

Club Bylaws Hill Top Flyers Chartered Club #1518

ARTICLE I. Name and Description

Hill Top Flyers (Club) is a non-profit voluntary organization members are engaged in the hobby of radio controlled model aircraft.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

- A. To encourage and promote the design, construction and operation of model aircraft.
- B. To provide for and regulate contests, events and exhibitions for such aircraft.
- C. To maintain a Club flying site and enforce such rules and regulations as are necessary to insure that all flying activities are conducted in a safe and orderly manner.
- D. The Club shall maintain its affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as AMA Chartered Club #1518.

ARTICLE III. Membership

- A. General – All persons will be considered for membership except those applicants that have previously been expelled for non-compliance with Club bylaws and AMA rules. (See Reinstatement Article III C-5.)
 1. Membership in the Club has certain rights, responsibilities, and entitlements.
 2. Active membership is attained and maintained by paying annual dues and complying with Club and AMA rules, bylaws, and regulations. The definition of a family membership will be determined by a majority of the Board of Directors. (Board)
 3. All flying members are required to be members of AMA.
 4. Voting privileges are limited to one vote per family membership.
 5. Limits on the total number of members shall be determined by a majority of the Board and approved by a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting.
- B. Dues and Assessments – The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board.
 1. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by a majority vote of the Board on a case-by-case basis. (See Article III D)
 2. Dues shall be payable annually prior to the first day of April for each calendar year.
 3. Dues for new members shall include an initiation fee. New members making application between September 1 and December 31 shall have their dues prorated at the rate of twenty five percent (25%) of the annual dues.
 4. Members who let their membership lapse for a period of one (1) year or more will be considered new members when they make application for membership and be subject to the initiation fee.
 5. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at a general

Club meeting and the members have been given five (5) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.

- C. Resolution of Grievances – The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed.
1. Every member has an obligation to take immediate, direct corrective action when they observe another member willfully violate Club and/or AMA safety rules. That member shall also report such violation(s) to the Club's Safety Officer. Upon notification, the Safety Officer shall investigate the situation and if necessary, verbally notify the member that they are in violation of Club and/or AMA safety rules and explain the rule(s). The Safety Officer shall report the action taken to the Board. The Club Secretary shall make a written record of the violation.
 2. Upon being notified of a second willful violation the Board, with a majority vote, may instruct the Secretary to give the offender a written notification of the violation.
 3. On the third willful violation within a twelve (12) month period, the Board, by a majority vote, shall use its judgment to determine whether the violator will have their membership revoked.
 4. The Club has a zero tolerance policy regarding drugs and alcohol. Violators of the rules regarding drugs and alcohol are subject to immediate expulsion from the Club.
 5. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Board.
- D. Resignation - Any member in good standing may resign their membership by giving notice to the Club. In the case of illness, death or moving out of the area, a prorated portion of the dues may be refunded as decided by a majority vote of the Board.
- E. Termination – The Board, by a majority vote, shall have the discretionary authority to expel any member whose actions are detrimental to the well being and safety of the Club, the AMA or to model aviation.
1. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in AMA, their membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors – The members of the Board shall be the elected Officers of the Club.

- A. Duties – The duties of the Board shall be the management of the affairs of the Club and shall have authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum at a Board meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE V. Officers - The officers of the Club shall be, but not limited to, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

- A. Duties –
1. President – The duties of the President shall be to act as Chief Executive Officer of the Club and Chairman of all meetings of the Club or the Board and he shall be responsible for general management of the Club. He shall see that all directives of the Board are carried out, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

2. Vice-President – The Vice-President shall serve in the place of the President in his absence, and shall have the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the President during such service.
3. Secretary – The Secretary shall enter and maintain in the books of the Club, minutes of all regular and special meetings and meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall furnish all notices to the membership as required by the Board.
4. Treasurer – The treasurer shall maintain custody of all Club funds and securities, record in Club books full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, deposit all monies, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the Club in such depositories that may be designated by the Board and disburse funds of the Club as may be directed by the Board. The Treasurer shall conduct the necessary activities to maintain the Club's affiliation with the AMA as a Chartered Club. The Treasurer shall receive the payments by the membership of dues and assessments and notify the Board of all delinquencies. Upon request he shall render to the President or the Board an account of his transactions and shall report at each semi-annual general meeting the financial transactions occurring since the last meeting and the resulting financial condition of the Club.
5. Appointed Officers – Other positions may be appointed by a majority of the Board and shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE VI Terms of Office –

- A. Election and term – Elections shall be held at the semi-annual general meeting in October of each year and terms of office shall begin immediately.
- B. The term of office will be for one (1) year.
- C. Election shall be by majority vote of the membership, with a quorum being present. A quorum will be two (2) Board members and five (5) additional voting members.
- D. Nominations shall be made by a majority of the Board and/or by nominations, with the consent of the nominee, from the floor.
- E. Vacancies – In the event that any office shall become vacant, a majority of the Board may appoint a temporary successor until the semi-annual meeting in October.
- F. Removal – Any officer of the Club may be removed from office by affirmative vote by a majority of the membership.

ARTICLE VII. Amendment of the Bylaws

Amendments may be made to these Bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members with a quorum present, at a general meeting. Mail in ballots will be made available for those members who cannot attend the meeting. Those ballots, returned by mail before the announced general meeting, will be counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Duration

The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution

1. The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a majority vote of the Board and a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Club, dispose of all the assets of the Club exclusively for the purposes of the Club in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization or organizations with purposes similar to the purposes of this club, as the Board shall determine.