

# **JACKSON FLYERS ASSOCIATION**



## **CLUB BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

#### **A. NAME.**

The Jackson Flyers Association, also known by the short title JFA, is a chartered club, no. 861, of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

#### **B. LOCATION.**

The association operates and exists on Fort Jackson only with the consent of the installation commander. This consent is contingent on the compliance with the requirements and conditions of all Army, AMA & JFA regulations & bylaws.

#### **C. Mailing address**

429 Winding Way  
Columbia, SC 29212

D. Flying Site Location  
Wildcat Rd.  
Fort Jackson, SC.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE.**

To encourage and promote the design, construction and operation of model aircraft and to encourage junior activities in said sport. To maintain a Club flying site and enforce such rules and regulations as are necessary to insure that flying activities sponsored by the Club are conducted in a safe and orderly Manner. The Club is affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as AMA chartered Club no. 861.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP.**

### **A. QUALIFICATIONS.**

Membership shall be primarily for members of the DOD (Department of Defense) family, but is open to other persons of any age of good character who are interested in contributing to the purpose of the club, Membership in this club shall be open to all, upon application and payment of dues, who show an interest in operation of model aircraft, and who are current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). (See paragraph B).

Active membership is maintained by paying annual dues, remaining a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautic and complying with U.S. Army, club and AMA rules and regulations.

All members of this organization are required to read these by-laws as a condition of membership and annually thereafter.

### **B. Types of Membership.**

- 1) A General member is a person who meets the requirements of paragraph A.
- 2) A Family Member is a member of the immediate family of a General Member who shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a General Member, except voting, providing he or she holds a current AMA membership.
- 3) A lifetime Member is a designation bestowed upon a living person, by the membership, who has distinguished him or herself in the hobby of model aeronautics. The Club may consider such designation upon the recommendation, in writing, of a regular member to the board of Directors. Lifetime Members are entitled to all rights and privileges of a General Member. Flying privileges require current AMA membership.
- 4) Associate Member is a JFA member who supports the club and its purpose, is not a current AMA member and therefore is not entitled to flying privileges.

#### C. Dues and Assessments.

Members of the active armed services will be assessed dues at the rate of \$10.00 annually. The annual dues and assessments to be paid by the Club members shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of a simple majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. New members making application between July and September will pay 50% of the annual dues and 25% of the annual dues between October and December.

#### D. RESIGNATION.

Any member in good standing may resign his/her Membership by giving written notice to the Club or by notifying a club officer of

their intention to resign. Dues will be refunded and prorated as described in paragraph C.

#### E. TERMINATION.

Any member ceasing to maintain the qualifications required in paragraph A of this article shall have their membership terminated.

#### F. EXPULSION.

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

#### G. REINSTATEMENT.

Reinstatement to the club requires a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular monthly meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS.**

The Officers listed below will also be known as the Board of Directors of the Jackson Flyers Association. The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies provided they are consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the Club as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors. Official decisions may be made by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

When deemed in the interest of the club, the board is authorized to spend up to \$200.00. Expenditures exceeding this amount must be approved by a simple majority of club members at the next meeting.

A. OFFICERS and Board of Directors.

Elected Officers will be, but not limited to, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Safety Coordinator, who is a member of the Board of Directors, will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

B. TERM OF OFFICE.

Officer terms shall be one year and run from January to December.

C. DUTIES.

1) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall have General supervision of its affairs and shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and the Board of Directors. He shall act as the official Club Spokesman; appoint Committees, including the Nominations Committee, and may sit on any and all committees appointed.

The President or his representative shall be the direct liaison to the Fort Jackson Director, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

2) The Vice-President shall perform and discharge the duties of the President in case of his absence or inability to act. He shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or President shall prescribe.

3) The Secretary will be responsible for all communications entering and leaving the club. The Secretary will maintain the club

and AMA membership rosters and AMA Charter.

The secretary will be custodian of all papers and documents incident to the proper and effective management of the club and shall turn all such papers and documents over in complete order to his successor. The Secretary shall keep an accurate and legible record of all meetings and proceedings.

4) The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Club and shall render an accurate account of the financial condition of the Club at the monthly meeting. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, assessments and amounts owing to the Club and shall deposit same in a bank account in the Clubs name. The Treasurer shall discharge all financial obligation of the Club as approved by the Board of Directors or Club membership.

5) The Safety Coordinator will act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the Club and its members. The Safety Coordinator will develop promote and encourage a climate of Safety awareness among the membership.

#### **D. APPOINTED OFFICERS.**

Other positions may be appointed by the Board of Directors as needed.

As a minimum the board will appoint a Safety Officer.

#### **E. VACANCIES.**

Officer vacancies during the physical year are to be filled by a simple vote of the remaining Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS.**

#### **A. REGULAR MEETINGS.**

Monthly meetings will be held the first Monday of the month, except when a holiday falls in or around that week, the meeting will be held the following Monday. Meetings will start at 7:00 pm as directed by the Board of Directors.

A Quorum for the conducting of a business meeting will consist of 10% of the voting membership plus two directors.

B. The order of business will be set by the current Board of Directors.

### C. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings will be called by the President when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING.**

All records are passed on when new officers are elected.

## **ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES.**

Committees and chairpersons will be formed as necessary by the President or Board of Directors.

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## **ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL**

### A. NOMINATIONS.

Club officers shall be nominated at the regular club meeting each November and elected at the regular December meeting by a simple majority of the member's present.

Nominations for offices can be from the floor or by

committee.

## **ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

### **A. FISCAL YEAR.**

The club fiscal year will be from January to December.

### **B. CLUB LOGO.**

See appendix A

### **C. STANDING RULES.**

See appendix C, Field Safety and Flying Rules.

D. The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

## **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS.**

A. Amendments may be made to the Bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members have been notified and given copies of the proposed changes at the previous regular meeting. The proposed changes will also be published on the club website ([www.jfa-rc.com](http://www.jfa-rc.com)).

B. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the members present, at the regular monthly meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.**

(FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES).

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Board of Directors for its merit and consideration. To accomplish this, a Grievance Form will be filled out and turned into the Board of Directors. See appendix B.

a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into a Club officer.

b. FIRST VIOLATION.

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered by the Board of Directors. Complainant's name will be disclosed. If the violation is substantiated a verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Board of Directors, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

c. SECOND VIOLATION.

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Board of Directors. If the Board so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be published on the Club web site.

d. THIRD VIOLATION.

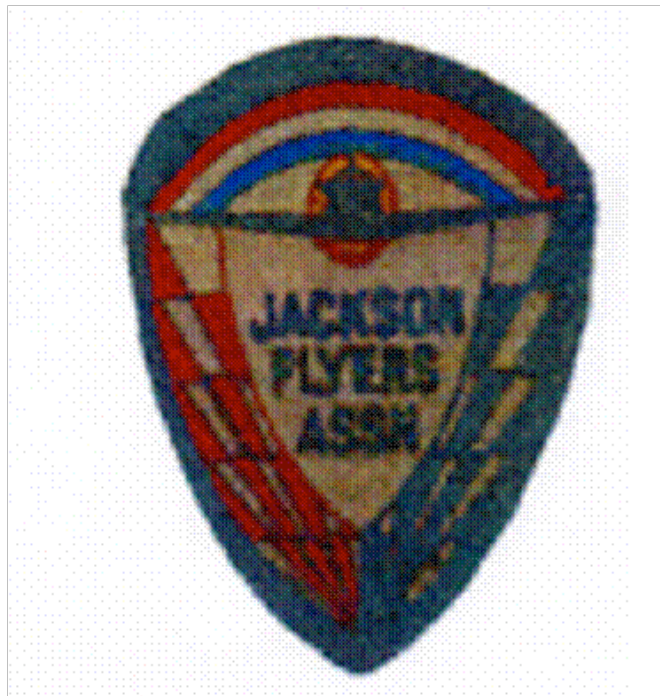
The Board of Directors will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club web site that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot

at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two year period of time.

f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

## Appendix A



# Jackson Flyers Logo

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## Appendix B.

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Grievance Form

Guidelines - Club Bylaws

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time:

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Nature of Violation:

Signature:

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Witnesses (not required):