

FBOM International Club Membership Rules

1) All FBOM members must be 21 years or older. This age must be met upon the date of vote-in.

2) All FBOM members must hold a minimum of a current and valid FCC General Class Amateur Operator license, or equivalent in their country of origin.

2a) Technician Exception: The only Technician class (or equivalent in country of origin) pledge that is permitted to be eligible for vote-in are those that are active in the HF bands as permitted by their license. For example, Techs who actively work 10M and 6M SSB and those who are CW operators. In order to qualify for this exception, the pledge must be able to pass a question/interview panel with the FBOM board. Questions are at the discretion of the board.

3) Any potential member (hereafter referred to as a pledge) must hold a minimum of a valid FCC General Class Amateur Operator license, or equivalent in their country of origin, for ninety (90) days and have shown that they can demonstrate they are proficient at basic radio skills, and demonstrate that they possess a decent portion of the basic technical knowledge required for General class or Amateur Extra class. Should the board feel that this pledge not be ready for vote-in to the club at the 90-day time, they may require an extension of the 90 days. This time may be defined by the board on a per-pledge basis, with no maximum time limit.

4) Any potential member for vote-in must be active in the #fbom and #redditnet channel as well as on www.reddit.com/r/amateurradio, for thirty (30) days prior to their consideration for membership. This is to be considered an initial probationary period.

5) New FBOM members upon vote-in, are not be eligible for voting on club business until six (6) months has elapsed from the date of their vote-in.

6) The "OM Exception": The club officers at their discretion, may call for a vote-in, bypassing all of these rules for a pledge whom they believe meets all requirements.

7) All votes for pledges, after meeting all previously stated requirements or exceptions, shall be unanimous among the representative quorum. If a unanimous vote can not be achieved then the vote is delayed or cancelled until later date. All good standing members of FBOM are eligible to vote in new members.

7b) All votes for new members or other club business shall occur on Tuesdays, during normal day/business hours. All votes shall be tracked as defined in rule 10.

8) Club Events: Field Day and other club events which result in the club members coming together to operate, are limited only to FBOM members which are in good standing. This is to ensure the safety of the event and the club members.

9) Expulsion/Dismissal: The Board of Directors at any time, may choose to call a meeting regarding members which are not promoting the FBOM International mission, or who those whose actions result in negative light being brought upon The Club. This meeting may be held either publicly (IRC) or privately (In-Person, IRC, E-Mail, SMS, Etc) to discuss the possibility of expulsion of the member in question. Grounds for dismissal include but are not limited to: LID behavior, willful violation of regulatory rules, public shaming of The Club, destructive behavior in IRC (hacking, etc), etc. Dismissal may also include violation of verbal warnings as set forth by The Board. Upon Expulsion/Dismissal, the ex-member must remove all association with The Club (i.e. remove Reddit flair, remove information from blogs, webpages, etc) and must not masquerade as an FBOM club member.

10) A shared document shall be created in order to track the status of each potential member. This may include dates of join request, "probationary" periods, etc.

11) The FBOM Board reserves the right at any time, to refuse membership new members, or remove existing members from the club.

These rules are hereby ratified on 18 August 2015, by the following:

Frank P Precissi, KG6EYC, Keeper of the Gavel, Elected Director

Daniel Harris, N3BBQ, Keeper of the License, Elected Director

William Hyatt, AE5CP, Keeper of the Dogecoin, Elected Director

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