

# **HIGHLAND LAKES FLYERS CLUB**

## **A CHARTER TO ESTABLISH A SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

#### **A Standing Committee appointed by the Highland Lakes Flyers' Executive Board**

#### **MEMBERS**

Club President, Club Safety Officer, and three other experienced club members. The club's Safety Officer will serve as chairman.

#### **PURPOSE**

To achieve a high level of safe flying practices on the part of all flyers and insure that club members comply with all safety rules and regulations.

#### **TERMS**

The two club officer's terms shall run concurrent with their terms of office. Terms of the three other Committee members shall run for two years. Their appointments shall originate at any of the club's annual November meetings. Vacated positions will be filled to serve the term's remainder.

#### **AUTHORITY**

The Safety Committee shall have the authority to suspend flight privileges for safety violators for periods of time deemed appropriate to the situation. The Committee shall also have the authority to impose certain restrictions on individual flyers where necessary to insure safe flying practices. These might include, but not be limited to, flying with a buddy box, or flying at the side of an advisor. Decisions of the Safety Committee shall be by majority vote of all Committee members and shall be binding on all club members. Any individual member of the Safety Committee may temporarily suspend flying privileges of any flyer if warranted, followed in a timely way by an incident report to the full Committee.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **TRAINING**

- Develop and administer a plan for training new pilots, including designation of qualified instructors.
- Monitor and evaluate each new pilot's training progress.
- Determine when a trainee is ready for graduation to solo flying upon consideration of the instructor's recommendation and direct observation by at least two Committee members of the trainee's skills.
- Provide advice and technical support for student pilots as well as all other pilots seeking to improve their skills.

## **TECHNICAL**

- Inspect and approve or disapprove all new models prior to initial flight.
- Inspect and approve or disapprove all major repaired models before initial flight after repair.

## **FLYING FIELD SAFETY**

Work closely with the club's Field Marshall to insure that flying field conditions are established and maintained in an optimum state of safety.

## **REGULATION OF NON-MEMBER PILOTS**

When the occasion arises that a flyer, who is not a member of the club appears and requests solo flying privileges, it will be the responsibility of the Safety Committee to evaluate the individual's qualifications, including AMA membership, and flying skills before allowing solo flying. The guest flyer must be briefed on the club's rules and regulations before flying, and the guest's model must pass inspection by the Safety Committee. The guest flyer must sign the club's Membership / Guest Agreement. Guest flying privileges are extended only for a single occasion.

A non-member may fly with a qualified instructor on a buddy box on a one-time occasion basis only providing the instructor is in control of the model during landings and takeoffs.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Members of the Committee shall bear primary responsibility for insuring that all flyers adhere to both AMA's and the club's safety rules and regulations.
- Members of the Committee shall take immediate steps to investigate all safety violations involving property damage and personal injury, as well as near misses to property and persons.
- Members of the Committee shall bear primary responsibility for administering all applicable penalties whenever violations of the club's safety rules and regulations occur.

## **PENALTIES**

Penalties may be required to bring members into compliance with the club's rules and regulations. These may include, but not be limited to: verbal or written warnings, requiring pilots to fly with an accompanying experienced advisor, requiring pilots to fly on a buddy box with a qualified instructor, temporary or permanent suspension of flying privileges, and expulsion from the club.

## **Â IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

- Warnings by any member of the Safety Committee may be issued verbally, or in writing, to any club member violating any of the club's rules and regulations.

- When any club member begins to accumulate a series of violations, or establish a pattern of unsafe practices, the Safety Committee shall implement procedures, including penalties, to bring the member into compliance with established rules and regulations.
- When any club member persistently fails to respond positively to the Safety Committee's recommendations for improvement, the Committee shall recommend involuntary termination of membership according to the club's bylaws.

## **IMPOSITION OF MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SERIOUS SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

- If a flyer's model crashes into the flight staging area, the spectator area, or the parking area, that flyer's flight privileges shall be immediately and indefinitely suspended until the Safety Committee convenes, makes a determination of the cause of the accident, and assesses any penalties. Before resumption of flying activities, the Safety Committee must give the member clearance. If the flyer was a trainee, the instructor must participate in the Committee's incident assessment.
- If a flyer's model causes property damage or personal injury, that flyer's flight privileges shall be immediately suspended until satisfactory financial restitution is made and the Safety Committee issues a clearance for resumption of flying activities.
- Any member, whose flying privileges have been suspended, is prohibited from flying at any time under any circumstances until the Safety Committee restores those privileges.

## **HIGHLAND LAKES FLYERS SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Park in designated areas.
- Spectators are not allowed in pit unless accompanied by a Club Member.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Visiting flyers[ AMA Members only] shall comply with all field and AMA rules.
- Adherence to AMA safety code is mandatory.
- All transmitters must have correct frequency pin clipped to antenna.
- Transmitters must not be turned on without proper frequency pin.
- Frequency numbers shall be shared by rotating when more than one flyer with same frequency is present.
- Mufflers are mandatory on engines of .10 CI or more. Everyone shall meet AMA noise limitation level 90 db @ 3 meters.
- Engines shall be started & run on flightline or designated area only. Prop wash shall be directed away from other aircraft or people.
- Takeoffs and landings shall be from and parallel to runway length. All initial turns shall be away from flightline. Aircraft shall be taxied to take off position in allocated taxiways and shall return to flightline the same way.
- Standing on runway for takeoff or flying is prohibited
- All flying shall be in areas designated on aerial photo displayed at field and within the 500 ft. by 2000 ft. space indicated by GREEN on the photo. Absolutely no flying behind flightline or in red zone.
- All aircraft shall be flown in a left or right hand pattern on either runway as dictated by the wind direction.
- All flying shall be done beyond edge of runway except takeoffs, landings or touch & goes.
- No more than 4 planes shall be airborne at one time.
- If full size aircraft approach, all models shall avoid close proximity to them.

- Advise flight line flyers if it is necessary for you to go on the runway to retrieve your aircraft.
- If necessary to go on private property to retrieve an aircraft, show proper respect for the property of others.
- Student pilots must be supervised until soloed & then checked frequently.
- Each flyer is responsible for any damage they may cause
- Any person responsible for same Frequency accidents shall repair or replace downed aircraft to the satisfaction of the owner.
- Place trash in container specified and take turns removing same from field.
- Violation of these rules may be grounds for suspension of your flying privileges by the club's officers.
- Penalties for safety infractions include: verbal or written warnings, requiring the violator to fly with an experienced pilot at his/her side, requiring the violator to fly on a buddy box with a qualified instructor, temporary or permanent suspension of flight privileges, and expulsion from the club.
- If an accident occurs, the party at fault must accept financial responsibility for all damages and personal injury.