



SEATTLE PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILROAD



MEMBER ACCORD

The 4th Division HO Modular Group (the Group) is a part of the 4th Division (4D) of the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). You may become a Member of the Group if you are a member of the NMRA with dues currently paid, you live within the boundaries of 4th Division, you submit an application for Group membership and you ascribe to this Member Accord. Your membership in the Group automatically terminates on termination of NMRA membership or failure to pay NMRA dues. If your membership in the Group is terminated, you must apply for reinstatement to Group membership.

You may continue as a member of the Group as long as you participate in Group activities. The phrase "participate in Group activities" is defined in the Group Policy, and its meaning may be revised from time to time. As a member of the Group, you are entitled to (a) receive notice of, attend and be involved in Group meetings and other Group events, (b) have the benefit of supplies provided by the Group and use of Group equipment, (c) expect to receive support, advice and help that is available to all members of the Group and (d) operate on any Group train layout, except a member who is classified as a New Member as defined by the Group Policy may not operate unless the New Member has first obtained express permission to operate from either the Coordinator responsible for that train layout or his or her designee. All members are entitled to these rights if, and only as long as, the member participates in Group activities. With or without your request, the Executive Committee may temporarily or permanently excuse you for acceptable reasons from participation in one or more Group activities so that you may retain your rights without having to participate in those excused activities.

The members of the Group shall be divided into classes as defined in the Group Policy. The rights and obligations of each class of membership shall be defined in the Group Policy and are subject to change.

If the Executive Committee determines that you did not participate in Group activities for a period of twelve (12) months, you may be denied any or all membership rights or entitlements.

The modular train layout as assembled by the Group is called the Seattle, Pacific and Eastern Railroad (SP&E). The layout operates only in DCC and employs the NCE control system. The Group and individual members each own some of the modules and equipment assembled for each Group layout. Most of the locomotives and rolling stock and some control equipment used on a layout is owned by individual members. No one may use any locomotives, rolling stock or control equipment without the prior specific permission of its owner

No member of the Group shall have any liability for loss or damage to any property used by the Group or its members. No insurance for loss or damage to property is provided. The risk of loss or damage to any member's property shall be borne by the owner of the property.

In order that the layout modules connect and function properly and in order that the layout will present the best display, the Group has standards with which members must comply. These standards cover modules, locomotives, rolling stock, member appearance at shows, operational procedures and other related matters. These standards are set forth in the Group Policy and may be changed from time to time. Any member of the Group who fails to comply with these standards may be denied use of a Group layout and facilities by the Chairman or the layout Coordinator or their designee. Repeated failure to comply with standards can be treated as failure to participate in Group activities and result in loss of membership rights.

The 4D appoints a Chairman for the Group. The Chairman is the principal officer of the Group and with four Active Members, elected from the Active Members, are the Executive Committee for the Group. The Executive Committee conducts and decides on the business of the Group, establishes standards and procedures, defines activities and delegates responsibilities. The Chairman appoints Coordinators who are responsible for implementing the specific Group activities.

I have read and understand this Member Accord and, as a member of the Group, I consent and agree to its terms and conditions.

Signature _____

Date: _____, 20__.

Our mission is to promote individual enjoyment and fellowship, to improve modeling skills, and to increase participation through building, operating and displaying HO scale modular railroads.

