

2. CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES EFRA

1. Name

The name of the Federation is the European Federation of Radio Operated Model Automobiles (hereinafter referred to by the acronym EFRA)

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Federation are:

- a) The promotion of international Friendship and Co-operation, particularly (but not exclusively) on the continent of Europe, through and for the construction, competition and sport of radio-operated model automobiles.
- b) The establishment of uniform International rules and regulations for such construction and operation.
- c) The co-ordination of races and competitions, national and international and the keeping of records thereof and the distribution of information relating thereto.
- d) The representation of its member countries in the world federation IFMAR (International Federation of Model Auto Racing) which coordinates model car racing in the world and organises World Championship races. EFRA is recognised by IFMAR as it's representative for Europe and it's affiliate members. EFRA in turn recognises and supports the authority of IFMAR in all matters relating to the worldwide organisation of model car racing.

3. Membership

- a. Membership of EFRA shall be open to the National governing body of Radio Controlled Car Racing in each country in Europe and those countries considered by the Executive Board to be acceptable in terms of proximity to Europe.

Any application for membership must contain such information as the executive board of the Federation may from time to time require and must be accompanied by the then current annual membership fee. All membership applications shall be submitted for acceptance before the next General Meeting of EFRA. All membership applications shall be deemed as provisional until formally accepted by the General Meeting. Such acceptance shall require a simple majority of votes.

Pending such acceptance however a provisional member shall be entitled to be represented at all EFRA sponsored events

Any question that may arise regarding if the Applicant is in fact the governing body of the country it wishes to represent, or whether such country is in fact a country for the purpose of these rules, (as distinct from a province, country etc,) shall be decided at the General Meeting of EFRA by a simple majority.

A General Meeting may, by a two thirds majority of the membership, cancel the membership of any member.

At least one month notice of any proposal to review a membership 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.

b Manufacturer Associate Membership.

1. Associated Membership to EFRA is available to bona fide manufacturers of RC model goods against an annual Associated Membership fee as decided by the EFRA AGM and published on the EFRA website

Associated membership is valid from January 1st. for the calendar year. An Associated Membership carries no voting rights at:- AGM, General Meeting, Section Conferences or any Team Managers or International Jury meetings.

2. Benefits and rights of Associated Members:

Attend and participate to manufacturer meetings organized by EFRA

Attend General meetings as observer

Address the General Meeting subject to authorization or invitation (a request stating the topic to be sent to the General Secretary in writing in due time to be included in the agenda).

Submit proposals regarding the sport of RC racing for the General Meeting or Conference agendas.

Participate at Section meetings.

Participate in workgroups or specific taskforces when invited to do so by EFRA.

Subject to authorization by EFRA: expose products, where it is possible, without trading rights at meetings. A nominal fee may be applicable and EFRA does not provide exposition accessories, stands or furniture.

Receive early notification about proposed constructional rule changes.

One page advertising in the concerned section of the electronic (pdf) version of the EFRA handbook. (Advertising of acceptable quality, pdf format A4 to be provided by the member)

Be advertised as Associated Member on the EFRA website (appropriate company logo to be provided)

Being listed in the EFRA handbook as an Associated Member (subject to the application being received in due time).

Considerable discounts on approval fees.

Associated Members have specific advertising rights as detailed in [3] below.

3. Associated Members of EFRA are allowed to use a specific EFRA logo and state that they are an Associated Member of EFRA in any advertising or on any products. EFRA will supply a specific logo to be used for this purpose when a company becomes an Associated Member. In the event of a company ceasing or resigning from being an Associated Member, then all references to EFRA and the use of any EFRA logo in advertising or on products must also cease.
4. Where EFRA has an homologation/approval process for any specific products, then an Associated Member is allowed to state that a specific product is approved by EFRA, using the wording: "EFRA Approved".

EFRA will supply a specific logo for this purpose. Other wording such as: “EFRA Legal, accepted, preferred, recommended, etc” is specifically NOT allowed. This only applies to products that have been officially approved by EFRA and are included on an EFRA homologation/approved list. Any product not included on an official EFRA approved list must not bear any wording relating to EFRA approval, although it can portray that the manufacturer is an Associated Member of EFRA.

Associated Members that contravene this ruling can be banned for up to two (2) years from holding EFRA Associated Membership, or applying to obtain approval of any further products. It is also possible that any existing approved products could be removed from any approved lists. No refund or indemnities whatsoever will be granted.

If any existing EFRA approved product is altered in any way resulting that the product no longer complies with EFRA rules, then the same penalties apply.

AM's should gain permission from EFRA before using “EFRA Approved” on any product.

5. Manufacturers not having Associate Membership.

a Manufacturers or Companies that are not Associated Members of EFRA are specifically NOT allowed to include any EFRA logo/trademarks in any advertising or on any products. This includes the use of any EFRA Logo or any wording that could be construed to relate to any membership recognition by EFRA. This does not preclude any non- Associate Member from having products approved by EFRA and included on the relevant homologation/approved list.

b Manufacturers or Companies that are not EFRA members, but have specific products approved by EFRA, are allowed to portray in advertising or on the specific product, the wording “EFRA Approved” for that specific product. This only applies to products that have been officially approved by EFRA and are included on an EFRA homologation/approved list. Any product not included on an official EFRA approved list must not bear any wording relating to EFRA approval, either in general advertising or on the product.

Wording such as: EFRA legal, preferred, recommended etc.”, is specifically not allowed.

c Any unauthorized reference to EFRA by non-Associate Members is subject to a ban from any approvals or becoming an Associated Member for up to three (3) years. No claims whatsoever can be made against EFRA in such case and EFRA retains sole rights to accept or refuse applications for membership or approval of products at any time.

If any existing EFRA approved product is altered in any way resulting that the product no longer complies with EFRA rules, then the same penalties apply.

Manufacturers/companies that are not Associated Members of EFRA should gain permission from EFRA before using “EFRA Approved” on any product.

4. Organs of the federation

4.1.a General Meeting

The Federation shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of November. A Special General Meeting shall be called if either the Executive Board of EFRA so resolves, or a request in writing signed by the Representatives of at least 1/3 of the member countries, is received.

Notice of every General Meeting shall be given at least ~~one month~~ **four (4) weeks** beforehand with general particulars of the business to be conducted, and details of any proposed alterations to this constitution or to the racing or construction rules and regulations

The Business at an Annual General Meeting shall be:

- a) The election of Officers whose terms of office have expired.
- b) Consider proposals for official posts that have been lodged with the General Secretary at least 45 days before the General Meeting.

The **elected and** main Officers will **then** form an **Executive Committee Board, Committee and a Council** as follows:

Executive Committee Board (EB)

1. President
2. General Secretary
- ~~3. Section Chairmen~~
3. Treasurer

EFRA Council

The council consists of the President of EFRA, the General Secretary of EFRA, two (2) former Presidents of EFRA, one (1) representative from the Manufacturers (Associated Member) and two member country delegates voted in at the AGM. The elected members in the Council are:

1. Two (2) former Presidents of EFRA
2. Two (2) delegates from the floor
3. 1 Associated member from the Manufacturers

All candidates for office properly proposed under the provisions of this constitution shall be introduced to the General Meeting prior to the Section conferences. The meeting shall be given the opportunity to question candidates for election.

EFRA Committee

1. The Executive Board
2. The Chairman of each EFRA Section

Each section shall ~~also~~ elect **a Chairman and** a Vice Chairman who shall deputize in the event of the Chairman's absence.

~~One officer will be elected every two years to act as liaison between EFRA and IFMAR to maintain continuity of policy. The post of IFMAR liaison officer may be combined or separate from other post.~~

~~To carry out the task for Public Relationships one officer will be elected for two years.~~

~~b) Election of President will take place at the Annual General Meeting each year. General Secretary, Treasurer and Section Chairmen shall hold office for 2 years and be elected at the Annual General Meeting.~~

b) Members of the EB will be elected in rotation for a period of three (3) years. No person can maintain their position within the EB more than two (2) periods. The positions shall be elected as follows:

Year 1: President for three (3) years

Year 2: General Secretary for three (3) years

Year 3: Treasurer for three (3) years

Members of the Council who are selectable will be elected for a period of two (2) years. No elected person can maintain the position within the council for more than three (3) periods.

Section Chairmen and Vice Section Chairmen will be elected for two (2) years and can maintain their position for a maximum two (2) periods. To avoid discontinuance The Sections Chairmen should not be elected in the same year as the Vice Section Chairman.

A member of the EB or a Section Chairman is allowed to bring one family member to an EC event on the expense of EFRA one time per year, but only with the prior approval of the Treasurer and EB

c) To decide the date and venue of future European Championships. The Meeting may (but is not bound to) fix such dates and venues for up to three years ahead, from applications made in writing to the Executive not less than 45 days before such meeting.

General particulars of any such applications shall be included in the notice covering the meeting and the selection of the venue will be decided in the Section Meeting. ~~and approved by the AGM.~~

The voting system to select the venue is as follows: Each member country has one voting form with 3 choices. All 3 must be used.

1st choice will receive 4 points.

2nd choice will receive 2 points.

3rd choice will receive 1 point.

The two sites receiving the highest total number of points will go forward to a second ballot where a simple majority will decide the chosen site.

In the event of a tie, the relevant official may use his casting vote.

In the venue selection process only, it is allowed to give a proxy vote to another member, provided that member is present at the AGM.

All balloting will be secret, but results will be published.

d) To decide the dates and venues of other EFRA-approved events during the following year, including the next Annual General Meeting if not decided previously.

e) To consider any matter or proposal which the ~~Committee Board~~ EB or the relevant official wishes to bring before the Meeting, particulars of which shall be included in the notice of the Meeting

f) To consider any matter or proposal of which a member has given notice in writing up to the 31st of August. Particulars of such shall be included with the notice of the General Meeting as required by Section 4 above. EFRA's

proposal tool will be open from the day after the AGM until August 31:st.

The ~~Committee Board~~ EB will examine all proposals received for discussion at the Annual General Meeting and where necessary prepare them for presentation by eliminating duplication and contradiction. Where proposals concerning Section matters that have a broader effect on General Rules or Constitution matters are received, the ~~Committee Board~~ EB will endeavour to resolve conflicts and present appropriate proposals to the General Meeting.

The catalogue of proposals recognised to be presented at the upcoming AGM should be sent to all EFRA members representatives/secretaries at least 4 weeks before the meeting.

Proposals from EFRA Members for IFMAR Constitutional and Racing Rule changes must first be submitted to the EFRA Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to the same rules and procedures as those in force for EFRA matters.

This procedure does not remove the absolute right of any Member to make proposals directly to the General Meeting, these direct proposals will be recorded on the minutes and will be voted in the next General Meeting.

- g) To deal with any matter which, under these Constitution Rules failed to be dealt with by a previous General Meeting.

4.1.b. Voting

- a) Following any proposal at a General Meeting each member country shall have one vote which shall be exercisable by a person duly authorized in writing by his governing body in such country.
- b) Each country shall also be entitled to one vote at any section meeting for which the country has paid the section membership fee, exercisable by a person duly authorized as provided for above.
- c) No proxy votes shall be allowed, **except for voting for venues at the section meetings according to 4.1.c**
- d) Section meetings shall form part of the AGM. Voting procedures for the Section meetings shall be as for the AGM. Decisions of the Section meetings relating to the Technical Rules or Financial affairs of general concern to EFRA shall be ratified by the ~~AGM~~ EB.
- e) Any amendment to the Constitution of the Federation shall require a two-thirds majority of the Annual General Meeting.

Other proposals unless otherwise specified herein, shall require a simple majority only. The President or the relevant official shall, in the event of a tie, have a casting vote.

A resolution in writing, signed by the authorized representatives of all members, shall have the same effect as if it had been duly passed at a general meeting.

- ~~f) In the case that more than 1/3 of the Member federations of the effected section or the Executive Committee feel it is necessary, a postal vote can be allowed.~~

~~In the event that there is a need to request a postal vote from all Member Federations, then a time limit of 30 (thirty) days shall be set for the return of the required voting form.~~

~~The decision made by postal vote shall be effective 30 (thirty) days after it has been published to all Member Federations, subject to the respect of the standard time frame.~~

~~Postal votes should only be used in the case of unforeseen circumstances and should not apply to any decision taken at the last AGM.~~

- f) **The voting results at the AGM will guide the EB. The EB shall implement the rules for the coming year at the end of the AGM. The EB carries the main responsibility for all rules. If absolutely necessary the EB can temporarily change, or temporarily create new rules at any time in the year, however in any such cases the EB must report its' reasoning to the AGM, and receive ratification of the rule change.**
- g) Before a voting process will be started, the total number of votes being present will be recorded. The voting result will be published to the auditorium and recorded in the minutes. Number of votes in favour and number of votes against and abstentions.
- h) Correspondence: The official address of the Federation shall be the address of the General Secretary. Every member country shall furnish to the Executive Board an address for correspondence and any communications directed to that address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered by course of post.

4.2. Executive Board (EB)

The President or in his absence the **most** senior ~~Committee Board~~ **EB** member present, shall take the chair at the General Meetings and in the event of a tie, be entitled (but not bound) to exercise the casting vote.

The EB shall meet as frequently as deemed necessary by the President.

The Treasurer shall be entitled to demand and receive all money due to the Federation and shall keep proper accounts thereof.

All offices **of** the Federation shall be honorary, but the officers shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses properly incurred, but subject always to consideration and approval of AGM. **All Officers must account for expenditure to the EB and promptly provide documentation to the Treasurer.**

The ~~committee board~~ **EB** are empowered to employ paid assistants for secretarial and other duties within budget limits, which are defined and approved at the AGM and also subject to the provisions of section 7 of this constitution. These paid assistants shall not hold EFRA committee-positions.

PRESIDENT:

- 1 Maintain contacts with IFMAR and other International organisations Officials.
- 2 Co-ordinates the efforts of the different E.F.R.A. Section Chairmen and provides advice when problems occur.
- 3 Takes the chair at the E.F.R.A. AGM and at E.F.R.A. Committee meetings.
- 4 Proposes appointment of Honorary Officers to the E.F.R.A. AGM.
- 5 Visits important races.
- 6 Forms an Executive ~~Working~~ Committee with General Secretary and Treasurer to deal with all matters that affect the day to day running of E.F.R.A. general business.

7 Liaises/meets with Officials from Members .

GENERAL SECRETARY:

- 1 Takes the minutes at E.F.R.A. Committee meetings and the E.F.R.A. Annual General Meeting.
- 2 Publishes a record of the minutes of these meetings.
- 3 Updates lists of Member Countries and other interested parties such as Manufacturers, Magazines and Contact addresses.
- 4 Deals with the main correspondence from/to all Member Countries and maintains file copies of all relevant correspondence.
- 5 Co-ordinates the arrangements for the E.F.R.A. Meetings, i.e. Annual General Meeting. Liaises with the hotel, Member Countries and provides full details of the timetable of the AGM.
- 6 In conjunction with the President and Section Chairmen draws up the Agenda for the AGM and other EFRA meetings.
- 7 Co-ordinates the racing calendars of the E.F.R.A. Sections and arranges for the publishing of these calendars.
- 8 Keeps a record of the results of all E.F.R.A. sanctioned races.
- 9 Maintain copies of all Member Country Officials address changes for updating the E.F.R.A. database.
- 10 Visits important races.
- 11 Forms an Executive Working Committee with President and Treasurer to deal with all matters that affect the day to day running of E.F.R.A. general business.
- 12 Liaises/meets with Officials from Members.
- 13 Arrange for the completion and return of E.F.R.A. contracts applicable to EC events being organised the following year.

TREASURER:

- 1 Maintains a complete set of records of the Financial aspects of E.F.R.A. business.
- 2 Produces a full set of accounts as at the end of the financial year for presentation and acceptance by the Member Countries at the E.F.R.A. Annual General Meeting. Expenses can be split down into amounts of approx. 3000 E.
- 3 Issues International Driver's Licences to the different member countries.
- 4 Send copies of all Licence address changes received from member countries to the General Secretary for updating of the E.F.R.A. database.
- 5 Keeps abreast of all facets of bookkeeping and the financial situation of E.F.R.A.
- 6 Before the 15th January following the AGM send invoices to all E.F.R.A. Member Countries regarding annual subscriptions, sanction fees for E.F.R.A. GP and EC events, entry fees for EC events.
- 7 During the year send invoices to Member Countries or persons when requested to do so.
- 8 Maintains a watching brief of outstanding invoices and one month after the date of maturity of the invoices he sends reminders to those Member Countries who have not paid their invoices.

- 9 Every three months produces a report for the **EB** giving details about the financial situation and status of all debtors.
- 10 Pays the expenses declarations of the Committee members within a week of receipt.
- 11 Refunds all the deposits as soon as the Section Chairman sends his approval.
- 12 Visits important races.
- 13 Forms the **EB** working with the President and General Secretary to deal with all matters that affect the day to day running of E.F.R.A. general business.
- 14 The Treasurer has to present the accounts and all assigned documents to the auditors prior to the AGM.

COUNCIL

1. Will assist the EB by considering matters of long-term strategic importance and making proposals thereof.
2. Will assist the EB with advice where necessary.
3. Will act as a nomination committee regarding EB positions.
4. Has the authority to discharge an EFRA officer (ECB or Section Chairman) if such person is deemed to have acted inappropriately.
5. May make proposals directly to the AGM, to speed the development and assist in EFRA's core objectives.
6. The Council is the final body for appeals.

A extraordinary meeting of the council can only be called by the President, but in that absence, the Council shall meet once per year, plus a meeting to be held at the AGM.

SECTION CHAIRMEN:

- 1 Effectively manages the Section for which he is elected at the AGM.
- 2 Provides information to other E.F.R.A. Officials as and when requested.
- 3 Attends the GP organised ahead of an EC and reports upon the track, the accommodation and the organising committee.
- 4 Attends the EC relevant to his section **after approval from the EB.**
- 5 As soon as the race calendar of the next year has been published he over-sees the distribution of the information of the Section events in appropriate language.
- 6 Issues race meeting sanctions after fully examining the information sent by the applicants following the decision made at the Section Meeting and the approval/acceptance by the AGM.
- 7 Updates the list of "A" licensed drivers when needed and decides upon the validity of an EFRA Licence.
- 8 Co-ordinates the entries for EC and WC and settles re-allocations in co-operation with the Member Countries and the organisers.
- 9 Decides if the deposits paid for GP and EC events may be refunded and requests the Treasurer to refund any monies due.
- 10 Collects the results of all the E.F.R.A. sanctioned races.
- 11 Makes a report of the past racing season to be presented at the AGM.

12 Is a member of the Committee

- 13 Takes the Chair at the Section Meetings during the AGM.
- 14 Arranges for the minutes of the Section Meeting to be recorded and provides a copy of these minutes to the General Secretary.
- 15 Presents decisions made at the Section Meetings to the main AGM.
- 16 The Section chairman (or the EFRA appointed deputy) has the authority to provide clarification on the interpretation of rules.

4.3 Executive Committee

The Executive Board (EB) plus the Section Chairman from each of the sections, shall form the EFRA Committee. The Committee shall meet once per year.

Members of the committee shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses properly incurred, but subject always to consideration and approval of AGM. All Committee Officers must account for expenditure to the EB and promptly provide all such documentation to the Treasurer as might be required.

~~President, Treasurer and General Secretary will form an Executive Working Committee to deal with all matters that affect the day to day running of E.F.R.A. general business. In regards of section business they must be informed of the day to day running of the different sections. OK~~

4.4 Other officers

PR OFFICER:

- ~~1 Maintain contact with the EFRA Executive.~~
- ~~2 Carry out the promotional and communication work as decided by the AGM and EFRA Executive Committee.~~
- ~~3 Attends EFRA AGM and Committee meetings when needed.~~
- ~~4 Co-ordinates the production and distribution of the regular news.~~

IFMAR LIAISON OFFICER:

- ~~1 Maintains direct contact with IFMAR bloc officials.~~
- ~~2 Acts as a central co-ordinator for all matters between E.F.R.A. and IFMAR.~~
- ~~3 Provides information to/from IFMAR/FEMCA/ROAR/FAMAR to all Sections within E.F.R.A.~~
- ~~4 Puts forward proposals drawn up and approved by the E.F.R.A. Committee or by the AGM to IFMAR.~~
- ~~5 Attends EFRA Committee meetings when needed and AGM.~~
- ~~6 He attends IFMAR Meetings as the full representative of E.F.R.A.~~

MUFFLER HOMOLOGATION OFFICER:

- ~~1 Receives and acknowledges the exhaust pipes from Manufacturers wishing to have their products homologated by E.F.R.A.~~
- ~~2 Passes invoice order to the E.F.R.A. Treasurer.~~
- ~~3 Measures the pipes received and maintain controlled drawings.~~
- ~~4 Checks the noise level of the pipes at track.~~
- ~~5 If a pipe is acceptable under E.F.R.A. standards he sends a homologation certificate to the Manufacturer. Should there be any discrepancies he will advise the Manufacturer in writing as to the exact reasons why the pipe cannot be homologated.~~
- ~~6 Copies of the homologation certificate and detailed drawings are passed to~~

~~the General Secretary and IFMAR Liaison Officer.~~

- ~~7 Retains the original pipe for specification purposes during the life of the certificate and 2 years more.~~
- ~~8 Advises the E.F.R.A. Treasurer of homologation expenses incurred.~~
- ~~9 At no time and under any circumstance will the pipes received for homologation be shown to or handed to anybody involved with the manufacture of model cars, engines or exhaust pipes.~~

BODY SHELL HOMOLOGATION OFFICER:

- ~~1 Receives and acknowledges the body shells from Manufacturers wishing to have their products homologated by E.F.R.A.~~
- ~~2 Passes invoice order to the E.F.R.A. Treasurer.~~
- ~~3 Checks the body shell against pictures, drawings or measurements provided by the Manufacturer. A 10% tolerance is acceptable.~~
- ~~4 If the body shell is acceptable under E.F.R.A. standards, he sends a homologation certificate to the Manufacturer. The certificate will bear the homologation number which the Manufacturer must mould into the production body shell. Should there be any discrepancies, he will advise the Manufacturer in writing as to the exact reasons why the bodyshell cannot be homologated.~~
- ~~5 Copies of the homologation certificate and detailed drawings are passed to the General Secretary and IFMAR Liaison Officer.~~
- ~~6 Retains the original bodyshell for specification purposes during the life of the certificate and 2 years more.~~
- ~~7 Advises the E.F.R.A. Treasurer of homologation expenses incurred.~~
- ~~8 At no time and under any circumstance will the bodyshell received for homologation be shown to or handed to anybody involved with the manufacture of model cars or body shells~~

AUDITORS:

- 1) The position of auditor **shall be** appointed by EFRA member countries and voted at each AGM for a period of duty of one year.
- 2) This position will be covered by two delegates, not belonging to the same national federation, nor being member of the same federation as the treasurer.

This position will be covered by two (2) delegates. One of the delegates shall be appointed from the floor, and one delegate shall either be, or shall arrange a professional Audit from the country where EFRA has its registration. There is no requirement that the professional auditor shall attend the AGM.

- 3) They have the right to inspect all actions or bookkeeping, which are in conjunction with EFRA's finances.
- 4) They have to present their written report to the AGM. The EFRA Board has to have knowledge about their comments prior to the AGM, so that board members may prepare their reactions.

4.5 Honorary officers **Members**

- a) ~~EFRA may if it so wishes elects an Honorary Life President and Honorary Life Vice President to the Federation on proposal from the Committee Board.~~

~~Such persons shall be granted these Honorary titles in recognition of exceptional service to EFRA or Model Car Racing in general. There shall be only 1 Honorary Life President but there may be as many Life Vice Presidents as the Federation wishes. Election shall be by vote at the Federation AGM following proposal in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.~~

~~b) Such Honorary Officers are elected to view the activities of EFRA in the light of their particular experience and provide help, advice and guidance should it be needed. They shall have the power to ask the Executive Committee Board to call an Extraordinary General Meeting should circumstances arise that threaten the well being of EFRA.~~

~~c) The Honorary President and Vice Presidents can address the EFRA Committee Board and AGM but may not have a vote.~~

~~d) In the event of the resignation or other circumstances that prevents a properly elected EFRA Official from carrying out his or her duties, the Honorary Life President or a Vice President may be asked by such EFRA Officers as remain to deputise until such a time as the elected Officer is available or an Officer is elected. Such a request shall be by simple majority vote of the remaining EFRA Officers.~~

~~e) In the event of Honorary Life Officers being called upon to assist the Committee Board they will be entitled to reimbursement of any necessary expenses incurred. A Honorarium will not be paid.~~

a) EFRA may if it so wishes elect an honorary member. These honorary titles shall be in recognition of exceptional services to EFRA or Model Car Racing in general.

b) An elected honorary member will always be welcome to take part of EFRA business, and will be rewarded with the status of EFRA Golden pin.

c) A former President of EFRA can, if the AGM so wishes, be elected as an Honorary Life President (HLP) or Honorary Life Vice-President (HLVP). There shall only be one HLP, but multiple HLVP's. The HLP and HLVP's will be invited to EFRA's Annual General Meetings. EFRA will only cover the cost of accommodation and food. The HLP and HLVP's may also be, if he or she wishes, a candidate for the Council.

5. Subscription

The Annual subscription of the Federation shall be fixed by resolution of a General Meeting. Such subscription shall become due on the first of January of each year. If not paid within three months thereafter, representatives of a country in default may not, until payment take part in any activity of the Federation or be sponsored by; if not paid within twelve months, membership of the country in default shall cease.

To recover its active membership the member must pay the duly invoices pending.

The accounts will be closed on the 30th of September each year.

6. Technical Rule Changes

The date for introducing any construction/technical rule changes affecting General Rules will be decided at the Main AGM.

The date for introducing any constructional/technical rule changes within a Section, will be decided at the Section meetings.

Any important rule changes by any Section that effect more than one Section,

including the date for introduction, will not become valid until approval of the Main AGM.

If the date for introduction of any construction/technical rule change is not specified at either a Section meeting or Main AGM, then the change will become effective twelve (12) months after the rule change has been approved.

When deciding dates for introducing rule changes, due consideration should be given to: making existing equipment obsolete and any manufacturing processes required allowing the change. In all cases, changes for safety issues should be given priority.

3. EFRA SANCTIONS

3.1. EFRA Sanctions

- 3.1.1. The object of EFRA Sanctions is to obtain uniform racing and organisational standards for major European events in all classes of radio-controlled model car racing.

Major European events are:

- European Championships
- EFRA Grand Prix
- International races with EFRA sanction

National Organisations are advised to adopt these standards and rules for use at Premier level national championships

- 3.1.2. To ensure the quality of these major events the minimum standards set by EFRA described here, have to be met. The EFRA Section Chairman will authorise the events after the applicant has proved able to meet the minimum standards of EFRA.
- 3.1.3. In order to receive an EFRA sanction, an application has to be **made** to the section chairman **through** the national federation.
- 3.1.4. The National Association of the host country will hold prime responsibility for the organisation and well running of the event. They have a duty to monitor the organisation of the event from the moment the EFRA Sanction is obtained until the official results of the race are sent to EFRA.
- 3.1.5. If the minimum standard is not met during the event, despite having an EFRA Sanction, then EFRA must consider to not returning the deposit(s) in fully or in part.
- 3.1.6. The Executive Committee is given the power (authority) to apply suitable sanctions in case of refusal of a race-organiser to co-operate with EFRA following consultancy with the relevant EFRA officials involved.
- 3.1.7. The European Championships should preferably be held during week numbers 26 - 31. Week 1 of the year is the week that contains the first Thursday in January, a week starts on Monday. Changes to this pattern may only be made at the AGM or EFRA committee meeting.

3.2. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only the actual member of EFRA can apply for an EC.

- 3.2.1. Each section may run a maximum of 4 European...