

Falcon R/C Club Constitution

Article I: Name and Purpose

A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Falcon R/C Club.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to promote interest in, and to provide assistance in the building and operation of R/C model aircraft.

Article II: General Provision

A. General Provision

The organization will comply with all regulations set forth by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and AFI34-223.

Article III: Membership

A. Classes of Membership

- 1) Junior member: Members who have not reached their 16th birthday.
- 2) Senior Members: Members who have reached their 16th birthday
- 3) The club shall be composed of junior and senior members, according to the definition stated above. Junior members will enjoy all the rights and privileges granted to the senior members, but must be accompanied by an adult.

B. Membership

- 1) This Club will be open to Active Duty, Retired personnel, Civilian employees and their dependents and guests.
- 2) All members participating in flying activities must be in good standing with the AMA or Sport Flyers Association (SFA).
- 3) Dues shall be \$25.00 per year for a family membership and 10 hours of service to the club in any method the member chooses, i.e. field clean-up, club activities such as BX displays and Open House/Fun Fly events. Dues are to be collected March 1st of each year. Members joining after September 1st shall pay \$15.00.
- 4) Airfield improvement fees will be assessed by a majority vote of members present at a monthly membership meeting.

Article IV: Insurance

A. Insurance

All members of this club participating in flying activities will be insured through either AMA or SFA. Both of these companies offer \$2.5 million liability coverage.

Article V: Officers

A. Officers

Officers of this club shall be president, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and will be nominated annually or by vacation of office by majority vote.

B. Duties of officers

1) President

Will preside at all meetings. He will call a meeting when petitioned to do so by a majority of the club members. It is the responsibility of the president to see to it that all official communications and all correspondence concerning the club are read in their entirety to the members at the next regular meeting. He shall be responsible for setting up all committees and enforcing all matters dealing with such and shall be empowered to decide ties in all matters involving the popular vote of the club.

2) Vice-President

Shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence. He shall assist all executive officers in the performance of their duties. In the absence of the treasurer, the vice-president shall be hereby empowered to collect club dues, and any other special assessments owed by the other members, shall have a receipt thereof, and turn over all such payments along with a report to the treasurer before the next meeting.

3) Secretary/Treasurer

Shall perform all duties and exercise all privileges of corresponding secretary. He shall maintain a file of all correspondences relating to the club and Shall maintain the minutes of club meetings, and all other records related to the club. He shall assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and the vice-president and shall keep on file both a record of all members and a record of dues paid and owed by the membership. He shall be the custodian of the club funds on which he will report the status of at each meeting and shall

receive all club funds. Receipts will be given for all funds received and the transactions entered in the minutes of the meeting.

4) Safety Officer

Shall act as a communications liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material and assist the AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents. He shall act as safety advisor and resource manager for the club and its members and develop promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the club. Activities may include: inspection of operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable, conducting safety awareness training and related programs during club meetings and conducting an annual safety audit of club facilities, equipment and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by member and the public. He shall have authority to enforce the AMA Safety Code and any additional club safety rules.

Article VI: Activities

A. Activities

- 1) This organization will engage in the following activities
 - a) Club flying
 - b) Fun flies
 - c) Swap meets
 - d) R/C flight demonstrations by request
 - e) Club aircraft displays at various locations

Article VII: Meetings

A. General membership meetings

- 1) Meeting of the general membership will be held once each month. Dates will be determined by the officers and the availability of a suitable location.
- 2) Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the president of the organization upon reasonable notice to the membership. Business at a special meeting will be restricted to business serving the purpose for which the meeting was called.

- 3) In general, meetings shall be open and club members shall be encouraged to invite guest to attend. The election meeting shall be held in closed session. Only club members will be allowed to vote.

B. Election meetings

- 1) Election meetings will be held during Nov. or Dec, Dependant on the availability of a suitable location. Nominations will be made from the floor, by members in good standing.
- 2) The member receiving the highest number of votes shall be the one elected.
- 3) Should the office of president be vacated, the vice-president shall assume the duties thereof.
- 4) Any other vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote.
- 5) The term of office shall be one year beginning on 1 Jan.
- 6) Any officer can be removed from office by a majority vote.

C. Executive meetings

- 1) Executive committee meetings will be held at the discretion of the president.

Article VIII: Amendments

A. Amendments

- 1) This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members at any meeting.

Article IX: Dissolution

A. Dissolution

- 1) Upon dissolution of this organization, all assets will be applied toward satisfying the liabilities of the organization. Any residual assets will be divided equally among all members in good standing.

Falcon R/C Club By-Laws

Article I

These by-laws and any future amendments to the same shall become effective upon adoption by the membership. All amendments to the flying field rules of Article XIV of these by-laws shall become effective upon adoption by the club.

Article II

All Club members that participate in flying activities will be insured through the AMA or SFA. They will be responsible for any actions of their dependents and guests.

Article III

Field and facilities for all club members are available for their use as long as there is no interference with club activities.

Article IV

An individual who continuously and flagrantly, disregards the rights and safety of others must and shall become a matter of prime concern to the club and its membership. The Club shall be required to take action against the said offending individual. Every effort shall be made, to make this action corrective in nature. The first warning shall be verbal, the second written and as a last resort revocation of denial of club membership. The revocation or denial of club membership and/or flying field privileges shall be used only as a last resort to protect the rights and safety of the others. A committee shall be assigned to study and evaluate the case against the offender and shall recommend a course of action based on their findings. The club shall honor and follow this committee's recommendations without referral to a vote unless said recommendation is the revocation or denial of club membership and/or flying field privileges. In this case a special meeting shall be called, and the committee shall present its findings and their reasons for the recommendation. A vote shall be taken with the concurrence of at least 3/4 of the members present the offender's membership and/or flying field privileges shall be revoked or denied. The offender shall not be allowed to participate in anyway, in any of the activities pertaining to his case. With the exception that, if revocation or denial is recommended, the offender shall be allowed the opportunity to plead his case to the membership prior to taking of the vote.

Article V

The Falcon R/C Club flying field shall be an open field, that is, the flying field shall be open for use by members and their guests unless this privilege has been denied or revoked as per Article IV of the by-laws

Article VI

The club shall establish, enforce, and maintain both at the flying field and in these by-laws a document known as the Flying Field Rules. All persons using the Falcon R/C Club flying field shall be subject to these rules. These rules shall be nondiscriminatory in nature and shall be designed only to promote safety and sportsmanship. The flying field rules shall be subject to review by committee on an annual basis. Supplementary reviews may be held at any time the club membership or the president deems necessary.

Article VII

The club shall maintain at the flying field a frequency control board with a properly numbered frequency pin for each of the frequencies allocated for use with radio controlled model aircraft. The frequencies and numbers shall be as set forth by the rules and guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the AMA. This frequency control board shall be used to prevent two or more transmitters on the same frequency from inadvertently being turned on at the same time. Frequency protection shall be given to the airborne radio controlled aircraft in order to prevent loss of control due to frequency jamming, better known as a frequency “shoot down”. The frequency control board system shall be run on the honor system in that an individual shall not turn on their transmitter unless the proper frequency pin is in their possession. During special events the Falcon R/C Club will implement the transmitter impound system wherein all transmitters for non flying aircraft shall be impounded in a suitable area in order to provide frequency protection for the airborne radio controlled model aircraft. Common sense rules of checking the frequency board for the pin and calling out your frequency number apply at all time.

Article VIII

Any damage incurred to another aircraft because of neglect, (I.E., Shoot down and/or deliberate actions) for any reason will be the legal and financial responsibility of the offender. If an agreement can not be reached by the parties involved, the executive officers will investigate the incident.

NOTE: This does not apply to mid-air collisions during fun fly or competition events (combat, racing, etc.) as these events are flown at your own risk.

Article IX

The club shall maintain a diagram of the flying field showing the approved runways, taxi ways, pilot areas, pit areas, parking areas, the restricted (no over flying) zones, the takeoff patterns and the landing patterns.

Article X: Committees

- A. Committees may be established at the discretion of the president. A committee must be established for matters involving:
- 1) Disciplinary action against a club member or a pilot.
 - 2) The formulation of contests.
 - 3) The review of the flying field rules.

Article XI: Programs

The club may entertain any such programs that would promote the building and/or flying of model aircraft.

Article XII

All members of the Falcon R/C Club must read and certify their complete understanding of these by-laws that are readily available from the club secretary.

Article XIII

These by-laws are hereby agreed and subscribed to by each club member. In addition to the safety rules set by the AMA.

Article XIV

All members of the Falcon R/C Club must read and certify their complete understanding of these by-laws that are readily available from the club secretary.

Article XV

The flying field rules shall read as follows:

The Falcon R/C Club and Hill flying field rules

Welcome to the Falcon R/C Club flying field. You are subject to the following rules, and the rules set forth by the AMA. Failure to comply with these rules could result in your being barred from further use of this facility.

- A. You must be insured by the AMA or SFA to fly model aircraft at this field.
NOTE: Anyone using this facility without the required insurance will be held fully accountable for any damages incurred.
- B. A flag or ribbon with your frequency number will be attached to your transmitter.
- C. You must not turn on your transmitter without the proper frequency control pin attached to your transmitter.
 - 1) Obtain frequency control pin from frequency control board prior to transmitter turn on.
 - 2) Pilot must call out his/her frequency to ensure it is clear.
 - 3) Return the pin to the frequency control board upon the completion of flying or check out activities.
 - 4) Pilots with wide band radios must get the permission of the other members present at the field. They will also obtain the frequency control pins for their frequency plus the two adjacent channels.
Example channel 22 would take pins for 21, 22, and 23.
- D. All takeoffs and landings will be forward of the designated pilot stations area. There will be no taxiing, takeoffs or landings from the pilot stations or the pit area.
- E. You will not fly over or behind any part of the restricted zones (pilot stations, pit area, spectator area, and parking lot).
- F. When you are taxiing out for takeoff, preparing to land, or having problems in the air **ANNOUNCE IT**. Pay attention to announcements. **While flying, yield the right of way to takeoffs, landings, and emergencies.**
- G. Do not loiter on the runways or in the areas at the end of the runways. If your engine quits, etc. on or near the runway announce your intentions and quickly retrieve your aircraft.
- H. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc. are restricted to the parking area(s).
- I. Absolutely no unaccompanied children (15 years old and under) in the pit area or on the runway.
- J. No alcoholic beverages allowed at the flying field.
- K. When in doubt, the safety and well being of others shall always take precedence over everything else.

- L. Radio controlled ground vehicles are to be kept out of the pits and runway/taxiway areas.
- M. Ground vehicle operators must operate from the west or north side of the car track to maintain the highest safety margin in case of aircraft emergencies.
- N. Trash receptacles are provided for your use, clean up after yourself. If you see that the receptacles are full, help out and take the trash with you, spare bags are located in the storage shed.