



Constitution Document

Title

The Club shall be named the Navan Nitro Nuts Radio Control Model Racing Club (NNN). The title of Navan Nitro Nuts and Navan Nitro RC Club is also associated with the club.

Objectives

- To promote the construction and racing of scale radio-controlled cars.
- To facilitate the exchange of information and ideas relating to the sport.
- To set the rules and standards for membership and racing.

Running of the Club

The general running of the club shall be done by a Committee elected from nominations at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Voting at Committee Meetings

All Committee members are entitled to vote in person at all meetings. The Chairperson will have an additional vote which can be cast in the event of a tie on any subject under discussion.

Term of Office

The term of office for all Committee members shall be one year.

Sub Committees

The Committee may appoint a member or group of members (sub committees) as appropriate to perform specific functions from time to time, such as general club development, liaison with other clubs, acquisition of racing venues and such like, this individual or individuals will report directly to the Committee/Chairperson and have no authority other than that given to them by the Committee when appointing them.

Removal of a Committee Member

A Committee member may be removed from office by a two thirds majority vote held at an EGM

Committee Etiquette

No Committee member may profit from their actions while in office. All Committee members must act in the best interest of the Club

Committee

Constitution of Committee

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall conduct the business of the Committee. It is the Chairperson's duty to Nominate spokespersons for the club and to uphold the constitution.

Secretary

A Secretary who shall look after the general correspondence of the Club, call meetings, maintain the records of membership and record the minutes of all Committee meetings and the AGM.

Treasurer

A Treasurer who shall be responsible for the banking of such money as is not required for the immediate running of the Club. The Treasurer will submit a written Financial Report at the A.G.M. for approval by the meeting.

Drivers Representative

A Driver's Representative who shall be responsible for conveying the opinions of the membership to the Committee.

General Committee Member

A General Committee Member who shall work with the rest of the committee on various projects and jobs the Committee are doing. This person shall attend committee meetings and have a vote in the same way other committee members do.

Personal Liability of Committee

No personal liability shall be attached to the Committee or to any member acting in the ordinary and proper force of the club's business.

Resignation of Committee Members

Should any Member of the Committee resign, be deemed to have resigned, or their position otherwise lapse, an EGM should be called to elect a replacement Committee member. Should a Committee member leave the club, they are deemed to have resigned as a trustee of the club.

Dissolution of club

Dissolution of the club shall require a two-thirds majority vote at a general meeting or no elected committee at which not less than half the membership is present. Should the club be dissolved the committee present or past shall realise the assets and funds shall be put forward to lay the site to green field and dispose of assets. Once done the remainder distributed equally between paid up members. Any outstanding loans made by members to the club will be repaid before distributing funds.

Memberships

Types of Membership

There shall be 3 types of membership

Full Membership

Full Membership may be granted to persons, who having reached the age of Eighteen years, subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club. All Full Members are eligible to enter all NNN events. A full member will be entitled to one vote at an AGM or General Meeting.

Junior Membership

Junior Membership may be granted to persons, not having reached the age of eighteen years on 1st January, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objects of the Club. A youth member will be entitled to one vote at an AGM or General Meeting.

Daily Membership

Daily Membership may be granted by a member of the committee to any driver who has not yet got a paid up Membership. This entitles the driver use the track on a day for practice or to race on a Championship day in all heats & finals plus bump up according to positions, retain any Championship points achieved during that race day. A daily Membership only available for up to, max 4 championship rounds per year. A daily member will not have a vote at AGM s or general meetings and cannot be voted onto the club committee

Obtaining Membership of the Club

All Membership requests must be approved by two Committee members, excluding Day Membership. A Day Membership request may be accepted by any Committee Member.

Rights of Members

The rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution and Rules of the NNN, including payment of any annual membership fee and levies. Any member who is 30 days in arrears with membership fees or levies will be considered to have left the club. Each Full Member shall have the right to be heard by the Committee upon any complaint or representation sent by them, in writing, to the Secretary.

Suspension and Termination of Membership

The Committee has the right to suspend or terminate membership of individuals who, either by their actions or misuse of Club property, jeopardise the running of the NNN or brings the name of the Club into disrepute. Serious breaches of conduct can result in the dismissal of a member from the Club. The decision to dismiss a member from the club will be made by a three fifth majority vote by the Committee. The member will be notified of their dismissal in writing. In such instances, the member will have the right to make a written appeal to the Committee.

Any member who has been reported to the statutory authorities under the clubs child protection policy will have their membership suspended while the matter is being examined, they will be invited to resume their membership once cleared of all allegation by the statutory authorities.

Non Members

Non Members can race 3 club meetings, then they will be asked to join the club and pay the membership fee at the next race meeting.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership may be granted to persons who have reached the age of eighteen years, have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the sport of Radio Controlled Model Car Racing in general. An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Full Member, but shall be exempt from paying the Club's Annual Membership Fee. An Honorary member will be proposed, seconded and voted in by a two third majority at an AGM. They must also hold Full Membership before they can be proposed as an Honorary Member.

Subscriptions and Fees

Payment of Subscription

The Annual Subscription to be paid by members of the Club shall be determined by the Committee
The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on an Annual Renewal date decided by the Committee.

Race Fees

Race fees are set by the Committee and may be reviewed from time to time depending on circumstances.

Different race fees for the venues/championship or event may be required to cover the extra costs associated.

Membership Fees

Membership Fees per Annum	
Full Member	€70
Junior Member	€50
Associate Member	€30
Daily Membership	€10

Race Fees

Race Fees for Members		
	Adult	Junior
Daily Race Fee	€15	€10
Extra Class Fee	€5	€5
Use Of Pitting and Power per day	€5	€5

Non-members are allowed to attend the club for 3 normal race/practice days per year. After this they MUST join the club.

One off payments for Winter championship to be set in advance of the championship by the Committee

Race Fees for special events will be set in advance of the event by the Committee

AGM

The AGM

The AGM will be held annually at the start of each calendar year, to be a maximum of 14 months after the previous.

Changes to the Constitution or Race rules

Changes to either the club's constitution or the rules may be proposed for consideration at the AGM. Changes proposed by any club member must be submitted in writing to any committee member no later than 14 days before the AGM.

Proposals will be voted on at the AGM, only club members may cast a vote.

AGM Meeting

The AGM will include:

- Report by the Chairman outlining the clubs intentions for the forthcoming year.
- Report by the Secretary outlining the current state of the club.
- Report by the Treasurer on the clubs finances.
- Opportunity for the club members to publicly raise any feedback or concerns on how the club is managed.
- Election of the committee for the following year.

EGM called by the Committee

An extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee. Twenty One day`s notice of an EGM must be given to the Ordinary Membership. An agenda must be submitted to the Membership ten days before the EGM

EGM called by Members

An EGM may be requested by the Membership. This request must be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Such requests must be signed by ten members or 30% of the membership, whichever is least. The request must contain the reason and motion for such a meeting.

Responsibility

Bank Accounts/ Finance

The financial affairs of the club shall be the responsibility of the Committee in general and in particular, the Treasurer. Correct accounts and book keeping shall be done by Treasurer or under the Treasurers supervision.

The Committee shall be empowered to open Bank Accounts in the name of the Club and all transactions in these accounts shall be authorized by the Committee. All cheques, drafts and so forth should be signed by any one of the Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. The treasurer may keep a debit card on behalf of the club.

Receiving of Monies

The Treasurer will receive all money paid to the club and ensure all such sums are lodged to NNN bank account as soon as possible.

Assets of the Club

Any assets invested in by the Committee will be used for NNN purposes only

Sponsorship and Fundraising

The Committee will have the power to negotiate sponsorships on behalf of the Club and engage in fundraising activities. Any financial returns from these activities will be used for NNN development purposes only.

Borrowing

The Committee (or any club member) will not borrow money from any financial institution on behalf of the club.

Data Protection

Data Protection Policy

Pursuant to the provision of the Data Protection Act 1988-2003 and General Data Protection Regulations, members consent to the club obtaining, recording, holding and retaining their personal data (including sensitive personal data) solely for club purposes, either on its computers or its manual filing system, and consent to the use of all such data, including disclosure to third parties, for the proper and effective management of the club.

Data Controller: Club Secretary

Reason for collecting Personal Data: We will hold members name, address, phone number, and email address for insurance obligations and in order to contact the member with club news etc.

Period for which data will be held: Data will be held for the duration of a person's membership of the club, after this it will be deleted.

Obtaining or correcting data which the club holds: If any person would like a copy of the personal data we hold or would like to correct information contact the Data Controller.

Permission: Express permission will be sought from each person when joining the club. This will be included in the membership form.

Withdrawal of Permission: If a member chooses to have their Personal Details deleted from the club databases at any time, they may contact the Data Controller (Club Secretary) by email, and their details will be removed within 5 days. They will then be deemed to have left the club.

Safety Statement

Safety Policy

It is the club's policy to do all that is reasonably practicable to safeguard its members against injury or other loss, arising from club activities. Responsibility for this policy is primarily that of the committee. However, safety is the responsibility of each and every member.

Each member is expected to act thoughtfully and responsibly at all times and must never carelessly or knowingly do anything which could cause loss or injury to themselves or others.

The policy describes the arrangements, which exist for safety within the club.

Compliance with all aspects of the Safety Statement whilst being mandatory is also in the best interest of each and every member.

Assignment of responsibility

Committee:

- Monitoring the effectiveness of the Safety Policy within the club.
- Inform members of the location of this statement and make it easily accessible.
- Periodic safety inspections
- Discuss accidents at committee meetings.
- Record as many details as possible with any reported accident
- Consequently, upon review of the reports the committee will take any necessary policy decisions for the correction of undesirable accident trends.

Members:

- Members will park in the car parking area in a safe place. If in doubt, a Committee member may advise. While driving on the MDL premises members will keep below 10kph and drive safely.
- Care will be taken in the pits area at all times.
- No models should be operated in the pit area.
- Members should always walk and not run within the area.
- All batteries (including Lipo, LiFe, NiMh etc.) must be charged in a fire proof protective Lipo Sack. If discharging a battery in any other way apart from using it in a model, the battery must be in a Lipo Sack. Any member found not using a Lipo charging sack or using an incorrect sack will have sanctions taken against them.
- Bottles containing Nitro Fuel (Nitromethane) should be kept away from open flames, heater or any sources of ignition while attending the venue.
- When putting a car on the track, it should be placed in the Pit Lane area next to the rostrum before being driven onto the track.
- Only those marshalling or racing should be within the track area.
- When marshalling, the marshal's safety is paramount. They should always check it is safe to move before recovering a crashed car. The marshal's safety comes before returning a car to the track.
- All accidents must be reported to the committee. This must be done by the person involved in the accident, or if this is not possible any other member who was in attendance at the time of the accident.
- Cars should never be stopped on the straight section of the track.
- If any member sees another person at the track doing something they feel is unsafe, they should say it to the person involved or if they are uncomfortable to do this, inform a Committee member.

Notes:

The club provides a First Aid Kit which is held at Race Control.

There are Fire Extinguishers also held at Race control.

If there is any requirement to use these, the Committee should be informed so they can organise the replacement of anything that is required.

Lipo Charging Bags

Lipo charging bags are bags designed to contain a fire in the case of an accident when charging a lithium polymer battery. They are made from fire proof material (e.g. Fibre Glass) and are sealable.

No other type of bag or box should be used.

Nitro Fuel

Nitro fuel (nitromethane), like all fuels, is highly flammable product. It is critical that you don't smoke near this product and keep stored away open flames, heater or any sources of ignition. Clear up any nitro fuel spills and ensure to dispose of rags responsibly.

Navan Nitro Nuts RC Club Child Protection Policy

It is the full responsibility of the Parent or Guardian to ensure the safety of their child while attending any NNN event. No child should ever be left unattended as the Club cannot take any responsibility for the child's safety or wellbeing.

Navan Nitro Nuts RC Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members, especially junior members. Every individual in the Club should at all times show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club and the guidelines contained in the Irish Sports Councils Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

Children have the right to be protected from all forms of violence; they must be kept safe from harm, and they must be given proper care by those looking after them " (Article 19 ; UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

The Childcare Act 1991 (ROI) and The Children's (NI) Order (1995) are based on a clear and consistent set of principles designed with the common aim of promoting the welfare of children.

Children have the right to be safe. All members should ensure that this fundamental principle takes precedence o If a member sees any form of bullying at the club, they should report it either verbally or in writing to the committee.

Bullying

If any member feels they have been bullied, they should report it to the committee at the earliest opportunity. The committee will work with the alleged victim to deal with the issue in the best way we can.

Bullying is repeated aggression be it verbal, psychological or physical, which is conducted by an individual or group against others. It is behaviour, which is intentionally aggravating and intimidating.

It includes behaviours such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting or extortion by one or more person against a victim. It is the responsibility of the Committee to deal with bullying that may take place in the Club.

Incidents of bullying should be dealt with immediately and not tolerated under any circumstances.

Many children are reluctant to tell adults that they are being bullied. Older children are even more reluctant. This underlines the need for constant vigilance and encouragement to report bullying.

We recognise that bullying also occurs with Adults and this will also not be tolerated at the NNN.

Committee Members

Committee Members 2024 as voted at AGM 2023

Chairperson: Colin Whelan
Secretary: William White
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
1/10th Rep: Denzell McBurney
1/8th Rep: John Dungan
Committee Member: Greg Pluymers

Committee Members 2023 as voted at AGM 2022

Chairperson: Colin Whelan
Secretary: William White
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
1/10th Rep: Denzell McBurney
1/8th Rep: John Dungan
Committee Member: Brian Mc Manus

Committee Members 2022 as voted at AGM 2021

Chairperson: Colin Whelan
Secretary: William White
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
1/10th Rep: Denzell McBurney
1/8th Rep: Martin Hass
Committee Member: Brian Mc Manus

Committee Members 2021 as voted at AGM 2020

Chairperson: Adrian Reilly
Secretary: Colin Whelan
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
Drivers Representative: Conor Reilly
General Committee Member: Martin Hass

Committee Members 2020 as voted at AGM 2019

Chairperson: Enda o Donnell
Secretary: Colin Whelan
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
Drivers Representative: Conor Reilly
Committee Member: Martin Hass

Committee Members 2019 as voted at AGM 2018

Chairperson: Enda o Donnell
Secretary: Colin Whelan
Treasurer: Francis Mc Goey
Drivers Representative: Conor Reilly

Honorary President

Enda O'Donnell "The Boss"

Signed _____