

WINGMASTERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB – DAYTON, OHIO  
AMA CHARTER No. 499

DAYTON WINGMASTERS  
CONSTITUTION ARTICLES AND BY LAWS  
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**CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I–NAME

**Section 1.**

The name of this organization shall be known as the Dayton Wingmasters, and for this document, also referred to as “Club”.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

**Section 1.**

The objectives and purposes of the Club are listed below but shall not be limited to:

- a. To encourage the development of the skills and proficiencies of members in designing, constructing, and flying model aircraft for sport and recreational purposes.
- b. To encourage the participation of youth in the sport of model aviation.
- c. To foster and promote sportsmanship through competitive activities.
- d. To promote safety and public acceptance of the sport of model aviation through organization and education.
- e. To coordinate with the City of Dayton to optimize use of land set aside for model flying.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.**

All persons, regardless of age, sex, race, or religious belief, who are of good moral character, who have a definite active interest in model aviation, and who are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, shall be eligible for membership in Dayton Wingmasters. Membership application forms can be obtained at a regular Club meeting or at other locations, i.e. local hobby shops that may be designated by the Club.

**Section 2.**

Wingmasters Lifetime Members can be nominated. Benefits of Lifetime Membership shall be:

- a. Lifetime Club dues waived
- b. Lifetime key fee waived
- c. All ordinary fees waived

Minimum Qualifications of Wingmasters Lifetime Membership shall be:

- a. 15 consecutive years full Wingmaster membership.
- b. Unanimous approval by current elected officers.
- c. Subjective criteria are Club service, loyalty, and where it can be shown the nominee has enhanced or improved the Club.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB OFFICERS

**Section 1.**

The following officers will be elected by the membership:

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| a. President      | d. Treasurer                   |
| b. Vice President | e. Newsletter Editor/Publisher |
| c. Secretary      | f. Safety Director             |

**Section 2.**

Committee chairmen or other temporary posts shall be appointed by the President.

**Section 3.**

Officers shall serve a yearly term beginning 1 January and ending 31 December.

**Section 4.**

The President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the general membership.  
Preside at all other meetings for which a chairman has not been selected.
- b. Appoint committee chairmen.
- c. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- d. Call for special membership meetings, when required.
- e. Present an annual budget to Wingmasters at the regular February or March meeting.

**Section 5.**

The Vice-President shall:

- a. Perform the duties of the President in his absence and succeed to that office in the event of a vacancy.
- b. Act as assistant to the President.

**Section 6.**

The Secretary shall:

- a. Record all pertinent minutes of the general membership and special meetings.
- b. Handle Club and AMA correspondence (member lists, annual charter renewal, insurance, etc.)
- c. Maintain a current Roster of all members.
- d. Perform other such duties as designated by the President.
- e. Conduct the annual election including taking nominations, distributing, and tabulating ballots.
- f. Document member attendance for IRS requirements.

**Section 7.**

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of all funds and perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to this office.
- b. Collect all dues and fees and deposit them to the credit of the Club in a depository specified by the President.
- c. Pay all bills and debts duly approved and keep orderly written records of all receipts and expenditures. Such records shall be presented for inspection at any time, upon request of a Club officer.
- d. File required Club tax documents.

**Section 8.**

The Newsletter Editor/Publisher shall:

- a. Perform the task of composing, editing, publishing, and circulating monthly, the Dayton Wingmasters' official newsletter entitled "Talespins".
- b. Recruit from the membership as many individuals as he feels necessary to successfully accomplish the duties in Part a.

**Section 9.**

The Safety Director shall:

- a. Shall appoint subordinate Safety Officers to assist with Field and Park discipline.
- b. Maintain/support frequency management in accordance with current federal, state, and local requirements.
- c. Encourage safety awareness by observing actual and potential situations at the flying field.
- d. Review Safety Officer observations in order to insure Field and Park Rules are being followed.
- e. Speak on safety matters at Club meetings when necessary.
- f. Provide a link between the AMA and the Club concerning safety matters.
- g. Act as safety advisor to the Club.
- h. Inspect the Club field and Club equipment for proper signage and proper safety equipment operation.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

### **Section 1.**

Regular meetings: Business meetings of the Club will be held once each month.

### **Section 2.**

The order of business shall be:

- a. Opening of the meeting, called by the presiding officer.
- b. Financial report
- c. Presentation of new members and guests
- d. Committee reports
- e. Old business
- f. New business
- g. Monthly gift certificate drawing.
- h. Show and Tell
- i. Adjournment.

### **Section 3.**

All procedural matters in connection with general membership meetings not otherwise provided for herein shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE VI – NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION

The Club is organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profit purposes, and no part of its earnings shall benefit any member. Should the Club dissolve, the assets shall be donated to a non-profit organization selected by vote of the membership.

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution or By Laws may be amended in whole or in part by a two-thirds majority vote by members present who are at least 18 years old. The amendment(s) shall have been presented at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. However, voting on the proposal by members present shall take place no sooner than the next regularly scheduled monthly Club meeting. From the voting results, the revised Constitution and By Laws shall become effective immediately. In the case of unforeseen emergency, presentation to members and voting at a special meeting may take place at Officers' discretion.

## ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTION

This constitution shall become effective upon adoption by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership.

## BY LAWS

### ARTICLE I – ADMISSION

Any person desiring to join the Wingmasters must express desire to a member in good standing of the Club. The prospective member must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

### ARTICLE II – DUES, FEES, OPERATING EXPENSES

**Section 1.**

The Club membership year will be from 1 January through 31 December.

**Section 2.**

Club member dues shall be paid to the Treasurer, the rate for which is set by vote of the membership.

**Section 3.**

A gate admission key can be purchased from the Club upon presenting proof of AMA membership. Field locks are changed annually.

**Section 4.**

The President can approve up to \$300 special expenses for fun fly activities, special events or Club operating/emergency expenses, etc. Four Officers together can approve up to \$500 special expenses for fun fly activities, special events, or Club operating/emergency expenses, etc.

**Section 5.**

Special assessments may be levied to cover Club requirements. Notification of any such assessment(s) must be made in writing a minimum of 15 days prior to a vote on said assessment(s). A two-thirds vote of all members present at a regular or special meeting is necessary to approve any assessment.

### ARTICLE III – ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS AND PRIVILEGES

**Section 1.**

All Wingmasters shall be eligible for appointed position or duty (such as assistant to the Safety Director, committee chairperson, etc.) provided they are at least 18 years old.

**Section 2.**

All Wingmasters are encouraged to participate and take an active part in all Club events such as field maintenance, event officiating, contest director (CD), etc., regardless of age with the exception of event CDs who must be at least 18 years old.

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE

Any member who willfully fails to comply with any Article of this Constitution, By Laws, or Field Safety Rules shall be subject to dismissal from the Club. Club member complaints should be communicated to the Officers quietly and expediently. Before a dismissal decision is reached, Officers shall hold a private special meeting where the member shall be permitted to present his/her case. The special private meeting shall take place within 30 days of the offense(s) and the Officers' decision shall take effect immediately. The dismissed member's paid dues shall not be refunded.

### ARTICLE V – SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

**Section 1.**

Abuse of the Field equipment or other flyers' equipment will not be tolerated.

**Section 2.**

All members are responsible for compliance of AMA rules, FCC rules, and Club flying field rules.

**Section 3.**

Members are especially required to read and comply with AMA safety codes, rules, and regulations.

## ARTICLE VI – OFFICER ELECTIONS

### **Section 1.**

The November meeting shall be the annual Officer election meeting.

### **Section 2.**

Nominations for elected offices will be accepted from the floor during the regular October and November meetings. Nominations will not be accepted unless the candidate is present and verbally accepts, or has given previous acceptance. A Wingmaster shall be eligible for elected office provided they are at least 18 years old and have been a member for at least 3 months.

### **Section 3.**

Voting shall be by secret ballot from members present provided they are at least 18 years old. Ballot blanks shall be distributed and collected by the Club Secretary.

### **Section 4.**

A simple majority vote of ballots decides the election. Tie votes shall be decided by coin toss.

### **Section 5.**

Officer vacancies will be filled by a special election at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. (Also see the Constitution's Article IV, Section 5, Vice President's succession to the presidency.)

### **Section 6.**

Candidates may run for only one office per election.

## ARTICLE VI – RESOLUTION VOTING

### **Section 1.**

Only members in attendance at a meeting who are at least 18 years of age shall be allowed to vote on the matter or resolution under discussion. The voting procedure shall be by simple show of hands. The hand count shall be performed by the member leading the discussion (most often the President or other Officer).

### **Section 2.**

A simple majority vote of members present can pass the matter or resolution *except* when otherwise provided for by the Club Constitution (see Constitution Article VII and By Laws Article II Section 5).