

MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Historically within Australia the greater majority of clubs have usually affiliated through the State in which their flying fields are situated and the bulk of their members normally reside. It has always been expected that the interests of these clubs and their members are protected through their own home State Association and its representatives to the MAAA.
- 1.2 It has also been normal practice for individual modellers living in State border regions where there is no local club, to join their nearest interstate “over the border” club of convenience. This is a long standing practice and involves a comparatively small number of members and it is to the advantage of these individuals and to the MAAA that they be accommodated in this manner.
- 1.3 It is a different matter where established clubs within an Australian State choose not to affiliate with the State Association in their own State and register some or all of their members to a State Association in a different State. The term “interstate affiliation” covers this practice.
- 1.4 Elements of this Procedure apply in the situation where a State has more than one State Association.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this publication is to establish some guidelines when a club decides to forgo its own State Association and seeks to affiliate all, or some, of its club members with a State Association in a different State.

3. DEFINITIONS

AAAO	Approved Aviation Administration Organisation
Affiliate Member	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated with an MAAA Ordinary Member
Club	A Club properly affiliated with a State Association
Club Member	A financial member of a Club
MAAA	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
MAAA Ordinary Member	A State Association properly affiliated with the MAAA Inc.
Ordinary Member	See MAAA Ordinary Member
State Association	See MAAA Ordinary Member
Cross Border State Association	A State Association which has Cross Border Clubs affiliated with, or Members of it

Cross Border Club A Club that operates in one State but affiliates some or all of its members with a State Association in a different State

CASA Civil Aviation Safety Authority

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 This procedure on interstate affiliation does not apply to individuals who choose to join the nearest club which may happen to be located and operates on the other side of a nearby State border.
- 4.2 This procedure on interstate affiliation does apply in every case when any Club, for whatever reasons, decides to affiliate all or some of its Members with any State Association outside of the Club's own State borders from where it has a flying field.
- 4.3 The MAAA requires a Cross Border State Association to immediately consult with the club's home State Association and the club as soon as it receives an initial application from an "out of state club" for either the whole club or some of its members. This is to determine the reason for the application and intentions of the club.
- 4.4 It is a matter of courtesy that the home State Association be given every opportunity to confer with the club concerned, regarding the proposed "cross border" move and to discuss the reasons for the move. If required, the MAAA may act as mediator.
- 4.5 The MAAA shall be advised in writing of the outcome of the initial application for cross border affiliation under this Procedure.
- 4.6 The MAAA would prefer that Clubs remain affiliated to the State in which the Club operates, but it is not a compulsory requirement.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 All Club Members, Clubs, and State Associations affiliated with the MAAA are required to abide by the rules, procedures, general guidelines and regulations of the MAAA, as noted in the MAAA Manual of Procedures, and CASA regulations. As well as this, all Affiliate Members of the MAAA are expected to abide by their Club rules and the rules of the State Association with which they are registered. In the event of any conflict between the latter it is for the Club to resolve, particularly if they have registered their Members with more than one State Association.
- 5.2 The MAAA is an "Approved Aviation Administration Organisation", AAAO, appointed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and works closely with CASA in all aspects of safety. The MAAA is required to administer all safety aspects regarding operational model aircraft flown by Affiliate Members of the MAAA. One safety aspect common to all Clubs is the location of flying fields and the distances between each site. See document MOP008 in the MAAA Manual of Procedures. The MAAA expects each State Association to monitor the location of model flying sites within its own state. A Club seeking to cross border the registration of some or all of its Members cannot negate the rights of State

Associations in respect to the safety aspects of field location within their own States.

- 5.3 The State Association of the State where the existing or proposed flying site is located has the primary responsibility of determining if the location of any existing or proposed flying sites is suitable for model aircraft operations. Approvals required under this Procedure shall not unreasonably be withheld.
- 5.4 A "**Cross Border State Association**" cannot approve the location of flying sites in another State. The "**Cross Border State Association**" can only negotiate on behalf of an affiliated Club regarding a flying site in another State. Any final agreement reached during negotiations should be acknowledged in writing and signed by all parties concerned.
- 5.5 If a Cross Border Club changes the location of a, or wishes to register a new, flying site the Cross Border State Association shall immediately advise the State Association in which the proposed field is located and request written confirmation that there are no existing club fields close to the proposed field. This advice shall be in writing and no Radio Controlled flying operation at the new proposed field shall take place until this clearance advice is obtained.
- 5.6 Every year at the time of accepting registrations, if the Cross Border State Association still has Cross Border Clubs affiliated with it, then it shall provide written confirmation to the State Association in which the fields are located and that the existing agreements continue to apply.
- 5.7 In case of displays, see MOP019 Display Procedure, involving a Cross Border Club, the State with which the Club is affiliated will be responsible for issuing the necessary permits. In the interests of safety and courtesy, the State Association for the State where the Club operates must also be notified in writing regarding any pending displays.
- 5.8 If a Club has Members affiliated with more than one State Association it shall be part of the written agreement between the State Associations as to which State is to perform display approvals and other State responsibilities within MAAA Procedures.
- 5.9 A "**Cross Border State Association**" has full responsibilities for their "cross border Members" and the State Association is expected to provide the same relationships and standard of service to these interstate Members that it maintains with Clubs and Affiliated Members who live and operate within its own State boundaries.
- 5.10 Guarantors. There are some instances where State Associations are acting as guarantors for Clubs who have taken out an MAAA loan. Should any of these Clubs become involved in cross bordering then in each case the matter of guarantor responsibility needs to be resolved by the MAAA Executive and the two State Associations concerned.

6. STATES WITH MORE THAN ONE STATE ASSOCIATION

- 6.1 Rule 6.3 of the MAAA Constitution, allows, under specified circumstances, a State to have more than one State Association.

- 6.2 If there is more than one State Association in a State, for safety reasons only one State Association can be responsible for the location of flying fields operating radio control aircraft.
- 6.3 If Clause 6.2 applies then the MAAA Council will determine which State Association is responsible for control of the location of radio control flying fields.
- 6.4 In New South Wales it has been determined that the responsible Association is Miniature Aero Sports NSW.
- 6.5 Under this Clause 6, Clauses 5.3 through 5.8 of this MOP apply and State Associations not having Council authority are the “**Cross Border State Association**”. This applies only in respect to flying fields operating radio control model aircraft.