



NSW SPORT AIRCRAFT CLUB INC.,  
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## The By-laws of the NSW Sport Aircraft Club Inc.

These by-laws were adopted by resolution of the Committee of Management of the Association in accordance with Part 3, Article 13 (c) of the Constitution of the NSW Sport Aircraft Club Inc. on 23 August 2020

### 1. Categories of Membership

Definition	Joining Fee	Annual Fee	Voting	Hangar Owner	Aircraft kept at Field	Insurance contribution	COMMENTS
<b>Full Member</b> This category receives full member privileges.	Full Joining Fee	Full Member Fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full members must hold a full (not student) pilot's licence or certificate
<b>Social Member</b> Not a member of the association pursuant to the Constitution. A person who has a purely social involvement with the Club.	N/A	Social Member Fee	No	No	No	No	Social members: Are not permitted to fly a resident aircraft unless the owner of the aircraft is present at the field. Social membership can be terminated at any time and for any reason by resolution of the Committee.
<b>Associate Member</b> One of the spouse or civil partner, parent, sibling or child of a Full Member. As of August 2019, no new associate members are accepted.	N/A	30% of Full Member Fee	Yes	No	No	No	If the sponsoring full member ceases to be a member, or withdraws their sponsorship, then these members must apply for their own membership.
<b>Senior Member</b> Full members of at least 10 years standing and over 65.	N/A	50% of Full Member fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	By application to the committee.
<b>Life Member</b> Is a Member who has contributed greatly to the club over a long period.	N/A	\$0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hangar Only	Deemed by the Committee to have rendered outstanding service to the Club. Only ten living Life Members allowed at any one time.

### 2. New Members Probationary Period.

- (a) All new Full members will be subject to a probationary period of twelve months effective from the Date Of Joining, which is the date on which any applicable fees paid by the new member are credited into the Club account. During this period the new member's behaviour will be monitored, and if found unsatisfactory as determined by the committee, that person's membership will be terminated forthwith. In no case shall the committee be required to give any reason for the rejection of membership.
- (b) Should a person's membership be terminated in accordance with paragraph (a), the full joining fee shall be returned to the person concerned, minus any amounts owed to the club.
- (c) New members are not permitted to hold a Hangar Site Licence Agreement during the probationary period.

### 3. Fees and Charges

- a) All voting members shall, by the payment of the annual subscription, or the acceptance of Honorary or Life Membership, be deemed to have indicated their willingness to be bound by all Club Rules, as promulgated in the Constitution and these by-laws.
- b) Annual membership fees and charges shall be as invoiced to each member and shall become due and payable in advance on the first day of February of each year.
- c) If annual subscriptions and/or charges remain unpaid for a period of two calendar months after they become due, then the member may, after notice of the default having been sent to him/her by the Secretary or Treasurer, be suspended by resolution of the committee and his/her name be removed from the register of members, provided that the committee may reinstate the member and restore his/her name to the register on payment of all arrears if the committee thinks so to do.
- d) A member experiencing severe temporary financial difficulty may apply to the committee for special consideration to pay outstanding fees and/or charges on an instalment basis provided that such time-payment shall not exceed one year from the date of the initial invoice. The committee will determine each case in isolation and upon each individual circumstance quoted.

### 4. Members Entitlements and Obligations

- (a) Members are required to comply with all Club Rules and to conform to any reasonable instruction (Which in itself is in accordance with the intent of Club Rules) given by a club official.
- (b) Prospective hangar buyers must contact the Club Secretary to establish status of any outstanding fees due, and hangar structure compliance.
- (c) Any member having resigned from the Club for a period of two years or less (for a good and justifiable reason) will not be charged a re-joining fee. However, any member wishing to re-join after a period of two years will be required to pay the appropriate joining fee.
- (d) Each full category, non-probationary club member may lease one aircraft hangar site on club property subject to the availability of hangar sites and club Rules regarding lease of sites and construction of hangars. A hangar site is defined as approximately 225 square metres. This By-law is not retrospective before 2017.
- (e) Aircraft may not be parked in the visitor aircraft parking area for a period of more than one week within any three month period, except with the prior written permission of the Club Secretary. Owners park their aircraft at their own risk.
- (f) (i) Where a concern is raised about the use of a hangar for “other than aviation purposes”, or “the housing and maintenance of aircraft and associated materials and for licensees personal effects”, determination of whether a hangar is being used predominantly for housing, restoration or construction of airworthy aircraft owned by club members will be made solely by the committee.  
  
(ii) In determining whether use of a hangar complies with the requirements of hangar license agreements, the committee will be guided by one or more of the following tests to determine uses that are predominantly for aviation purposes:

- a. Hangars may be used to store members` personal, non-business, non-aviation property only to the extent that such property occupies less than 50% of the hangar floor AND the remaining more-than-50% floor area is occupied by, or available for occupation by the footprint (meaning the area calculated as the product of span x fuselage length) of one or more airworthy aircraft, or the potential footprint of aircraft being constructed or restored to airworthy condition, the substantial parts of which must be in the hangar, and which must be clearly in the process of restoration or construction.
- b. Only aircraft that are owned by club members may occupy hangars, except as provided for in hangar license agreements (short term shelter for visiting aircraft).
- c. Parts of aircraft generally, that is, parts that are not clearly in the process of ongoing restoration or construction of a particular aircraft are not considered part of an aircraft legitimately qualifying for aviation use.
- d. Hangars may not be used for any commercial purpose as stipulated by the terms of the special lease of Crown land.

#### 5. Airfield Environment and Safety

- (a) Members are not to engage in any activity that will adversely affect the enjoyment of the club by other members, or cause distress to other members.
- (b) No generators are to operate between the hours of 23:00 and 06:00. Generators for Club operations are exempted.
- (c) Dogs are not permitted on club property unless on leads.
- (d) Dogs are not permitted in the Clubhouse.
- (e) Vehicles (motorbikes, cars etc.) are not to be ridden or driven on club property by persons under the age of 16 years.
- (f) Driving instruction is not permitted on club property.
- (g) A speed limit of 20 kph is applicable for all road vehicles on taxiways and runways.
- (h) A speed limit of 40 kph is applicable on the main access road.
- (i) No aircraft or vehicle shall be left unattended in a situation where it will impede or prevent the movement of aircraft.
- (j) Member`s vehicles, including cars, trucks, trailers, bicycles and motor cycles are not permitted on the grass strip at any time. Only approved maintenance vehicles, such as lawn mowing equipment and the Club Ute, are permitted on the grass strip.
- (k) Members who bring or invite visitors to the club are responsible for their behaviour at all times, and are to ensure they conform to all club rules. Members are to ensure their visitors are fully briefed on safety procedures associated with aircraft movements, and these By-laws.

- (l) Vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, etc.), building materials, or other items, are not to be left stowed on club property unless with the express permission of the Committee. Any materials or items left stowed on club property without permission may be removed, sold, or dumped by the club at the offending member's expense.
- (m) The airfield access road gates are to be kept closed and locked at all times when not in use. These gates are the northern gate at Lysaght Rd, and the southern gate located at the southern boundary of the airfield. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure these gates are closed and locked after use. If the automatic boom is in operation at the northern gate, members must check that it closes after use. In case of malfunction, the gate must be closed and locked and the fault reported to the caretaker or a member of the Committee.
- (n) A member may operate a model aircraft within airfield boundaries, subject to the following provisions:
  - (i) The operator must be accompanied by another responsible person to act as a spotter.
  - (ii) The spotter must monitor the CTAF on VHF 122.55 MHz and keep a lookout on the movement and circuit areas at all times and, at the first sign of an inbound or taxiing manned aircraft, must direct the operator to avoid the aircraft and land immediately.
  - (iii) At least one of either the pilot or the spotter must be a Full Member.
  - (iv) No model aircraft shall be operated above 400ft AGL.
  - (v) Members intending to operate model aircraft outside the provisions in this section must obtain prior written approval from the Club Secretary.
- (o) All structures erected on Club property must have prior Committee approval.
- (p) Any complaints regarding the behaviour of Club members or Caretaker must be made in writing, signed, and addressed to the Club Secretary.
- (q) All aircraft operations at the Club, including model aircraft, are to be in accordance with CASA and Club Rules.
- (r) Smoking is not permitted in the clubhouse or within 25 metres of any fuel bowser.

## **6. Keys**

Members are not permitted to lend their club keys to non-members. On ceasing to be a member, Club keys shall be returned to the treasurer who will arrange refund of the deposit.



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for the Committee