violation. If the cited individual fails or refuses to correct the offensive behavior, after being warned in writing by the Executive Board, the member becomes subject to expulsion from the club.
4. The cited member can be expelled by a majority vote of the Executive Board. By a similar notification process, a guest who repeatedly exhibits unacceptable behavior and/or violation of field rules can be denied further access to the RC field. A guest can be simply asked to leave the facilities without a vote by the Executive Board.
5. Process of expelling a member by the officers of the club.
 - a. An infraction does not expire and remains with the member for the life of the member. Single infraction for a rolling calendar year.
 - i. Verbal warning by an officer of the
 - ii. Letter sent with a one-week suspension
 - iii. Letter sent with a one-month suspension
 - iv. Letter sent with a lifetime suspension
 - b. A severe infraction, includes any threats, threats to a person or their property, breaking the laws of the city, state or federal government could expedite to lifetime suspension by a majority vote by the officers of the club or the executive board.
 - c. Physical altercations between members will result in immediate removal from the property for both members and may loose their membership. Any member which has been removed from the property can plead their case to the board for the possibility of reinstatement.

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Which could include lifetime suspensions, remainder of the year suspension, and possibly reinstatement for the following year with conditions. All to be determine by a majority vote by the board.

6. Any matters not addressed in these bylaws shall be determined at the discretion of the board, in alignment with the organization's mission and applicable laws.

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ARTICLE 11: Dissolution

1. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership or if total Club membership drops below five.
2. Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, after payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation or due provision, therefore, all of the assets of the corporation shall be disposed of to one or more organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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The Robin Hood Rule [From ARTICLE 1]

The Robin Hood Rule (RHR) is included to aid any smaller subgroup with initial funds. The RHR can only come from the imbalance of primary (Adult/Junior) memberships between the subgroups. This provision will first be enacted following the first quarter after the first annual renewal (the year 2018).

The RHR will be reviewed by the Executive Board after the first quarter following each annual membership renewal. If an imbalance in membership is determined, the rule can be enacted by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board. If the RHR fails to receive a simple majority of the Executive Board votes, funds are NOT reallocated. If the RHR passes a simple majority vote of the Executive Board, the following fund reallocation is approved:

An inventory of each subgroup's primary (Adult and Junior) members will be taken. The difference between each subgroup will result in the larger subgroups "assisting" the smaller subgroups with \$10 for each member difference between the other smaller subgroups.

An example is provided below:

	Members X \$80	Initial Funds	Funds after RHR
Group A	50	\$4000.00	\$3550.00
Group B	35	\$2800.00	\$2800.00
Group C	20	\$1600.00	\$2050.00
Group A 50 - Group B 35 = 15		15x\$10=\$150	
Group A 50 - Group C 20 = 30		30x\$10=\$300	
Group B 35 - Group C 20 = 15		15x\$10=150	

The larger Group A is sharing the wealth with the smaller subgroups. Notice, in this example, when the RHR is applied, Group B remains the same. The smaller, Group C is the main beneficiary of the fund reallocation.

This rule is in the interest of helping the smaller subgroup with funds that can assist in growing the group.

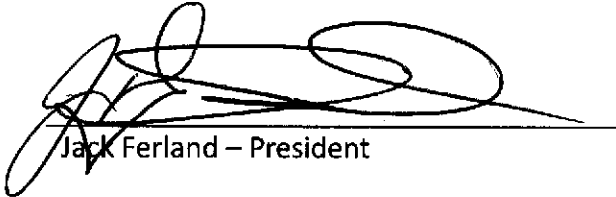
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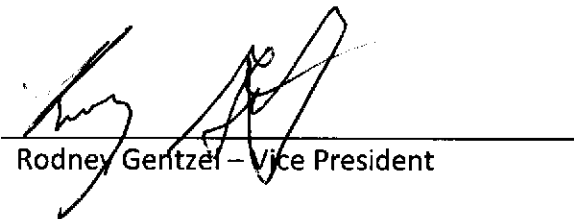
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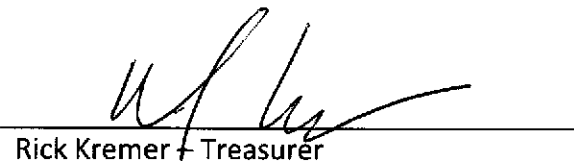
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