

Bylaws
For
The Lafayette Cloud Jockeys

Revised February 2, 2018

ARTICLE I: NAME

A. NAME

Lafayette Cloud Jockeys

B. LOCATION

Lafayette, Indiana

C. POSTAL ADDRESS

Lafayette Cloud Jockeys P.O. Box 5085

Lafayette, Indiana 47903

D. WEB SITE ADDRESS

www.cloudjockeys.org

E. Flying Field(s)

- 1. The Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana shall maintain a flying field at McAllister Park in Lafayette, Indiana in cooperation with the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department**
 - a. ***GPS Coordinates: North 40 deg. 26 min. West 86 deg. 53 min. Elevation: 473 ft.***
- 2. The Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana shall maintain a flying field at Timberhouse Aero Estates on 950 S.**
 - a. ***GPS Coordinates: North 40 deg. 17 min. West 86 deg. 51.5 min.***

F. Corporation Status

The Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana is a non-profit corporation organized under Indiana state law.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Lafayette Cloud Jockeys is an association of modelers organized for the purpose of the promotion, development, education and advancement of model aviation under the guidelines of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

Proof of AMA membership must be shown before joining.

B. DUES

1. Regular adult membership (19 years of age as of July 1) - \$ 50.00
2. Junior membership (under 19 years of age) – Free, provided the proposed member has parental consent and a valid AMA Youth Membership
3. Family membership - \$ 60.00 (Modeler, spouse, and children under the age of 26 who are attending school or serving in the US Armed Forces.)
4. Payment date of member dues is January 1 of each year.
5. New members:
 - A.) From January 1st to May 30th. a new member pays full membership dues of \$50.
 - B.) From June 1st to September 30th. New member pays \$30.
 - C.) After October 1st a new member pay \$50 and this will also cover the full following year

C. FISCAL YEAR.

Fiscal year runs from March 1 through February 28 (29th in a leap year)

D. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

E. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice-President /Secretary
3. Vice-President /Treasurer
4. Board Members at large and alternate board member at large

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected annually.

C. DUTIES

1. President - shall serve as a de-facto member of all club committees and task forces. The President shall direct Club activities in accordance with the Bylaws and the policies of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint any standing committee chairmen, temporary committee chairmen, and task force chairmen, and fills any committee vacancies that might occur in the course of a year. The President, or the Vice-President/Secretary if the President is unavailable, in consultation with the Board of Directors shall determine the order of business and shall act as the Chairperson for the meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. Vice-President/Secretary - shall serve as a de-facto member of all club committees and task forces. The Vice-President/Secretary shall function as acting President in the President's absence. The Vice-President/Secretary will maintain the agenda for the business portion of the Board meeting and shall record the minutes of the Board meetings and publish them in the club newsletter (The Flypaper).
4. Vice-President/Treasurer - shall keep accounts of the Club in sound fiscal order. The Vice-President/Treasurer will handle all receipts and disbursements from the Club treasury and will record the dues paying status of each member and submit a list of members in good standing to the editor of the Club Newsletter
5. Board Members at Large - Four members at large and one alternate member at large will serve on the board. The alternate shall stand in the place of and vote for one absent board member at large.

D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

The President shall appoint the Safety coordinator, the Club field marshal, any standing committee chairmen, any temporary committee chairmen, and any task force

chairmen, and fill any committee or task force vacancies that might occur in the course of a year.

E. VACANCIES

If for any reason an elected officer or board member at large cannot complete his/her term a replacement will be elected by the general membership.

ARTICLE V: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The President, or the Vice-President/Secretary if the President is unavailable, in consultation with the Board of Directors shall determine the order of business and shall act as the Chairperson for the meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Composition will consist of three elected officers and four board members at large and one alternate board member at large. The alternate shall stand in the place of and vote for one absent board member at large.

B. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Members of the board must:

- a. Must reside in the Lafayette area or fly regularly at the Lafayette Cloud Jockey fields.
- b. Fly at the fields at least five (5) times a year.
- c. Be a member in good standing.
- d. Willing to represent the general membership to the best of his/her ability.

2. The term will be one year, beginning January 1

3. There will be no limit on the number of times a member may be elected.

4. Five (5) members of the board must be present for any official business to take place. See Article VI A for Board of Directors composition.

5. All board meetings will be open to attendance by general membership. Those wishing to present issues or concerns must contact the President prior to the

board meeting.

6. The board will be required to obtain approval from the general membership for the following:

- a. Spending more than \$ 1000 or 50% of the treasury (in the event the treasury is less than \$ 1000) over normal operating expenses for a single month.
- b. Increasing dues by more than \$10.00 per year.
- c. Changing the club by-laws.

7. The board may seek input through surveys, polls, or invitation from the general membership.

8. A summary of each board meeting shall be published in the club newsletter.

9. The Board and the President will be responsible for the annual renewal of the club incorporation *papers*.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

- A. Recommendations for Bylaws changes may be proposed in writing by any Board member at large, any Officer, or 33% of the membership of the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, IN.
- B. The Board of Directors shall direct the proposed amendments to the Bylaws Committee for recommendations prior to deliberation by the Board of Directors and Officers. The Bylaws Committee shall review the proposed amendments and present their recommendations concerning the proposed amendments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Bylaws Committee recommendations and return them to the Bylaws Committee for further consideration if necessary.
- C. The Board of Directors (and the Officers) shall then present the proposed amendments to the membership for vote at an announced special meeting (a regular meeting could serve as the special meeting if properly announced – an interval of one month intervening). Please see Article VIII.B.2 below regarding special meeting announcement.
- D. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing present at the special called meeting or voting by absentee ballot shall result in the adoption of the amendment(s). Signed absentee ballots will be allowed and counted if mailed so that the absentee ballot can be counted at the special called meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

1. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted or changed. Changes will be advertised in the Club Calendar on our Website and the newsletter

2. Board meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month at after the regular meeting unless otherwise noted or changed.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Club Events

a. The board will determine a calendar of events for each year. In case of inclement weather, each contest should have a scheduled rain date. If the rain date is also unsuccessful, a later date may be established for the event.

b. AMA Sanctioned Events (competitive and non-competitive)

1. The Contest Director (CD) is responsible for enforcing rules and making decisions relative to contest operation.

2. The Club or CD may set specific rules for individual events.

3. The CD is allowed to participate in any or all events.

c. Competitive Events - The contest committee will determine the number of and content of each contest.

2. Called Special Meetings

a. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Board of Directors, by the President, or the written request of 33% of the membership of the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, IN. The date and place of the special Board of Directors/membership meeting shall be announced in the club newsletter and/or by letter to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

b. The voting body at the special called meeting shall be all members in good standing. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing present at the special called meeting or voting by absentee ballot shall result in the adoption of the amendment(s). Signed absentee ballots will be allowed and counted if mailed so that the absentee ballot can be counted at the special called meeting. The Chairperson of the special called meeting will be the President or, if the President is unavailable, the Vice-President.

Winter Banquet and Awards

1. A banquet may be held each new year in the first Quarter, for the purpose of fellowship and presenting awards from the previous year.
2. This banquet is the responsibility of the outgoing President and his fellow officers or appointees.
3. The following awards should be presented at the banquet:
 - a. "Most Improved Flyer" as chosen by the board.
 - b. "Top Gun" for the overall points Champion for Club Combat Contest.
 - c. "Soaring Master, for the overall points champion for Club Soaring contests.
 - d. "Cloud Jockey of the Year": -- The Cloud Jockey of the Year award will be presented to the person who contributes the most, toward the benefit of the Club. This person will be nominated by the club membership through secret ballot. The club officers will count the ballots and determine who receives the most nominations and thus the award. These contributions may include extra effort or special contributions in any or all of the following categories:
 - Participation in club activities,
 - Serving on club committees,
 - Assisting other members,
 - Being an ambassador to other clubs and the surrounding Communities
 - Being a leader in helping to improve the club.

ARTICLE IX: OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

An official newsletter, The Flypaper, for the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana will be published regularly (on a monthly basis, if possible). A. The newsletter is to be published and distributed prior to the monthly meeting

of the Cloud Jockeys.

B. The newsletter editor shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

It is possible for the newsletter editor to be an officer but is not required.

C. The preferred method of distribution of the newsletter shall be via e-mail for those members with access to e-mail or the Lafayette Cloud Jockeys

Web page.

D. The Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana, may at the discretion of the Board of Directors, create and maintain a web site for public information regarding the Cloud Jockeys (www.cloudjockeys.org).

ARTICLE X: RECORD KEEPING

All records are passed on when new officers are elected.

A. The Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana will keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, the officers, the Board of Directors, and committees. The books and records of accounts shall be kept at the home of the Vice-President/Treasurer of the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana.

The minutes of the various proceedings of the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana shall be kept at the home of the Vice-President/Secretary.

A record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote shall be kept at the home of the Vice-President/Secretary of the Cloud Jockeys of Lafayette, Indiana.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees, Special Committees, Task Forces, and committee membership. Committee Positions are appointed by the President and serve at his discretion.

A. Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members in good standing and shall be appointed by the President. The term of office for the committee members is one year. Committee members may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.

B. Field(s) Maintenance Committee. The Field(s) Maintenance Committee Shall Be composed of four members in good standing and shall be appointed by the President. The term of office for the committee members is one year. Committee members may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.

C. Parks Liaison -Coordinates Cloud Jockey efforts with the Lafayette Parks & Recreation staff regarding the McAllister Park flying field. The member serving in this capacity will be appointed by the President. The term of office is one year, and the member may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.

D. Timberhouse Aero Estates Liaison - Coordinates Cloud Jockey efforts with the Timberhouse Aero Estates staff regarding the Timberhouse Aero Estates Flying Field. The member serving in this capacity will be appointed by the President. The term of office is one year, and the member may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.

D. Department: Public Relations

Provides public media entities with appropriate information about the Cloud Jockeys outreach activities. The member serving in this capacity will be appointed by the

President. The term of office is one year, and the member may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.

ARTICLE XII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be held at the regular November club meeting, for the officers stated below

- a. President
- b. Vice-President/Secretary
- c. Vice-President/Treasurer
- d. Board Members at Large and alternate board member at large

Nominees must be present at the regular November club meeting to be nominated unless previously arranged and approved with the President.

B. ELECTION

Elections for each office are held by secret ballot at the regular December club meeting, listing the nominees for each office in the order stated below

- a. President
- b. Vice-President/Secretary
- c. Vice-President/Treasurer
- d. Board Members At Large and the alternate board member at large

Appendix – General Field Rules

Safe Pilot Procedures – At All Fields, At All Times, by All Members

- 1. All Cloud Jockeys are expected to operate their model aircraft in accordance with the AMA Safety Code and the “See and Avoid guidance” issued by the AMA.**
- 2. Each member is responsible for safe operation of their model aircraft.**
- 3. Each member is responsible for ensuring that spectators and visitors are safe and out of the pit/flight areas**
- 4. You don’t need to be asked to spot for a pilot or to help a member that could need help. Safety begins by looking out for each other.**
- 5. The current version of the AMA Safety code and “See and Avoid Guidance” are posted at each field and are available thru the AMA website**

Safe Pilot Procedures - McAlister Park North Field

1. Always takeoff into the wind. This determines flight direction. Pilots already in the air control the landing pattern. Ask before you take off.
2. Always stand behind safety fence when flying. You are only allowed on the runway for takeoff.
3. Always check with the pilots(s) in the air for permission to use the runway. If the pilot wishes to fly alone - please limit flights to 10 minutes when there are other pilots waiting.
4. Always stand close to pilots so communication is possible. Use spotter when available.
5. Never fly behind the safety fence or over people.
6. Never Taxi in the Pit Area.
7. On Landing approaches from the south – you may make an slight overfly to the west as long as you don't fly over the Wabash Heritage trail and the River and are in front of the safety fence when over the short grass area of the field. See Figure 1 for details.
8. Under no circumstances will you fly behind the safety fence or the parking barriers while in the low grass area
9. Helicopters may be hovered in the northwest corner of the flying field. No trimming or hovering in or out of the Pit Area. All other Helicopter flying shall be subject to flight line rules.
10. McAlister Park has a maximum altitude for model operation of 400 feet at all times. You can use reasonable judgement in estimating your altitude but ask for assistance if you are unsure.
11. An emergency landing (dead stick, equipment problems, etc.) has the right of way over all others. (Similarly, any pilot who calls for a landing commands right of way.)
12. The Safety coordinator has final say on any items dealing with safety and the published field rules.
13. Repeated offenses will result in membership forfeiture and removal of flying privileges at all Cloud Jockey fields
14. Attached is Figure 1 describing the permitted overfly and “no Fly Zones” at McAlister Park.

Safe Pilot Procedures – Timberhouse estates -South Field

1. Always takeoff into the wind. This determines flight direction. Pilots already in the air control the landing pattern. Ask before you take off.
2. Always stand behind line of runway lights. You are only allowed on the runway for takeoff.
3. Always check with the pilots(s) in the air for permission to use the runway. If the pilot wishes to fly alone - please limit flights to 10 minutes when there are other pilots waiting.
4. Always stand close to pilots so communication is possible. Use spotter when available.
5. For Powered Flight - always fly north of the runway lights and east of the Pit/Parking Area (See Figure 2)
6. For Gliders - While your motor is off we have a 360-degree flying site as specified by the AMA. You are not allowed to fly over the Pit/Parking area or Launch/Power while over the houses on the Southwest corner of Timberhouse (See Figure 3)
7. Never Taxi in the Pit Area.
8. Full Scale Flight has priority over any model flight. Use a spotter and if a Full-scale airplane is either taking off or in a landing approach, yield right of way and land immediately
9. An emergency landing (dead stick, equipment problems, etc.) has the right of way over all others. (Similarly, any pilot who calls for a landing commands right of way.)
10. The Safety coordinator has final say on any items dealing with safety and the published field rules.
11. Repeated offenses will result in membership forfeiture and removal of flying privileges at all Cloud Jockey fields



Figure 1 - North Field (McAlister Park)



Figure 2 – Power Layout - South Field (Timberhouse Estates)

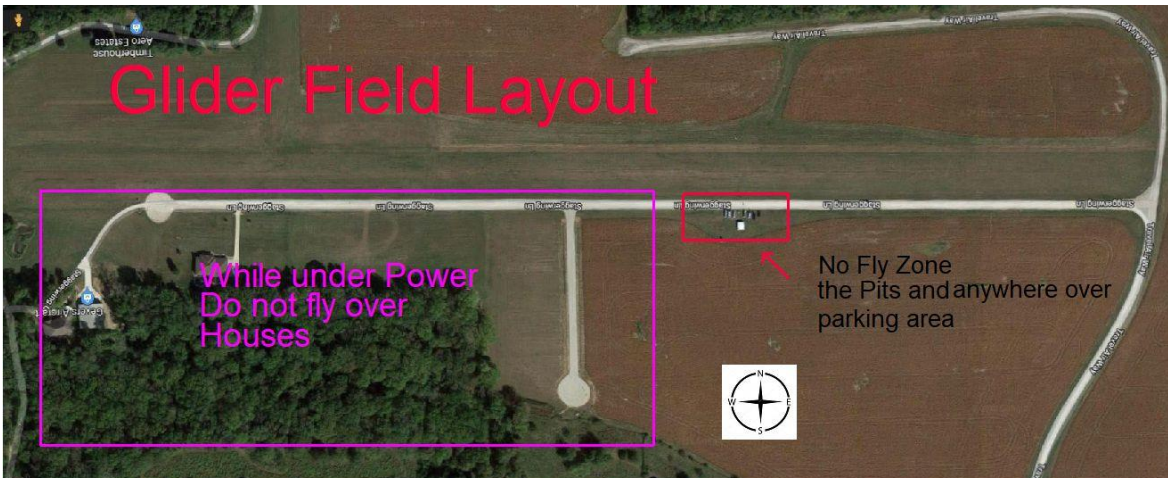


Figure 3 – Glider Layout South Field (Timberhouse Estates)