



Bremerton Northern Model Railroad House Rules

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Section I - Finance

- 1. Operating Fees:** Operating fees are set by the Board of Directors and are defined by the Fee Schedule (Enclosure (1)). Club membership requires NMRA membership.
- 2. Joining Fee:** The Joining Fees include an initiation fee and the annual dues required by NMRA. See the Fee Schedule (Enclosure (1)) for the amount.
- 3. NMRA Adjustment:** A member may request their membership be changed to a different type or be changed from being paid directly to being paid by the Club. The amount a member needs to pay is determined by the Board of Directors at a normal meeting or at a special meeting at the discretion of the President. The President is to add the item to the agenda with adequate notice. The member must have adequate funds on deposit in the NMRA Reserve to pay the annual NMRA dues and include any additional funds to adjust their NMRA membership expiration date to May 31.
- 4. Towing Expense:** Mileage paid for towing the club trailer(s) shall be paid either at the current government POV reimbursement mileage rate for miles traveled (domicile to domicile) or as the actual price of the fuel used by the towing vehicle. Ferry fare for tow vehicle, trailer and driver are reimbursable where applicable.
- 5. Fines:** Fines \$0.25 - \$10.00 shall be levied for each incident of disruptive conduct, which interferes with normal operations at either club meetings or during shows or exhibitions.
- 6. Assessments:** Assessments may be required from the members to enable the Club to fulfill its mission and obligations.
- 7. Rejoining of members dropped from the rolls:** Members who are dropped from the membership rolls may rejoin within five (5) years, provided they meet the requirements for new members and retire any obligations they had when they were dropped (i.e. operating fees not to exceed 120 days and assessments applicable before being dropped). After five years, they may join as new members without additional obligations.

Section II -Club Rolling Stock Pool:

- 1. Couplers & Weight:** Cars for pool use will be equipped with Kadee couplers mounted at Kadee coupler gage height and will be weighted in accordance with NMRA Standards; a minimum of 1 ounce plus 1/4 ounce per inch of car length.

2. **Maintenance and Repair:** Repairs will be made as required during layout operations. Periodic work sessions for overall maintenance will be scheduled at least annually.
3. **Handling:** Cars will be packed and unpacked carefully and be properly railed when placed on the layout. All cars and locomotives used will have their wheels cleaned prior to packing.

Section III-Show Operations:

1. **Layout:** A diagram shall be prepared for each show showing the arrangement of the modules and indicating any special requirements such as location of insulated rail joiners, & etc.
2. **Housekeeping:** Containers for rolling stock and other equipment, Toolboxes, jackets, & etc., shall be stored under the modules or tables when not in use. Food or drink shall not be left on the module surfaces.
3. **Conduct:** The main purpose of participation in shows is to generate interest in Model Railroading. Secondary purposes are generating interest in our Club and allowing Club members a chance to operate their equipment. Be nice to the spectators and fellow Club members! **NO ARGUMENTATIVE OR PROFANE LANGUAGE. NO DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR.** Violators will be subject to fines and may, in extreme cases, be asked to leave.
4. **Equipment Handling:** Whenever possible, ask a member's permission before handling his/her equipment.
5. **Schedules:** When the number of members signed up for a show warrants, an operating schedule for trains and a Call Board for personnel will be prepared to ensure that insofar as possible each member shows his/her train(s) and has his/her turn at requested operator positions.
6. **Helpers and volunteers at shows:** All helpers and volunteers at shows must be current NMRA members.
7. **Interchange of Trains:** During interchange of trains, only the Yardmaster, the train owners, and the Dispatcher shall be at the yard control panel or handling roiling stock in the yard. At other times, request the Yardmaster's permission to work in the yard.

Section IV -Meeting Times & Locations:

1. **Monthly Business Meeting:** All meetings shall be held at a place and time designated by the President.
2. **Board of Directors Meetings:** All meetings shall be held at a place and time designated by the President.

Section V-Mentoring:

1. **Purpose:** The mentor program is designed to provide a new club member a supportive means of learning how the club functions, how the layout(s) is operated, and become a capable club member.

2. **Definitions:**

Program Manager: Overall responsibility for the functioning of the program. Voluntary position.

Mentor: Club members who volunteer to provide support and assist new club members.

Mentee: A new club member.

Program goal: Assist new members in becoming knowledgeable and capable club members.

3. **Responsibilities:**

Program Manager: Has overall responsibility of implementing the mentor program. Assigns a volunteer member as a mentor for each new member. Monitors the new member's progress towards becoming a capable club member. Monitors the mentor's relationship with the mentee to ensure the program goals are being met.

Mentor: Possesses the ability to answer questions and provide advice and guidance in a supportive and non-critical manner. Contacts the new member when assigned as his/her mentor. Ensures both persons have the other's contact information. Available to answer questions and provide advice or guidance when asked. Introduces the new member to club officers and other club members. Ensures the new member receives a 'Welcome Aboard' booklet and explains the routine club meetings and special events. Gives the mentee a tour of the clubhouse to point out the various areas and their functions. Ensures he/she understands how to secure the clubhouse and what electrical equipment is to be turned off upon leaving for the day. Monitors the new member's attendance and helps him/her to understand the requirements of participation during the new member probation period. Ensures the newsletter editor is informed of the new member so he/she can be introduced in the next edition of the Flimsy. Verifies the mentee is receiving the newsletter. Works with the mentee when he/she first begins to operate on a club layout. Helps him/her understand how the layout functions and the protocols in place. Proper operation of equipment, such as the Geezer Gate, is of vital importance for new members. Keeps the program manager informed of the mentee progress and the mentor/mentee relationship.

Mentee: Maintains contact with his/her mentor. Attends club functions as required to meet probationary period requirements. Works to learn how the club is organized and

functions. Works with his/her mentor and other club members to learn layout technical and procedural matters. Maintains NMRA membership and club operating fees current. Makes an honest attempt to become a capable club member

		[NMRA] MEMBER CLASS (OBTAINED THROUGH CLUB)			
BNMR Member Type	Member paying for their own NMRA dues or NMRA Life Member <small>NOTE 1</small>	Member	Member* w/NMRA Magazine	Family Member (spouse/ minor child of member)	Student Member* 18 & under or 19-25 w/student ID
<u>Annual Fees</u>					
Regular	\$97.00	\$144.00	\$172.00	\$106.00	\$137.00
Junior (between 10 & 18) <small>NOTES 2&3</small>	\$12.00	n/a	n/a	\$21.00	\$52.00
<u>Monthly Fees</u>					
Regular	\$8.08	\$12.00	\$14.33	\$ 8.83	\$11.42
Junior (between 10 & 18) <small>NOTES 2&3</small>	\$1.00	n/a	n/a	\$1.75	\$4.33
<u>Joining Fees</u> <small>NOTE 4</small>					
Regular	\$20.00	\$67.00	\$95.00	\$29.00	\$60.00
Junior (between 10 & 18) <small>NOTE 2</small>	\$9.25	n/a	n/a	\$18.25	\$49.25

* With NMRA Magazine (value \$28/yr)

Notes:

1. NMRA Membership Number & Expiration Date required
2. This membership does not have *voting* privileges
3. Sponsor must be an active BNMR member
4. Does not include and annual or monthly fees

Enclosure 1: BNMR Fee Schedule
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