



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MODEL AUTO RACING

STANDING ORDERS

1. FEDERATION OFFICERS

- 1.1 The Officers of the Federation shall be:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Chairman of I.C. Section
 - Chairman of Electric Section
 - Any other Honorary Life Officer
- 1.2 The President and Secretary should be from one Bloc with a Vice-President from another Bloc.
- 1.3 In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, the Vice-President will assume the duties of the President until the election can be held.
- 1.4 In the event of a vacancy of the office of Vice-President, the President will assume the duties of Vice-President until an election can be held.
- 1.5 If any casual vacancy in the Officers of the Federation shall arise, it may be filled by a member of the Executive. Any such appointment shall operate until the next election, normally at Annual General Meeting.
- 1.6 Any changes made to the Officers of the Federation at a General Meeting held in conjunction with a race meeting shall not take effect until the end of the racing meeting and Awards' Banquet in conjunction with which meeting is held.
- 1.8 The Treasurer shall be entitled to demand and receive all monies due to the Federation and shall keep proper accounts thereof.
- 1.9 A minimum of \$75,000 (US Dollars) or its monetary equivalent must be retained in an IFMAR account at all times to ensure sufficient funds are available for any legal action/s or emergencies which may arise for and/or against IFMAR.
- 1.10 All offices in the Federation shall be honorary, but the officers shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses properly incurred.
- 1.11 Executive approval must be obtained for any single item of expenditure in excess of 50 U.K. pounds sterling.

2. SECTIONS

- 2.1 There will be two IFMAR Executive Sections named by section and pertaining to the Internal Combustion (I.C.) and Electric (EL.) business of the Federation. If the Chairman of an IFMAR Section is not a representative of a Bloc and has no voting rights, he is entitled to put forward matters for discussion or proposals for voting covering the IFMAR Section he represents.

- 2.2. The two Sections of the Federation shall, subject to any direction given to them by General Meeting be charged with the day to day running of the Federation and making any decisions which become necessary or desirable between General Meetings and meetings of the Executive.
- 2.3. The Section Chairman or, in his absence, the senior member of the Executive present, shall take the chair at all Executive Section Meetings.
- 2.4. The members of the I.C. and Electric Section will be appointed individually by the voting Blocs so that each voting member shall appoint one member to each Section.
- 2.5. The names of the members of each Section appointed by the voting Blocs shall be notified in writing to the Federation and their appointment shall operate from the receipt of such notice.
- 2.6. An I.C. Section Meeting and Electric Section Meeting are to be held at a World Championship event or other previously agreed place every year at one of that Section's World Championship events, comprising of the IFMAR Executives, Bloc representatives and any other person invited by the Chairman.

IFMAR officers will be invited but are not required to attend any Executive meetings.

3. MEETINGS

- 3.1. Each appropriate class of any Section of IFMAR shall hold a meeting representing its division at the relevant IFMAR World Championship event.
- 3.2. This meeting shall decide the year, and in which Bloc, future World Championships will be held. The meeting may, but is not bound to, fix such dates and venues up to four years ahead.
- 3.3. **Proposals or comments may be presented to the Chairman by:**
 - **Authorized representatives of each bloc.**
 - **The Executives officers of the Federation.**
 - **Persons invited to speak by the Chairman.**
 - **Associate Members who may only propose changes to constructional and technical rules.**
- 3.4. The Executive may call an extraordinary Section/class meeting but this will normally be convened at the respective World Championship event.
- 3.5. Minutes of the Section/Class Meeting are:
 - (1) to be prepared by the Chairman/Secretary no later than one (1) month after the end of the World Championship event at which the meeting is held;
 - (2) if the meeting is not held at a World Championship event, the minutes are to be prepared by the Chairman/Secretary no later than two (2) weeks after the meeting;
 - (3) after preparation and any corrections, the minutes are to be signed by the Chairman as being an accurate record of the meeting before being distributed to those Bloc voting representatives who attended the meeting;
 - (4) after distribution to the Bloc voting representatives who attended the meeting, they have an opportunity for comment and/or correction before their final approval by majority vote.
- 3.6. The approved Minutes will be distributed by the Section Chairman to the officers of the Federation and the member Blocs within one month of the date of the meeting.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1. Agenda items for inclusion in the notice of the meeting for a General or Section/Class Meeting must be forwarded to the Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the relevant meeting.
- 4.2. The notice of meeting for any General, Section or Class Meeting must be distributed to each member Bloc's representative thirty (30) days prior to that meeting.

- 4.3 At a General, Section or Class Meeting, each voting member Bloc shall have one (1) vote each which shall be exercisable by the representative person duly authorized, in writing, by the governing body of such a member Bloc.
- 4.4 Any amendment to the Standing Orders or to the Racing and Construction Rules of the Federation shall require a majority of the votes, either from the authorized voting Delegate or in writing from a voting member Bloc. Abstention or non-attendance will not affect the result of the vote.
- 4.5 Any amendment to the Standing Orders shall become effective immediately except in a case where it may affect the organization or regulation of a World Championship event the Regulations for which shall then have been published to competitors in which event such amendment shall become effective immediately after the conclusion of such World Championship event.
- 4.6 A resolution in writing signed by the authorized representatives of all voting members shall have the same effect as if it had been duly passed at a General Meeting.
- 4.7 All postal votes require a majority vote in favor to pass.
- 4.8 The following procedures are to be followed for postal votes:
- (1) Notice of the proposal is given by the Proposer to the Secretary of the Federation.
 - (2) Within fourteen (14) days, the proposal is then circulated by the Secretary:
 - (a) to each member Bloc of the Federation and IFMAR Executive Officers;
 - (b) in the case of a Section proposal, to the relevant Section Chairman for distribution to all relevant nominated Bloc officials.
 - (c) After the distribution date of a postal vote, each Bloc has two (2) weeks maximum to add comments that could be valid for the outcome of the postal vote. **If the result of the comments shows a clear intention to modify in a similar way the proposal submitted it can be amended by the Executive of IFMAR with the agreement of the proposer.**
 - (3) Decision upon or response to each proposal shall be communicated, in writing, to the Secretary or Section Chairman, as the case may be, within **thirty (30)** days from the date of circulation of the proposal.
 - (4) Failure to respond to the proposal within the **thirty (30)** day period will be considered an abstention from voting.
 - (5) A resolution which is passed will have effect and be incorporated into the Rule or Regulations immediately upon the date that the necessary votes are received.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 A continental organization shall be an Association for the organization of Radio Controlled Automobiles for a number of member countries, which may, or may not, constitute a geographical continent, and the Federation may decide whether any particular area shall, for the purpose of these provisions be regarded as a Continent.
- 5.2 Information such as National Organizations, amount of members, lists of officers, etc. must be supplied to IFMAR at the time of consideration. After review, if deemed worthy by the Executive, the proposed membership will be placed before the next General Meeting where approval would require a simple majority of votes. Any country which is currently or has been previously a member of any IFMAR member Bloc cannot join any other IFMAR member Bloc.
- 5.3 Non-voting affiliate member countries shall enjoy the benefits of the Federation with the exception of voting. Any country that is currently or has been previously aligned with any IFMAR Bloc cannot be considered or accepted by IFMAR as an IFMAR affiliate member country.
- 5.4 Discussion of matters concerning status of affiliate member countries may only be placed before a General Meeting by majority decision of the Executive.

- 5.5 Any question concerning proposed members which may arise as to whether it is in fact a governing body of the country it wishes to represent, or whether such country is in fact a country for the purpose of these regulations (as distinct from a canton or province, etc.) shall be placed before the Executive for review and, if ruled appropriate, placed before the General Meeting of the Federation for a decision.
- 5.6 A General Meeting may by a two thirds majority, cancel the membership of any member. At least three months notice of any proposal to that effect shall be given to all members, and the Executive shall, if so requested, transmit to all members any defence or explanation which the member in question wishes to put forward.
- 5.7 Associate membership of IFMAR is open to any manufacturer and related trade of the R.C. model car industry. Such membership provides for input and suggestions direct to IFMAR and, at each IFMAR World Championship event, an Associate Members' Meeting will be held for discussion on any matters relating to that particular R.C. car class. Associate membership does not include any voting rights.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 6.1 The annual subscription to the Federation shall be fixed from time to time by resolution at the Annual General Meeting and until so revised shall be \$1,250 (US Dollars) from each member Association, \$500 (US Dollars) for each affiliate member country and \$1000 (US Dollars) for each Associate Member of IFMAR. The payment has to be made by April 1 of each year.
- 6.2 If any subscription is not paid within three months after it becomes due, representatives of the Member in default may not, until payment is made, take part in any activity of the Federation, or any activity sponsored by it. If any subscription is not paid within twelve months after it becomes due, membership of the Federation by the Member in default shall cease.
- 6.3 If a former Member has not paid its subscription and wishes to enter competitors in a World Championship, it must first pay any overdue subscription, maximum two (2) years, plus the current year's subscription to IFMAR.

7. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- 7.1 The IFMAR World Championship events will be the only recognized World Championships. The relevant IFMAR Section Chairman, under the authority of the IFMAR President, will appoint the following officials for each event: the Race Director and the Time-Keeping Supervisor along with the time-keeping system to be used, after consultation with the Organizer. The relevant Chairman shall always act as Chairman during International Jury Meetings and exercise a casting vote, if necessary. In the absence of the relevant IFMAR Section Chairman, the highest ranking IFMAR official shall take the chair at any International Jury Meetings.
- 7.2 Places for World Championships are to be settled upon request of each Bloc. If the request is over thirty two (32) they shall stand in maximum proportions **unless otherwise specified in the General Rules. (See IFMAR General WC rule 1.7.2)** Each racing section shall set its number of entries for each class with a maximum of 150 competitors (100 for 1/12th on-road electric, **180 for 1/8th IC Off Road**). Places must be initially allocated up to the following maximum pattern:

Valid for 150 entries:

12 IFMAR (including the defending Champion and each affiliate member country will be entitled to a minimum of two ((2)) places).

32 EFRA 32 ROAR 32 FEMCA 32 FAMAR 10 Host Bloc

Valid for 100 entries:

10 IFMAR (including the defending Champion and each affiliate member country will be entitled to a minimum of two ((2)) places)

20 EFRA 20 ROAR 20 FEMCA 20 FAMAR 10 Host Bloc.

- 7.3 Before a class can be considered for an IFMAR World Championship event, there has to be enough activity for that class at world-wide level. Prior to approval of a new class, an IFMAR World Cup must be held as an introductory event. If the introductory event is considered to be a successful one, as determined by the IFMAR Executive, any new class proposal submitted by a Bloc will be forwarded to the next IFMAR Annual General Meeting. Any such proposal for a new class and its rules will be decided upon at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote.
- 7.4 Cash prizes or any other means of payment (paper tickets or coins of an obviously exchangeable value) to competitors are strictly forbidden.
- 7.5 Gifts, not money, if not exceeding \$750 (US Dollars) may be given to each competitor.
- 7.6 Determination of the host Bloc for each class of IFMAR World Championship event is made on a rotational order between the four (4) Blocs. If a Bloc declines IFMAR's invitation to host an event when it is that Bloc's turn to be the host, the event is then offered to the previously listed Bloc in the reverse rotation order. The Bloc which declines to be the host remains in its original position in the rotation order as well as the Bloc which offers to host the event, e.g. rotation order is EFRA, ROAR, FEMCA, FAMAR – if EFRA declines the invitation, the event is offered to FAMAR. If FAMAR declines, it is offered to FEMCA and then to ROAR. EFRA has to await its turn in the original rotational order before being eligible for invitation to host an event for that particular class.

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AMENDED NOVEMBER, 2002
AMENDED APRIL, 2003
AMENDED OCTOBER, 2003
AMENDED JANUARY, 2004
AMENDED OCTOBER, 2004
AMENDED DECEMBER, 2004
AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 2005 (Clauses 2.1, 4.8 and 5.2)
AMENDED OCTOBER 2007