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1. Name

1.1 The name of the Association shall be the Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association herein after called the MMAFA or the Association.

2. Definition

2.1 The Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association is a non-profitable Association of people who as a hobby enjoy building and/or flying model aircraft for pleasure and for participation in non competitive and competitive events.

3. Aims

3.1 The aims of the Association are to foster friendship and understanding between model aircraft enthusiasts, young and old alike and also to promote a general interest in aviation especially the acquisition of a more intimate knowledge of the physics of flight, model aircraft engines, electronics and the operation of radio control equipment.

4. Legal Representation

4.1 The legal representation for the Association shall be vested upon the incumbent President.

4.2 Ta Qali Model Aircraft Flying Site

Any significant issue and/or development which may affect the Malta Model Aircraft Flying site at Ta Qali must be subject to AGM or EGM approval

5. Membership

5.1 Persons over 18 years of age may join the Association as Full members.

5.1.1 Persons over 65 years of age shall be considered as members who shall pay a reduced rate.

5.2 Persons under 18 years may join as Junior members.

5.3 New applicants have to apply on the club Application Form (Annex 1) and shall be seconded by two Committee members.

5.4 The Committee has the right to refuse applications without giving reasons.

5.4.1 A new member shall be subject to a probationary period of 12 months, during which time said member shall not be entitled to a key to the flying site and may not be present alone at the flying site at any time.

5.4.2 A new member may attend but shall not vote at an AGM / EGM held during the probationary period.

5.4.3 At the end of the 12 month probationary period, the member shall be confirmed by the committee with full site access and voting rights provided that the member had conducted himself /herself in accordance with the Statute and Standing regulations.



5.4.4 Membership may be revoked by the committee at any time during the probationary period if said member does not conduct himself/herself in accordance with the Statute and/or Standing regulations and after having ignored verbal and /or written warnings and/or instructions by the Committee to comply.

5.5 The Committee or members may from time to time propose that Full Members be given Honorary Membership.

5.6 The categories of membership are as follows:

- Honorary members
- Full members
- Junior members
- Non-flying members
- Members aged over 65 years
- Family membership

the above hereinafter called "members"

5.7 All members and new member applicants are to declare any interest in any commercial activity involving the use of UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) of any type as this may constitute a conflict of interest with the Association's definition and activity (Art.2)

6. Administration

6.1 The Association shall be governed by a Committee elected by its members every year as set out in article (9.0). The number of members to be elected shall be 7 but not less than 5 at any time.

6.2 7 Member Committee it shall consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer
- Two members

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- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer



7. Sub-Committees

7.1 The Committee may delegate work to sub-committees consisting of two or more full members, not necessarily Committee members and chaired by the Vice President.

8. Independent Competitions Commission

8.1 The Committee is to nominate an independent Commission for each competition and the members of the Commission cannot take part in that competition.

9. Elections

9.1 Unless there is a vote of no confidence in the Committee, there shall be one election every year during a General Meeting.

9.2 If during an election a tie between nominated members exists, another vote shall be taken to establish who of the tied nominees is to serve on the Committee.

9.3 The President shall be elected by the greatest number of preference votes (P) during elections

9.4 Elections shall be coordinated by two election tellers who shall be voluntarily chosen from the members present at the meeting.

9.5 Only paid up members and honorary members, excluding any members on probation, are allowed to vote in any election.

10. Nominations

10.1 No member can be nominated for election to the Committee if the said member forms part of the committee of any other radio control model club. Likewise, no Committee member can seek election on the committee of any other radio control model club.

10.1.1 Members who have declared any commercial interest in accordance with art. 5.7 are not eligible to serve on the committee.

10.2 A member can only be nominated to sit on the Committee if he has been a Full Member for at least two consecutive years.

10.3 Those members of the committee whose term of office has expired may be nominated again to serve a further term.

11. Complaints

11.1 A member who has any complaint shall inform the Committee in writing, and the matter will be brought up during the following Committee meeting.

11.2 When a member makes a protest to the Committee, the member has the right to be present when the protest is discussed at the Committee meeting.

11.3 For disputes arising during or after competitive events, an independent Commission of three members acceptable to both or all parties is to be nominated by the Committee to seek a just solution. The Commission's decision shall be final and binding.



12. Absenteeism

12.1 Every Committee member shall do his utmost to attend all meetings.

12.2 A Committee member who for valid reasons cannot attend a Committee meeting must inform the Secretary in advance. His reasons for absence will be declared and recorded in the minutes book by the Secretary or his stead.

12.3 A Committee member who for invalid reasons is absent from three consecutive Committee meetings may be replaced by a newly elected member.

13. Resignations

13.1 If any Committee member wishes to resign, then he must submit his resignation in writing to the President or the Secretary.

13.1.1 In the event of the resignation of the President, an EGM shall be called within 30 working days and fresh elections shall be held to elect a new President and Committee. In the meantime the remaining committee members shall continue to administer the Association with the sole task of calling an EGM and holding another election. Existing committee members may be nominated again for re-election together with new nominees who may wish to contest.

13.2 In the event of a resignation of a committee member other than the President, a new committee member shall be appointed from those members who contested the last election in the order of the number of votes cast. Should no such members be available, the committee shall exercise the right to co-opt one member of the association who is fully paid up and has been a member for at least two consecutive years or is an honorary member.

13.3 If however further members of the committee resign during the term of office, and no nominees from the previous election are still available to serve, an extraordinary general meeting shall be called to seek nominations to fill the vacant positions.

14. Committee meetings

14.1 These shall be held as and when required but not less than four times annually.

14.2 The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of every meeting and this record shall be read by the Secretary for approval by the Committee at the next meeting. If the secretary is absent, another Committee member nominated by the members present may take his place.

14.3 When during a Committee Meeting, the Committee has given equal number of votes for and against the proposal the President shall give the casting vote. The President's vote decides whether the proposal is passed or not. This shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Minutes of the meeting.



15. Other meetings

15.1 An Annual General Meeting must be held every year either in January or February. At this meeting the Treasurer shall present his report audited by two members appointed during the previous AGM. An up-to-date inventory of the Association's material assets shall also be presented.

15.2 An Extraordinary General meeting may be held at any time following a call by any member having the backing of at least one third of the members.

15.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee provided that the Secretary or his substitute mails the notice to all members at least seven days before the meeting.

15.4 Only paid up members are allowed to participate in all the Association's meetings.

16. Quorum

16.1 For a 7 (Seven) Committee: A quorum for Committee Meetings shall consist of at least four members. In addition the President or the Vice President shall chair the meeting.

16.1.1 For a 5 (Five) Committee: A quorum for Committee Meetings shall consist of at least three members plus a proxy declared by the absentee member. In addition the President or shall chair the meeting.

16.2 A quorum for General Meetings shall consist of 30 members including the members of the Committee.

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17. Membership Fees

- 17.1 Honorary members shall not pay any membership fees.
Full members shall pay an annual fee of €85
Members aged 65 years and over shall pay an annual fee of €60
Junior members shall pay an annual fee of €55
Family Memberships:€85 for an adult family member and €40 for each junior member
Non flying members shall pay an annual fee of €40
- 17.3 Fees must be paid by the end of February.
- 17.4 Fees include insurance cover for third party risks at Ta' Qali. Members not paying their fee by the end of February will have their membership terminated.
- 17.5 The Committee reserves the right to alter these fees if the need arises after approval by a General Meeting.
- 17.6** Pro-Rata Member Payments applies in accordance with the Application Form Annex 1
- 17.7 A copy of the Association's third party insurance cover is to be provided to all members.
- 17.8 Tertiary, University and Specialist Course Students attending education courses of one year duration or more, shall be entitled to a yearly rate of Eur55 (same as junior members) during their Academic course. Such students must provide Official documentation confirming their status.

18. Finance

- 18.1 The Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date record of all income and expenditure incurred by the Association.
- 18.2 All the expenses incurred by the Association must have the approval of the Committee.

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19. Rules

19.1 The Committee has the power to issue rules from time to time and every member must abide by these rules. Any rules so made must be communicated by circular to all members and every new member shall be given a copy by the secretary.

19.2 Every Committee member shall have the power to stop any member from flying at Ta' Qali if the latter's actions or equipment create a hazard to other members and the public.

19.3 The Committee is also empowered to suspend the membership of any member if said member does not conduct himself / herself in accordance with the Statute and Standing regulations and ignores verbal and/or written warnings and/or instructions by the Committee to comply. However, the committee will, beforehand, have appointed an independent commission made up of three MMAFA members acceptable to both parties as arbiters with the objective of seeking a just solution. The member facing suspension has the right to plead his/her case before this commission.

19.3.1 The commission's recommendations shall be taken into account in the final decision by the Committee. The final decision and the commission's recommendations shall be made known to all members.

19.4 Unless so suspended, a member is entitled to insurance coverage in the event of a claim and the Committee shall afford all assistance to support the claim.

20. Operation of R/C Equipment

20.1 Members still using 35MHz frequency may only operate their UAS/RC equipment on radio frequencies allocated and available to the MMAFA.

21. Limitation of use of site

21.1 The association has the lease from the Government of Malta of the flying site at Ta' Qali. The association binds itself not to make use of the site for any activity other than aero modelling. Third parties will not be permitted to make use of the site for any activity whatsoever. The Association, however, may grant permission to the Aviation Museum Foundation to utilize the site for the occasional (maximum of 14 days annually) positioning flights of its restored aircraft.



22. Dissolution

22.1 In the event of dissolution of the Association, all the property of the Association without any exception shall be liquidated and the proceeds shall be applied in favour of another non-profit organisation with similar purposes as the Association, and selected by the administration in charge of the liquidation.

23. Statute

23.1 A copy of the statute shall be available for downloading on the association's website, www.mmafataqali.com

23.2 For further details regarding procedures, the book "ABC of Chairmanship" by Lord Citrine shall apply.

24. Statute Amendments

24.1 The Statute may be amended only at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings provided that two-thirds majority of the members present is obtained.

24.2 Proposed amendments are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM.

24.3 In the event that an Extraordinary Meeting is called in order to change the Statute the proposed change is to be submitted along with the signed request by the proposer/s and one third of the paid up members.

25. Pecuniary gains

25.1 The Association may obtain a pecuniary gain from its activities when such gain is not received or credited to any private interest but is exclusively utilised for the purposes of the Association.

25.2 The Association may buy or sell or otherwise deal in goods or services where such activities are exclusively related to its principal purposes.

Martin Mifsud

Lino Xuereb

Martin Mifsud Member Nr:085
PRESIDENT

Capt. Lino Xuereb Member Nr:164
SECRETARY

(Signatures are on the original copy held on file. For the purpose of the website and distribution electronic signatures apply)



Malta Model Aircraft
Flying Association

Application for membership

Date : - _____

Applicant's Name : - _____

Address line 1 : - _____

Address line 2 : - _____

Locality : - _____

Post Code : - _____

I.D. card No. :- _____

Email: - _____

Mobile No. :- _____

Complete next sections (a) and (b), DO NOT LEAVE BLANK. Write NONE if not applicable

a. I am a member of another Radio Control Club, even if other than model aircraft
State the name of club and whether an ordinary member or a committee member

b. Please provide details of any commercial interest you may have involving the use of control model aircraft or any other type of remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS)

Annual membership fee, for the period January to December, is established as follows

Full member	€85.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior member, (Under 18)	€55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family membership	€40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full member over the age of 65	€60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Flying Member	€40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tertiary, University & specialist student	€55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prorate according to the list above shall apply for new members joining the Association between the 1st of September and 30th November. Renewal for the same period shall apply in full as per the rates above. New members joining in December

Members of the same family up to the first degree, and residing in the same address of an already paid up full member will be charged as a family membership fee, up to the age of 17 years.

Flying membership fees include insurance covering third party liability, and member to member liability at Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association field, and at any other events organized by the Association.

Paid by cash (Payment against a receipt)

Bank transfer BOV IBAN: - **MT66VALL2201300000040014962916** NB. QUOTE FULL NAME & ID No.

IMPORTANT

Fill in every field and return it to the Committee as soon as possible for processing.
Attach a *photocopy of the ID card*. The committee **WILL NOT** process the application form before ID card copy is attached.

The information supplied on this form will be retained by the MMAFA on a database and will be used to compile either a paper delegate list to be distributed, or an electronic delegate list. The information may be used to contact you by letter, phone or e-mail with details of future events organised or promoted by MMAFA.

Applicants Signature : - _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : - _____

(Fill in only if applicant is

Parent/Guardian ID card No. : - _____

under the age of 18)

Parent / Guardian is responsible for applicant, if applicant is under the age of 18



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