

Bylaws

SMART – Sierra Madre Area Rocket Team

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Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Sierra Madre Area Rocket Team or SMART.

Article 2. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this Section to:

- (a) aid and abet the aims and purpose of the NAR in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County, California,
 - (b) to supply a safe, educational and legal means of furthering the hobby of model rocketry in accordance with the NAR Standards and Regulations,
 - (c) to aid and encourage the development of all club members' knowledge and expertise in the area of model rocketry, from basic to advanced technical skills, through educational meetings including guest lecturers, supervised construction meetings and launches,
 - (d) to engage in other scientific, educational, or related activities as the NAR, the Section, or the Section Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing.
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Article 3. Membership

Individual NAR membership is not required, but is strongly encouraged.

Membership categories shall be:

- a) Youth Membership; Nine (9) years of age and younger.
- b) Junior Membership; Ten (10) years of age up to and including seventeen (17) years of age.

c) Senior Membership; Eighteen (18) years of age and older.

d) Family Membership; Includes two adult parents (18 years of age and older) and their children (17 years of age and younger). (There is no limit to the number of children allowed under this membership category, but the adult members must be their parents or legal guardians.)

All membership candidates under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parental permission slip signed by an adult parent or legal guardian in order to become Section members and to participate in club events. All Youth members must be accompanied by an adult at all SMART events.

Article 4. Dues

Dues shall be paid on a yearly basis, payable in advance. The membership year shall coincide with the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

Dues are determined by membership category as given below.

- Youth Membership (ages 9 and under); Five Dollars (\$5.00) annually
- Junior Membership (ages 10 through 17); Ten Dollars (\$10.00) annually
- Senior Membership (ages 18 and over); Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) annually
- Family Membership (parent and children); Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) annually

Pro Rata Collection of Dues for New Members shall be set according to the following schedule:

- 1 January through 31 March: The full annual dues of the appropriate membership category.
- 1 April through 30 June: 3/4 of the annual dues of the appropriate membership category.
- 1 July through 30 September: 1/2 of the annual dues of the appropriate membership category.
- 1 October through 31 December: 1/4 of the annual dues of the appropriate membership category.

All dues moneys shall be kept in a General Fund by the Treasurer and shall be paid out by him/her only on order of the Section Board of Directors. Special assessments may be levied by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the section provided notice of such intent is given in writing to each member at least five (5) days preceding such a meeting. These section dues are separate and distinct from any national dues paid to NAR. Individual NAR membership is strongly encouraged but not required.

Article 5. Meetings

Section meetings (open to all Section business) shall be held monthly. Section meetings shall be scheduled for the second Monday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, but may be rescheduled or canceled as required throughout the calendar year. A minimum of eight (8) Section meetings shall be held each year.

All Section meetings at which officers or members of the Board of Directors will be elected, or at which the Bylaws will be amended, require a five day notice to the membership in a form deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section launches will be held on dates determined at semi annual planning meetings held towards the middle and end of the calendar year.

A Section launch is not considered a Section meeting.

A quorum of the Section membership must be present in order to hold an official meeting of the Section. A quorum shall consist of at least five members of the Section.

Article 6. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this section shall consist of the officers detailed in Article 7 and two members at large, all of whom shall be members of the Section and the NAR.

Article 7. Officers

The officers of this section shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Senior Advisor, all of whom shall be Junior or Senior members of the Section and members of the NAR.

Article 8. Terms and Elections

Elections of officers and members of the Board of Directors shall take place at the February Section meeting. All members of the Board of Directors, other than the Senior Advisor, shall serve a term of one year. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by nomination and election of a Section member to serve the remaining term of office and shall take place at the next Section meeting after which the vacancy is announced. Nominations for all elections shall be made from the floor, and the candidate having the largest number of votes shall be elected.

The office of Senior Advisor is a lifetime position and may be held as long as desired. Before retiring from this position, the current holder must choose a candidate successor.

All candidates for Senior Advisor must have been active members of SMART for a minimum of three (3) years, meet all requirements detailed in Article 6, and be twenty-five (25) years of age or older. The selected candidate must be unanimously approved by the Board of Directors before taking office. This process may be repeated until a new Senior Advisor is selected, at which time the previous holder may step-down.

Article 9. Committees

There shall be three standing committees of the Section, plus such additional committees as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or desirable. The Section President and Senior Advisor shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

The Standing Committees are as follows:

(a) The Operations Committee shall be in charge of the Section's model rocket range and launch equipment, shall monitor the experimental technical activities of the Section members, and shall act as Safety Inspectors. This Committee shall also be in charge of all arrangements for contests and shall monitor all national record attempts by Section members. The Chairman of this committee shall be a Senior Member of the NAR in good standing and shall act as the Range Safety Officer under the NAR Official Standards and Regulations.

(b) The Activities Committee shall be in charge of making all arrangements for all Section meetings, for conducting membership campaigns, and carrying on public relations.

(c) The Fundraising Committee shall be in charge of planning, scheduling, and making all arrangements for fundraising activities of the Section.

Article 10. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Junior and Senior Section members present and voting at any official meeting of the Section, providing notice of the pending amendment has been given to the membership at least five days in advance of the meeting in a form deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Youth members (age nine and under) may not vote to amend these Bylaws.