

CCNS BYLAWS as of 09/16/09

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Central Carolina NScaler Club is to foster an appreciation of the history and operations of railroading in the southeastern region of the United States through a creation of a modular miniature rail transportation system. The miniature railroad is intended to be displayed to the general public at open houses and public shows and selected segments of the population such as scouts and other youth groups, senior citizens, adult education participants, civic groups and the like through organized presentations.

II. Eligibility

Membership in the Central Carolina NScaler Club is open to anyone with an interest in the history of railroading and the hobby of model railroading in general and N Scale model railroading in particular. There are no age, race or gender restrictions; however members under the age of 16 may participate in club meetings and activities only when accompanied by an adult member of the family unless specifically authorized by the club.

III. Classes of Membership

There are three classes of membership: Charter, Regular and Family. Charter membership is vested in those persons who were members during the time when monetary dues were assessed. This membership class is closed as of December 31, 2007 and only active members in this class as of that date will have vested interest in club-owned assets should the club be totally dissolved. Charter membership status is terminated if the member does not meet the participation requirements below for two consecutive calendar years. Family membership shall be available to include spouses and minor children of any Regular member. Family members do not have voting rights nor ownership in club assets.

IV. Dues

There are no monetary dues. Regular members are expected to participate in at least four days of club activities during each calendar year. Fulfilling the participation requirement in one calendar year maintains that person's membership through the end of the following calendar year.

Examples of qualifying club activities are (but not limited to):

- Owning a compatible module and including it in a club-sponsored layout or another club's layout as a representative of the Central Carolina N Scalers,
- Adopting a club-owned module and bringing it to a club-sponsored layout or another club's layout as a representative of the Central Carolina N Scalers,
- Assisting in the setup, operation, or teardown of a club-sponsored layout,
- Hosting or participating in an operating session at a member-owned home layout,
- Assisting another member in the construction, maintenance, or restoration of either a club-compatible module or home layout,
- Any other activities designated by the club or its officers.

V. New Members

Participation in a Central Carolina N Scaler Club activity establishes a person's eligibility for membership. To complete the membership process, that person must complete a membership information form which contains that person's contact information, modeling interests, and express an interest in being affiliated with the club. Upon receipt of the membership information form, the applicant will be added to the club roster by the Secretary/Treasurer as a Regular member. If the membership information form contains information about interested family members, they will be rostered as Family members.

New Regular members will not vest in assets of the club unless that individual makes a material donation to club assets, in which case the person will be entitled to return of those assets should the club be totally dissolved.

VI. Obligations of Members

1. Regular members obligate themselves to participate in club meetings and activities to the best of their ability and personal schedules. If a Regular member does not participate the required number of club activities for an entire calendar year, that person will be listed as inactive for the next calendar year. An inactive Regular member will be removed from the club roster following a second calendar year of not meeting the activity requirement.

2. If it is determined by vote of a majority of the Charter and Regular members that a member is not suitable for continued membership for any lawful reason, the membership shall be terminated.

3. Any individual whose membership is terminated or who resigns from the club for any reason shall forfeit any rights of membership, including any share of the assets of the club.

VII. Officers and Duties

The club will elect two officers to serve during each calendar year. Eligible persons are all currently active Charter and Regular members of the club. There are no term limits.

1. The President will serve as the presiding officer during club meetings. He may also appoint active members to various administrative and coordinating positions as may be required to carry out club activities.

2. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare and maintain the records of the club, including membership rosters, minutes of meetings, financial records, and any other records as may be deemed appropriate from time to time. The Secretary/Treasurer will also maintain any financial assets the club may have and be accountable for their safekeeping and appropriate collection and disbursement.

Other club officials may be required to conduct activities from time to time and will be appointed as required by the President. These appointed officials will have no authority over club assets or activities beyond those required to carry out the duties to which appointed.

VII. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended from time to time as the membership deems necessary. Members shall be notified of any proposed amendments not less than seven calendar days before any vote is taken and a majority of the quorum must vote in the affirmative before the amendment shall take effect.

VIII. Quorum and Voting

A quorum of members for the purpose of conducting the business of the club shall consist of not less than 50% of the active regular members of the club.

Voting may be done in any of the following ways:

1. During the conduct of a previously announced meeting of the club or at a scheduled club activity where a quorum is present.
2. Telephonic poll of active members.
3. Email poll of active members.
4. Internet poll of active members on the forum maintained by the club.

IX. Fiscal Year and Budget

The fiscal year of the club shall be from January 1 through December 31. There shall be adopted by the regular members an annual budget at the meeting in January. Said budget shall include an estimation of revenues and expenses projected for the coming fiscal year and shall list available funds and any capital reserve as of the beginning of said fiscal year.