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## ARTICLE 1: NAME

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1. This organization shall be known as: Wright Flyers Club
2. The Wright Flyers Club Field is located at 10870 Furman Ln, Woodstock, MD 21163
3. The Club is a chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (registered as Wright Flyers Club Number 3311
4. The Club web site is [www.wrightflyers.org](http://www.wrightflyers.org)

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## ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

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The objectives of this organization are as follows:

1. To promote and encourage the design, construction, flying of radio controlled aircraft and education of the science and technology of radio control equipment, radio control model aircraft and model flight.
2. To endorse and participate in community involvement to exemplify community spirit among model aviators.

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## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

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### QUALIFICATIONS

1. All new members must pay a one-time Field Maintenance Fee (equal to one half of yearly dues) and all dues and fees as set forth by the Wright Flyers Club.
2. Members must maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
3. All members must submit a Membership Application each year.
4. Membership shall be entitled participation in all activities of the Wright Flyers Club.
5. Members must register with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and meet all FAA requirements applicable to members of a community based organization.
6. A new member shall not fly unassisted until he/she has demonstrated his/her ability to fly in a safe manner to persons designated by the President of the club.

### DUES

1. Dues amount is to be established by the club. A discount of 50% is offered for youth membership and members joining after the month of August.

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2. Dues are non-refundable except under extraordinary circumstances which will be determined by the Officers on a case-by-case basis.
3. Dues are due February 1st of each year. Any member who has not paid dues by March 15<sup>th</sup> is considered delinquent and no longer an active member. After March 15<sup>th</sup>, a new application for membership is required, except under extraordinary circumstances which will be determined by the Officers on a case-by-case basis.

## TERMINATION

1. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby be terminated.
2. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Club Board of Directors if it is their determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, the AMA safety guidelines, or is detrimental to the Club.

## REINSTATEMENT

1. A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement of an individual to the club if the individual had been terminated by the Board of Directors.

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## ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

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### OFFICERS

1. Officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Membership Coordinator, Treasurer, and Safety Officer.
2. Vacancies in any office, other than President, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers. The appointed officer shall serve until the end of the term for which he/she was appointed.
3. These officers will serve as the Board of Directors for the Club who make decisions concerning club policies, rules, and regulations.

### DUTIES

1. President acts as and orders or designates contact with Baltimore County officials, directs the formation of committees and chairs club meetings.
  - a. The President will have discretionary spending, of up to \$100.00 annually, without requiring Club approval.

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- b. During the term of his office, the President may award up to two (2) full memberships at no charge in return for services to the Club. Approval of a majority of the Club Officers is required for the no charge membership to be valid.
- c. In consideration for the amount of effort and dedication that is required, the Club President is awarded free membership for his/her term of office.
4. Vice-President chairs meetings in the President's absence and assumes the duties of President if the President is unable to serve.
5. Membership Coordinator creates and maintains the club's membership records.
6. Treasurer handles all club finances.
  - a. The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books.
  - b. The treasurer shall have the authority to authorize expenditures from the club treasury upon authorization by the President.
7. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer is NOT the field police. The safety officer promotes and encourages a climate of safety awareness within the club. He or she provides communications between AMA and the club in matters related to safety. He or she establishes a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents and annually reviews emergency procedures with club members.
8. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of two times a year. Any Board member can call for a Board meeting at any time.
9. Board members shall attend a minimum of two club meetings a year.
10. An official decision of the Board takes three members in agreement.

## ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall take place at the last meeting of the election year. Term of office is for one year. An officer can serve a term of more than one year if re-elected in the annual election.
2. Elections shall be held by official ballot. Nominations for officers shall be at any time up to and including the meeting of the election. Nominations may be made in person or in a written communication to the secretary, or another officer designated by the President. Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority.
3. New officers will take office on December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of elections.

## CLUB MEETINGS

1. The club will meet a minimum of four times a year. The meeting dates will be scheduled by the Board of Directors. Notification of the club meeting dates will be provided at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

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2. Any member of the club can request action of the club and/or its officers by motion made at a regular meeting of the club, which must be seconded and approved by majority vote.
3. At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be a vote of over 50% of the members present at the meeting.

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## ARTICLE 4 AMMENDMENTS

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1. Amendments may be made to the Constitution and By-laws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least thirty (30) 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-third (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the regular monthly meeting, or by a (2/3) majority vote of the members responding to a vote conducted by postal mail, electronic mail, a web-based polling application, or a combination thereof.
2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be submitted for consideration by the Club membership by an official decision of the Board.
3. Any club member may make a motion to amend the Constitution and By-laws at a regular meeting of the club and such becomes a proposed Amendment upon majority vote of the members present at the meeting. The club officers shall provide the necessary notice and conduct the vote.

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## ARTICLE 5 DISSOLUTION

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1. The Wright Flyers Club may be dissolved only with the authorization of the Board of Directors after a special meeting called for that expressed purpose and with subsequent approval of a supermajority (2/3rds) vote of the members.
2. All liabilities and obligations of the club shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged or adequate provisions shall be made.
3. Assets not held upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance shall be distributed, transferred or conveyed to a charitable organization as determined by the board of directors.

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## WRIGHT FLYERS CLUB FIELD RULES AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

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1. All flyers will adhere to established field and safety rules as set by the AMA.
2. All flyers will have in their possession a current valid AMA membership card and a club membership card.

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3. Guest Flyers: Non-Members may fly as a guest of a club member on no more than three occasions. Guest may fly in a club sponsored club activity but must have a current AMA and FAA membership card.
4. There will be no flying over: spectators, pits, and parking areas.
5. All glow powered or gas engines must be equipped with an adequate muffler. The aircraft must not exceed a sound level of 95 dB at 3 meters at 9000 RPM.
6. No turbine powered aircraft are permitted.
7. No First Person View (FPV) piloted aircraft will be flown at the Wright Flyers field.
8. Verbal announcements will be given when taking off and when making a landing approach. Dead stick landing will take priority over all landings and take offs.
9. All participants will be responsible for maintaining a clean and respectable field. Example: Take all trash that you bring!
10. No flying is permitted beyond the perimeters of the landfill.
11. Drive only to and from flying field and nowhere else in the facilities. Members are only allowed access to the area in the immediate vicinity of the flying field (area maintained by Wright Flyers Club). Members may go to other areas of the landfill only to retrieve a model that has gone down outside of the flying field.
12. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in Landfill.
13. Hours of operation: Daybreak to Dusk. Models with internal combustion engines may not fly before 12:00 Noon on Sundays.
14. You enter the landfill at your own risk. Neither Baltimore County or Wright Flyers Club are responsible for injury or accident.
15. Landfill gate must be locked properly as follows:
  - a. As a general rule, if you find the gate locked when you arrive, it can be unlocked and left open while you are on the property between daybreak and dusk.
  - b. During week days, contractors and county employees may be performing work at the facility. Therefore, the gate should be left as it is found upon entering and leaving.
  - c. If you are leaving the facility at dusk, always lock the gate with the assigned lock in a daisy chain fashion with the other locks on the gate.
  - d. On Sundays, when contractors or county employees are NOT working at the facility, the gate should be locked if you are the last club member leaving the facility.
16. Any violations of the above, or common sense rules, or unsafe or discourteous actions; will subject the violation to a review by the Board of Directors and subsequent termination of the person from flying at the field.

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## Certification

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wright Flyers Club and adopted by the Board of Directors on September 1, 2022

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