

Royal Air Force Model Aircraft Association

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1. The Royal Air Force Model Aircraft Association (RAFMAA) was founded in October 1949, hereinafter called the Association.
2. The primary aim of the Association shall be to increase the Service personnel of the RAF by stimulating the interest of service personnel in the science and art of flying. In order to achieve this primary aim the subsidiary aims of the Association shall be:
 - a. To foster interest, inventiveness and skill in designing, building and flying model aircraft.
 - b. To organize competitions among serving personnel, so that those with duties not immediately associated with aircraft may experience the science and art of flying.
3. In the event of the Association being dissolved, surplus assets will be returned to the RAF Central Fund.

Membership

4. **Full Membership.** Full membership is open to:
 - a. All Serving personnel of the RAF.
 - b. Members of other Armed Forces of the Crown serving with the RAF.
 - c. Personnel of Commonwealth and Allied Forces serving under RAF command.
5. **Associate Membership.** Associate membership is open to:
 - a. Members of other Armed Forces of the Crown not serving with the RAF.
 - b. Members of the Reserve Forces of the RAF, University Air Squadrons, Air Training Corps and Combined Cadet Force (Air Element).
 - c. Ex-Service personnel of the Armed Forces of the Crown.
 - d. Service Dependents.
 - e. Personnel of Commonwealth and Allied Forces serving under the command of other Armed Forces of the Crown.
 - f. Civilians who offer their services as instructors or who provide specialist advice and equipment for general use.
6. **Associate Membership Rights.**

- a. Associate members have no voting rights.
- b. With the exception of Service dependents and Reserve Forces on full time contracts, civilians' subscriptions and other charges are to be higher than those for full members.
- c. Associate members must be in the minority in the Association.

Officials

7. **President.** A President is appointed by the Director of the RAF Sports Board (DSB(RAF)) on the advice of interested parties including the outgoing president and Chairman.
8. **Vice-President.** Vice-Presidents and Life Vice-Presidents may be elected by members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
9. **Chairman.** A Chairman is appointed by (DSB(RAF)) on the advice of interested parties including the President and the outgoing chairman. The Chairman shall take the chair at the AGM and at Executive Committee Meetings (ECM). In the case of an equal vote at these meetings, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
10. **Honorary Members.** Honorary members may be elected by the AGM. Serving members are not eligible for honorary membership. Honorary members have no vote.

Annual General Meeting

11. An AGM shall be called by the Chairman annually and the agenda published 4 weeks before the meeting. All self-accounting Units in the UK are eligible to send one representative to the meeting. A quorum for the AGM is 10 participants.
12. The AGM shall elect an executive committee comprising the following members:
 - a. Deputy Chairman
 - b. Honorary Secretary
 - c. Honorary Treasurer
 - d. Representative of the RAF Sports Board
 - e. Representative from each Command at Home.
13. Terms of Reference for these members, apart from the Sports Board and Command Representatives, are to be issued by the Chairman.
14. The AGM is to be presented with the audited accounts of the Association for discussion and acceptance. Reports from various appropriate members of the executive committee are also to be presented.

Executive Committee Meetings

15. Executive Committee Meetings (ECM) are to be held at least twice per year to discuss ongoing business and develop policy. A quorum shall be 6 members.
16. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to deal with matters of urgency and to investigate and, if necessary, deal with reports of misconduct or any other matters referred to it. It shall undertake the organization and administration of the RAF, Inter-

Service Championships and representative fixtures, including the selection of the RAF Representative teams.

Financial Year

17. The financial year of the Association shall close on 31 October each year. All Association accounts are to be presented to the Sports Board for audit within 6 weeks of the end of the financial year.

18. **Insurance.** Full and associate members of the RAFMAA are insured by the Association for model flying within the UK and while temporarily abroad. The policy covers member to member insurance, third party claims and the indemnity necessary for model flying on MOD property. Full details are available from the treasurer.

19. **The British Model Flying Association (BMFA).** The Association pays an annual affiliation fee to the BMFA, (formally the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers). All members of the Association are recognized as members of the BMFA.

20. **RAFMAA Competitions.** Membership of the Association permits entry for all competitions organized by the Association and the award of trophies and prizes for winners. Copies of the competition rule book are available from the newsletter editor.

Club Affiliation

21. Each club is to affiliate to the Association annually by forwarding member's fees to the treasurer. One person alone can, if need be, constitute a club.

Reference and Associated Publications

22. Defence Lands Handbook

Estate Surveying Services Code

British Model Flying Association (BMFA) Handbook

RAF Model Aircraft Association Handbook

DCI Gen -Encroachments

DCI Occasional use of MOD Facilities for Recreational or other purposes

GAI 5026 Installation of Private Radio Apparatus on MOD(RAF) Controlled Property

AP 3379 Accommodation and Equipment (RAF)

AP 830 Scale E57 Hobbies and Clubs(RAF)

GAI (TBD) The use of the Ministry of Defence Facilities in the UK for Model Aircraft

Flying by Service Personnel and other Government Employees (U)