

GBSRA
GREAT BRITAIN SLOPE RACING ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

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1. THE ASSOCIATION

- 1.1 The name of the Association is the '**GREAT BRITAIN SLOPE RACING ASSOCIATION**' and its address shall be that of the current Chairman.
- 1.2 The abbreviation of the Association name is '**GBSRA**'.
- 1.3 Hereinafter, the Great Britain Slope Racing Association shall be known either as "the Association" or the GBSRA.
- 1.4 Unless specified otherwise in this document, "member" and "members" means "full member" and "full members" who has/have paid a valid subscription fee.

2. THE ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To promote and encourage the building and safe flying of radio controlled Slope Racing gliders.
- 2.2 To organise and run competitions for radio controlled gliders in all active slope racing classes, in accordance with current BMFA contest rules.
- 2.3 Encourage and provide help and support for junior participation.
- 2.4 Explore and promote new avenues to encourage the growth of all Slope Racing classes.
- 2.5 In liaison with the appropriate BMFA Technical Committee, to hold Team Selection competitions in line with the BMFA selection process for the FAI F3F class, to select a British Team to participate in FAI World & European Championships.
- 2.6 To recommend the name of a Team Manager to the appropriate Technical Committee of the BMFA.
- 2.7 In liaison with the appropriate BMFA Technical Committee, to organise and run the BMFA F3F National Championships each year at an organised slope.
- 2.8 When necessary, to recommend to the BMFA changes to the Contest Rules governing all Slope Racing classes.
- 2.9 When appropriate, to organise social activities.

3. RULES

- 3.1 Any person may become a Full member of the GBSRA, provided he is also a member of the BMFA or the Scottish or Irish equivalent organisation. Every member of the Association unconditionally agrees to be bound by these Rules.
- 3.2 Any person taking part in a competition organised by the Association is deemed to be an 'associate' member of the GBSRA. An Associate Member may not vote nor hold office nor have any of the right rights that are allocated to Full Members. Full membership can be achieved on payment of the appropriate annual subscription fee.
- 3.3 The annual subscription fee shall be decided each year by members at the Association's Annual General Meeting

- 3.4 An Annual General Meeting shall be held once every year for the election of members to serve on the Committee and as officers of the Association and for such other business as may be appointed in accordance with the Rules and Constitution. See also clause (4).
- 3.5 Every member shall be entitled to receive notice and be present at all General Meetings. Every full member aged 16 or over shall give one vote only on every question. In the case of an equal number of votes on any issue, the Chairman of the Meeting shall not have a casting vote and shall declare the resolution to have failed.
- 3.6 The Committee shall exercise the powers given to it by the Rules and such other powers of management as the affairs of the Association may from time to time require.
- 3.7 The Committee shall consist of:-
 - 3.7.1 Chairman
 - 3.7.2 Secretary
 - 3.7.3 Treasurer
 - 3.7.4 Competition Secretary
 - 3.7.5 Newsletter \ Website Editor
- 3.8 A member of the Committee may hold more than one office.
- 3.9 Any matter not decided by this Constitution shall be decided by the Committee.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in every year on a day to be appointed by the Committee and at such a place and time as shall be designated.
- 4.2 A minimum of 28 days' notice of the Meeting shall be given to every member of the Association specifying the business to be transacted. A copy of the accounts and any members' proposals received by the Secretary in accordance with rule (4.5) below will be made available to members attending the AGM.
- 4.3 *The Agenda shall read as follows:-*
 - 4.3.1 Apologies for absence.
 - 4.3.2 Minutes of previous year's AGM to be approved.
 - 4.3.3 Matters arising.
 - 4.3.4 Reports from the Chairman and Committee members for the past year.
 - 4.3.5 Approval of the Accounts.
 - 4.3.6 Bi-Annual Election of the Chairman and Committee members
 - 4.3.6 Subscription fees for the ensuing year.
 - 4.3.7 Member's proposals received under rule (4.5).
 - 4.3.8 Any other business.
- 4.4 If any member has any proposal for discussion and possible adoption at the Annual General Meeting, that member shall send such proposal in writing to the Secretary and it must be in his hands not less than 14 days before the date of the AGM.
- 4.5 The Quorum at the Annual General Meeting and at Special General Meetings shall be 10% of the members entitled to vote excluding the Chairman and Committee members of the Association.
- 4.6 Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands or otherwise as the Chairman may direct.
- 4.7 The Chairman of the Committee shall preside at all General Meetings. If the Chairman of the Committee is unable to attend, or is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting, the Meeting shall choose its own Chairman.
- 4.8 Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of votes cast, except:-
 - 4.8.1 Proposals to alter or amend the rules of the Association may only be passed at the Annual General Meeting and must achieve not less than 70% of the votes of the members attending the meeting.
 - 4.8.2 Proposals which are intended to alter or amend the fundamental character, aims or objectives of the Association as defined in rule (2) of the Constitution must achieve not less than 90% of the votes of the members attending the meeting
- 4.9 The Secretary shall take Minutes of the proceedings of General Meetings.

- 4.10 The Chairman shall ensure that the counting and recording of any votes cast at the meeting are accurately recorded and the result of the voting on any question shall be final. An entry in the Minutes Book signed by the Chairman of the meeting within 6 weeks of the holding of the meeting shall be conclusive of the terms of any resolution and of its having been passed.
- 4.11 A Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within 28 days from the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 10% of the members specifying the object of the EGM. A notice convening a Extraordinary General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting.

5. ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 The Treasurer shall prepare an annual account of the income and expenditure of the Association which will be made available to the members attending the AGM. Copies of the Accounts will be circulated to all members after the AGM.

6. COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Committee shall regulate its own procedures and shall meet not less than twice a year at the instigation of the Chairman who may convene meetings verbally, by email or in writing.
- 6.2 A quorum shall be three Committee Members.
- 6.3 A Committee member, generally but not necessarily the Chairman, shall attend meetings of the appropriate Technical Committee to formally present the GBSRA's views.
- 6.4 Each member of the Committee shall have one vote on every question. In the case of an equal number of votes on any issue, the Chairman or other member presiding at the meeting, will not have a casting vote and shall declare the resolution to have failed.
- 6.5 Minutes shall be kept of each meeting and shall be provisional until read and confirmed at the next meeting.
- 6.6 The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees and delegate to them any of its powers. Sub-Committees shall conform to any directions made by the Committee with regard to quorum, votes and the keeping of Minutes and other records deemed necessary or advisable.
- 6.7 The Committee or Sub-Committee may co-opt any member of the Association for any particular purpose. A co-opted member of the Committee or Sub-Committee shall strictly adhere to any instruction given to him by the Committee. A co-opted member shall have the same voting rights as other members of the Committee or Sub-Committee.
- 6.8 The Chairman and members of the Committee of the Association shall take office at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. Committee members are elected for a period of 2 years and may stand for re-election at the end of that period.

7. RELATIONS WITH THE BMFA

- 7.1 Copies of the Minutes of all General Meetings and meetings of the Committee and any Sub-Committees will be sent by the Association's Secretary to the BMFA.
- 7.2 The Association's Competition Secretary shall be responsible for reporting contest results to the Records Officer of the BMFA in accordance with the General Section of the contest rules of the BMFA (currently Rule 2.3.15).
- 7.3 This Association will abide by, and comply with, Clause 3, Specialist Body Requirements, of the BMFA Council Handbook, Appendix 3.

8. RULE CHANGES / TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 8.1 Rule changes and team selection procedures shall be decided by the Committee of the Association, and be submitted to the appropriate BMFA Technical Committee in time for its annual rules meeting.
 - N.B.** (i) Changes to team selection procedures will be implemented at the start of the following year, but will not affect the validity of any Team currently selected.
 - (ii). The requirement to hold team selection events 2.(e). is a rule under this constitution, but the process and method of team selection is defined in the BMFA Silent Flight Rulebook.

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 9.1 Annual subscriptions, together with any supplement, shall be payable as follows:-
- 9.1.1 For existing members, within 28 days of receiving the Membership Renewal Notice. Membership will automatically lapse if payment is not made within the period indicated but any lapsed member may be reinstated upon payment of his outstanding subscription and supplement, if any.
- 9.1.2 For new members, the appropriate annual subscription and supplement, if any, shall accompany the membership application. Members joining between the 1st January and the 30th September shall pay the full subscription and supplement, if any; members joining between the 1st October and the 31st December shall pay one third of the total of the annual subscription and any supplement for their first part year of membership.

10. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 10.1 All competitions run by the Association shall be organised by the League Coordinator nominated by the Association. Pre-entry is a requirement for all competitions, and the details of the pre-entry requirements will be published by the League Coordinator prior to all competitions.
- 10.2 Competitions will be run by a Contest Director approved by the Association. Entrants will accept any decision made by the Contest Director pertaining to the running and results of the competition. For any protest regarding those decisions which cannot be resolved with the CD, then settlement can be sought through the relevant BMFA protest procedure.
- 10.3 In agreement with the appropriate Technical Committee, F3F Team Trials and League Events will be run by the Association to FAI rules (with any BMFA variations) on behalf of the BMFA under the control of a Contest Director.

11. LIABILITY

- 11.1 Neither the Association nor any of its officers, helpers, proxies, assistants or guests nor the owners of any flying site where contests are held shall be held responsible for damage or injury of any kind done to or by models and/or their operators. Competitors, by entering a contest thereby agree to indemnify the Association and its officers, helpers, proxies, assistants or guests from any legal liability arising from their actions or omissions whilst participating in any such contest. The standard BMFA insurance shall be in place for any BMFA competitions run by the Association on behalf of the BMFA.

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 12.1 Should it be considered necessary or desirable to dissolve the Association, the Committee will call an Extraordinary General Meeting. Should a quorum fail to appear, the meeting will be adjourned and a further EGM must be called. The second meeting will proceed even if a quorum is not present and the motion will then be carried by a simple majority vote.
- 12.2 On dissolution and after the sale of assets, settlement of all outstanding debts and the refund of subscriptions for the remaining part of the year to the paid-up members; the funds remaining will be donated to the BMFA (British Model Flying Association)
- 12.3 If the final accounts are less than required to refund full subscriptions to the members, any total monies remaining will be distributed equally between members. All members will receive a final statement of accounts.

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