



## Dublin Model Car Club Safety Statement

### Foreword from the Chairman

This document sets out the safety policy of the Dublin Model Car Club and specifies the means provided to achieve this policy. Our objective is to endeavour to provide a safe club for all our members and visitors. Also, to meet our responsibilities to members of the public who may be affected by our operations. The success of the policy will depend on your co-operation. Its contents are largely self-explanatory but any necessary clarification can be sought from your Committee Members who should always be your first contact in any matters on safety of the club. Members are encouraged to put forward suggestions for improvements to the Safety Statement. I recommend that you read the document carefully and understand your role and the overall safety arrangements within the club, and help to maintain our high standards in this area.

Remember, safety is no accident!!

***DMCC Club Chairman***

### 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 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.
- When putting a car on the track, it should be placed in the marked Red area just inside the track gate before being driven onto the track.
- Only those marshalling or racing should be within the track area.
- Cars should never be stopped on the straight section of the track.
- 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.
- 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.
- Once you proceed past the gate to the track, you are accepting that the Dublin Model Car Club does not take responsibility for any accident which occurs.

#### Notes:

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

There are Fire Extinguishers at the entrance to the club and near the track.

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. Lipo charging bags are available from Model Shops and online retailers such as Amazon.

### Covid 19

The club will have a separate policy for covid 19, this will be updated in accordance with all government and HSE regulations and guidelines. This will be changed as the regulations change throughout the pandemic.

### Booking in

Every person attending the track must fill in the online book in form.

- This is firstly for contact tracing in line with HSE guidelines
- This is secondly a stipulation in our insurance policy. We must know who has attended the club and have contact details in advance of them attending.

Failure to pre-book attendance will result in the person being turned away. This must be done by members and visitors alike.