

Biplane Air Racing Class Bylaws

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1. Name

1. The name of the organization is the Biplane Air Racing Class (BARC).

2. Mission

1. The mission of the Biplane Air Racing Class is to provide the leadership and organization needed to celebrate the rich history and spirit of biplane aviation through competitive racing, while fostering a community of passionate aviators and enthusiasts. The promotion and preservation of the legacy of biplane racing will ensure that this historic aviation tradition thrives for generations to come.

3. Purpose

1. BARC will meet its mission by upholding the following priorities:
 1. Safety - BARC is dedicated to the highest standards of safety in biplane racing. We encourage innovation in design and technology, always with safety as the foremost priority.
 2. Competition - We organize and promote exciting biplane racing events that push the boundaries of speed, skill, and teamwork. These events provide a platform for pilots to showcase their talents and for spectators to experience the thrill of air racing.
 3. Community - We foster camaraderie amongst biplane enthusiasts, including pilots, crew members, and fans. BARC serves as a hub for networking, education, and support, where individuals with a shared passion can connect and grow.
 4. Legacy - We honor the pioneering era of aviation by showcasing the timeless beauty and craftsmanship of biplanes. We strive to safeguard the legacy of biplane racing as a testament to human innovation and aeronautical excellence.
 5. Education - We are committed to educating the public about the history, technology, and excitement of biplane aviation. Through

outreach programs, educational resources, and partnerships, we inspire the next generation of aviators.

4. Office

1. The principal office for the transaction of business for the Biplane Air Racing Class is 516 Cafferty Rd, Erwinna, PA 18920. The Board of Directors may change the principal office from one location to another. The Secretary will record a change in office but an amendment to these bylaws is not required.
2. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of the Bylaws, and all minutes from meetings of Members and the Board of Directors will be maintained at the office of record.

5. Officers

1. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. One person may not hold more than one office in the Corporation. Members elected as Officers of the Corporation shall hold office for a term of two years. Offset in terms amongst the officers is preferred so as to maintain continuity in leadership.
2. Additional officers may be appointed by the Board of Directors as needed. Tenure of appointment will be concurrent with the term of office of the Board appointing them unless removed sooner by death, resignation, or removal by the Board of Directors.
3. All Officers of the Corporation will be uncompensated.
4. Any Officer of the Corporation may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose, or without cause, by vote of the Members at any special membership meeting called for that purpose. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a two-third majority vote of the Members. Any appointed officer may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
5. Election and Term of Office

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1. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected as provided in 5.5.3 of these bylaws. All other officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as provided in this article.
2. Any vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the procedures in 5.5.3 of these bylaws. Any vacancy in any appointive office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
3. Process for Election of Officers:
 1. No less than one month before the expiration of the current Officer tenure of office, the Secretary or another officer shall create and distribute to the Members a nomination form by email, BARC website or other electronic method which lists all Members in good standing with voting rights.
 2. Each Member with voting rights may then nominate no more than two Members for each Officer position by completing the provided form and submitting or returning it to the Secretary.
 3. Before the election, the Secretary or another officer shall list all Members who received two or more nominations.
 4. Each of the nominated Members must confirm in writing their willingness to serve as a Director as nominated. In the case of multiple nominations for Officer/Director positions, the Member must declare for which position they would like their name to stand.
 5. An Officer serving a current 2-year term may not be nominated for a different position.
 6. The election is conducted using in-person or electronic voting at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Where Members may not be present or do not have access for the purpose of online voting, a Proxy may be given to the Secretary/Treasurer for voting on their behalf.

7. If voting in-person, the Board of Directors shall create an election results committee consisting of two Members that are not subject to election. This committee verifies the results of the election and reports those results to the Board of Directors.

6. Board of Directors

1. Numbers and Powers - The Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of directors constituting the entire Board shall be no less than seven nor more than twelve. The exact number shall be determined by a vote of the Members at the Annual Membership Meeting.
 1. Number as established - The President, Vice President, and Secretary, Treasurer, Operations Officer, Technical Officer and Rules Officer are the Officers that compose the minimum Board of Directors.
 2. All additional Directors must be a Member of BARC in good standing. Failure to maintain good standing, however caused, may result in removal as a Director.
 3. Powers - Subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation of the BARC, Inc., and of the General Non-Profit Corporation law of Pennsylvania on action to be authorized or approved by the Members, all powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and the affairs of BARC shall be controlled by the Board of Directors. Without prejudice to the general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is expressly declared that the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:
 1. To guide the affairs of BARC, and to make sure rules and regulations are not inconsistent with law or these bylaws.
 2. Prescribe powers and duties for officers, agents, and employees as may not be inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, or with these bylaws.

3. To borrow money and incur debt for the purpose of BARC, and for that purpose, to cause to be executed and delivered, in BARC's name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evidence of debts, and securities for them.

7. Committees and Members

1. The Board will authorize committees as they deem necessary to meet the functional needs of the organization. Terms for committees and member shall expire with the expiration of the current President's term.
2. All committee members shall be Members of BARC in good standing. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board and serve in the same manner and at the same time as directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees but shall have no vote. Committee members may be removed or replaced in the same manner as are directors. The Technical Officer, Operations Officer and Rules Officer shall not also be a member of a committee.

8. Members

1. The Board of Directors may accept or reject any Member application for any reason, solely at its discretion.
2. Membership has three tiers:
 1. Racing Members
 1. Includes current and past pilots and owners (of 51% or more or who are the nominees of owner groups) of biplane aircraft.
 2. Have full voting rights.
 3. Racing Memberships include a reserved Race Number for the Member for their exclusive use.
 2. Rookie Members

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1. Supporting Members may apply to attend PRS or similar accreditation training event. The Operations Officer will review the applicant's flying resume and overall experience base in coordination with the training committee.
 2. Upon successful completion of an accreditation training event the member will be awarded a BARC Racing License and graduate to Rookie Membership.
 3. Successful completion of one accredited racing event will graduate the member to a full Racing Member.
 4. Shall not have voting rights until full Racing Membership is achieved.
 5. Rookie Members may reserve an available Race Number but may not duplicate a Race Number reserved by a Racing Member.
3. Supporting Members
1. Current and past elected directors and committee members, designated technical inspectors and operations personnel, racing crew, designers of biplane aircraft, owners of biplane aircraft under construction, and aspiring biplane racing rookies.
 2. Shall not have voting rights.
 3. May reserve or memorialize Race Numbers. Reservation of a Race Number will incur a membership fee equal to that paid by Racing Members.
3. All applicants for membership must acknowledge, accept and agree by signature to the BARC Good Conduct Agreement before membership is approved. The signed Good Conduct Agreement will be retained on file by BARC.
4. All Members are responsible for maintaining current contact information by updating their Membership Profile on the BARC website; or, by notifying the Secretary/Treasurer if unable to access the website.

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5. Only Members in good standing may hold a BARC Racing License. Any Member failing to maintain their Membership in good standing will have their eligibility to race removed and must surrender their racing license card.
6. A Member in good standing, at any tier, is current on membership dues and will abide by the BARC Bylaws, BARC Good Conduct Agreement, and all other BARC Policies, Rules and Regulations; and, not currently be subject to expulsion, suspension or other action by the Board of Directors or Membership.
7. Dues and Fees
 1. Dues and fees shall be as established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors on an annual basis.
 2. Membership dues are annual, payable before the anniversary date of membership commencement. Nonpayment of dues will result in cancelation of membership. Members wishing to restore their membership following cancelation will be required to re-apply.
8. Termination of Membership
 1. Any member may resign at any time by submission of written notice to the Secretary or Treasurer. Any dues paid for the current year will be considered fully earned with no refund.
9. Expulsion
 1. Any Member may be expelled by a majority vote of the Membership after recommendation by the Board of Directors for conduct that the Board of Directors deems contrary to the best interests of the BARC.
 2. The process for expulsion will be:
 1. The Board of Directors must recommend to the Membership that a Member be expelled.

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2. That Member will then immediately have all rights and privileges suspended until the Member vote.
 3. If the Member vote affirms the recommendation of the Board of Directors, then the Member will immediately be removed from the Member Register and all rights and privileges will be permanently revoked.
 4. If the Member vote denies the Board of Director recommendation, then the suspension will be immediately lifted, and all rights and privileges restored. The Member vote must take place within 45 days of the suspension.
3. The Member shall be given at least ten days notice by email and notice mailed by certified mail prior to a meeting or online vote in which expulsion is to be considered. This notice must specify an in-person meeting or electronic vote and offer to the Member the opportunity for:
 1. Attendance at and presentation of a defense if an in-person meeting is held.
 2. Submission of a PDF document for distribution to the Members if the vote is conducted by electronic voting. This PDF defense document must be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer by confirmed email and mailed by certified mail; and, received at least 2 days prior to the commencement of the vote. In the event no such document is received, then the vote will proceed without it. This Member defense document must be made available to the Members at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a vote.
 4. Expulsion of a Member is permanent and the Member that is expelled will forfeit any dues paid for the current year.

9. Meetings

1. BARC membership meetings will be held biannually.

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2. The first meeting will be held in the first or second fiscal quarter. The time, date, and method of meeting will be as determined by the Board of Directors, or, if not so determined, as may be determined by the President. It is generally expected to be held virtually and in advance of a spring or early summer training event, but may be conducted in-person with additional remote attendance for widest participation.
3. The second meeting of the Members shall be held during the third or fourth fiscal quarter. The time, date, and method of meeting will be as determined by the Board of Directors, or, if not so determined, as may be determined by the President. This meeting is generally expected to be held in-person at a race venue, but may be held virtually as needed.
4. At membership meetings the following minimum business will be conducted:
 1. If in person to conduct the election of Officers and/or Directors, or to announce the results of the election if an electronic vote was conducted ahead of the meeting.
 2. Present to the Members the activities of the Board of Directors.
 3. Provide the status or resolution of old business.
 4. Allow the Members the opportunity to raise new business or offer comment.
 5. Present to the Members the financial position of the Corporation.
5. Special meetings shall be held whenever called by the Board of Directors or the President.

10. President - Powers and Duties

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation, and shall keep the Board of Directors fully informed about the activities of the Corporation. He/she shall have

the power to sign alone, unless the Board of Directors shall specifically require an additional signature, in the name of the Corporation all contracts specifically authorized by the Board. He/ she shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors. If the President is unable at any time to perform any duty, the Vice President will perform that function or appoint another Member to do so.

11. Vice President - Powers and Duties

1. The Vice President shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

12. Secretary - Powers and Duties

1. The Secretary shall see that there is an agenda of business for each meeting of the Board of Directors and each Membership meeting.
2. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors.
3. He/she shall be responsible for the giving and serving of all notices on behalf of the Corporation and shall perform all the duties customarily incident to the office of the Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

13. Treasurer - Powers and Duties

1. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and other valuable effects of the Corporation in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such banks or depositories as the Board of Directors may designate. At a biannual Meeting of the Board of Directors and whenever else required by the Board of Directors, he/she shall render a statement of the Corporation's accounts.
2. He/she shall at all reasonable times exhibit the Corporation's books and accounts to any officer or director of the Corporation and shall

perform all duties incident to the position of Treasurer subject to the control of the Board of Directors, and shall, when required, give such security for the faithful performance of his or her duties as the Board of Directors may determine.

3. The Treasurer will maintain a second Officer of the Corporation as a signer on all corporate bank accounts.

14. Operations Officer - Powers and Duties

1. The Operations Officer shall be responsible for organizing, overseeing, and designating operations personnel and for all BARC operations at sanctioned events.
2. The Operations Officer shall develop and maintain all academic materials and conduct all training and standardization for the accreditation of class members.
3. The Operations Officer shall issue and track currency of BARC Racing Licenses for accredited class members.
4. Members may ask the Operations Officer for clarification of any rule under the jurisdiction of the Rules Officer. If the item is questionable or open to different interpretation, the Operations Officer shall consult with the Rules Officer as to the intent, and taking their opinion into consideration, shall issue a binding ruling. This will be in the form of an addendum to the Procedures Rules, and as such, shall have the same force and effect as the rules. This addendum shall be sent by mail to all members by the Secretary. The addendum will stand until incorporated into the rules, overturned by a rule change, or temporarily waived at a race site as provided for in 16.4 of these bylaws.

15. Technical Officer - Powers and Duties

1. The Technical Officer shall be responsible for organizing, overseeing, and designating technical inspectors and inspections. He/she shall provide design guidance for new aircraft prior to races.
2. Members may ask the Technical Officer for clarification of any rule under the jurisdiction of the Rules Officer. If the rule is questionable or open to different interpretation, the Technical Officer shall consult

with the Rules Officer as to the intent, and taking their opinion into consideration, shall issue a binding ruling. This will be in the form of an addendum to the Technical Rules, and as such, shall have the same force and effect as the rules. This addendum shall be sent by mail to all Members by the Secretary. The addendum will stand until incorporated into the rules, overturned by a rule change, or temporarily waived at a race site as provided for in 16.4 of these bylaws.

16. Rules Officer - Powers and Duties

1. The Rules Officer shall be responsible for the establishment, publication and distribution of all rules that pertain to BARC activities, to include Procedure Rules and Technical Rules.
2. Members should ask the Rules Officer for clarification of any rule. If the Rules Officer interpretation does not satisfy the question members should consult with the Operations or Technical Officer, as appropriate, for further interpretation. Further resolution will be per 14.4 and 15.2 of these bylaws.
3. The Rules Officer is the responsible agent for all Rule Changes under section 16 of these bylaws.

17. Rule Changes

1. By Rules Officer - Rule changes forwarded by the Rules Officer to the Executive Officers for review. The Executive Officers will forward changes to the Secretary to be brought to members for vote, provided that the Executive Officers do not veto the proposed change. If the change is approved by a majority of the Members, the new or revised rule will take effect on January first of the next year.
2. By Petition - Rule changes may be initiated by a petition signed by one-third of the members. If the change is approved by two-thirds of the Members during a regular or special meeting, the revised rule will take effect on January first of the following year.

3. Executive Veto - A veto by the Executive Officers of a proposed rule change may be overridden by the Members using the procedure in 16.2 of these bylaws.
4. Temporary Rules Changes - Rules may be temporarily changed at a race site for the duration of that event only by a unanimous vote of all BARC Members entered as pilots (or after aircraft qualification, a unanimous vote of all BARC Members certified as pilots of the aircraft that have qualified to race in that event).

18. Amendments to Bylaws

1. By Membership - These bylaws may be amended by the vote or written assent of a majority of the Members or by the vote of a majority of a quorum of the Members at a meeting, regular, special, telephone, or mail in which the proposed change was announced in the call for the meeting, except that a vote of two-thirds of those voting shall be required to change the number of directors.
2. By Directors - These bylaws may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors except for the number of directors. Any amendment to the Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors shall be binding on the Members unless and until rejected by a plurality vote of the Members. It shall be the duty of the President to present to the Members for their ratification or rejection, within thirty days, amendments to the Bylaws that have been made by the Board of Directors.

19. Bank Accounts, Checks, Contracts and Investments

1. The Board of Directors is authorized to select such depositories as it shall deem proper for the funds of the Corporation and shall determine who shall be authorized in the Corporation's behalf to sign bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and documents.
2. A minimum of two signatories will be maintained on all corporation accounts.

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3. The funds of this corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal, or otherwise, or stocks, bonds, or other securities, as the Board of Directors in its discretion may deem desirable.

20. Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be January 1st through December 31st.

21. Indemnification

1. BARC will bind and maintain Directors & Officer Liability Insurance as well as General Liability insurance policies for the Corporation.
2. The Corporation may, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he/she, his or her testator or intestate was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees.



Biplane Air Racing Class Good Conduct Agreement

1. **Safety First:** I recognize that safety of flight is of paramount importance. I shall adhere to the prescribed safety protocols and procedures established by the Biplane Air Racing Class and other sanctioning bodies, ensuring the well-being of all participants and spectators. Any display of carelessness or recklessness or behavior or action that compromises safety, whether on or off the racecourse, is strictly prohibited and will be grounds for enforcement action up to and including expulsion from the class.
2. **Sportsmanship:** I commit to upholding the highest standards of sportsmanship. I will demonstrate fairness, respect, and integrity towards fellow participants, officials, and spectators. My conduct shall reflect the spirit of friendly competition, fostering an environment of camaraderie and mutual support.
3. **Compliance with Rules:** I acknowledge that the decisions of the Biplane Air Racing Class Rules Committee are final and binding. It is my responsibility to be familiar with the rules and regulations governing the Biplane Air Racing Class and to abide by them fully. I accept any penalties or sanctions that may result from violations of these rules.
4. **Dispute Resolution:** In the event of any disputes or conflicts arising from the interpretation or application of the rules, I agree to utilize mediation as the primary method of resolution. Mediation shall be conducted in good faith, with the objective of reaching a fair and mutually satisfactory resolution. I will not initiate or pursue litigation nor seek damages in the resolution of any disagreement with any class officer, class member or sanctioning body authority.
5. **Professional Behavior:** I shall conduct myself in a manner befitting a professional, both in actions and communications. I will represent the class with integrity, demonstrating respect for the sport, fellow participants, officials, and the broader aviation community.
6. **Class Delegate:** I understand that as a participant I act as an ambassador for the Biplane Air Racing Class. It is my responsibility to be a good delegate, promoting the class's values, objectives, and positive reputation. I shall actively contribute to the betterment of the class by sharing my knowledge and experience, fostering a supportive environment.

As a member in good standing of the Biplane Air Racing Class, I acknowledge my commitment to this Good Conduct Agreement and accept the responsibility to uphold these principles throughout my involvement in the class. I understand his agreement is binding for the duration of my membership.

[Signature] _____

[Date]. _____