



Club Rules

1. Annual membership fees are \$95.00; \$85.00 is club dues allocated for operating expenses and \$10.00 is allocated specifically for field development and improvement. This fee is payable to the Club treasurer no later than the date of the March meeting. **Members not paid by this deadline will have to re apply for membership and be processed s new members.** Members who join in January, February or March will be automatically renewed in March. All members, by paying their dues, agree to abide by all TORKS and AMA rules and regulations whether stated here or voted into being at a club meeting following publication of this manual.

1A. Yearly dues must be paid prior to the opening of the March meeting

1B. A Debt Reduction Assessment will be applied to all dues paying members in the amount of \$55.00 payable when dues are paid. This assessment will be eliminated when the club field construction debt is fully paid off.

1C. At the October 29, 2000 meeting, partial-year dues of \$75.00 were approved for members joining on or after October 29, 2000 meeting, partial-year dues of \$75.00 were approved for member joining on or after October 1. The applicant must pay the full amount of any applicable initiation fees.

2. The following table defines each level of membership.

CLASS	DUES	VOTING PRIVILEGES	AGE	AMA LICENSE REQUIREMENT	FLYING PRIVILEGES
Affiliate (social)	\$40.00	No	19 and up	Optional	No
Associate	None	No	No limit	Optional	No
Junior	None	No	Under 19	Yes	Yes
Probationary	\$95.00 + \$55.00 debt reduction	No	19 and up	Yes	Yes
Family	50% of required fees	Yes	19 and up	Yes	Yes
Life	None	Yes	19 and up	Yes	Yes
Regular	\$95.00 + 55.00 debt reduction	Yes	19 and up	Yes	Yes

- **Associates** must be immediate family members of a dues paying member.
- **Juniors** who are not family members are accepted without the probationary period, however, they must go through the orientation program.
- The probationary period lasts 12 months from date of initial dues payment.
- **Affiliate** members are those persons who wish to belong to the club but who, for whatever reason, will not be flying. They do not have to belong to AMA. Should they decide later to join AMA they would be a candidate for promotion to regular status.
- **Family** memberships are for additional family members living in the same household as a **regular member**. The family member pays 50% of the initiation fee credit in the following year.

3. Previous members who have left the club and wish to return must follow the same procedures as new members including fees, sponsors, probation, orientation program, etc.

4. **New member applicants** must appear at a club meeting along with their sponsor and be introduced to the membership. New members pay the normal club dues of \$150.00 along with a \$150.00 initiation fee.

The initiation fee may be paid entirely on application to the club, or \$50.00 of the initiation fee is due when the first year dues are paid, \$50.00 is due the second year, and \$50.00 is due the third year. \$30.00 of the second and third year initiation fee may be forgiven by working at least two half-days at the Heart of Ohio Jet Scramble. Dues, initiation fees, and other charges are payable on application to TORKS. If the applicant is not accepted for membership, the entire submitted amount will be refunded.

4B. A vote will be taken on each application at a regular club meeting providing the applicant and the sponsor are present, and the appropriate payment is submitted with the application. The application must show the name of a club member sponsor. A majority vote accepts the applicant. (This change was approved at the June 30, 2002 regular club meeting.)

5. For clarification: **new members** could pay \$200.00 the 1st year, but if they worked two half-days at the Jet Scramble in the first year they would pay only 170.00 in the 2nd year. The same would apply in the third year. New members may fly without supervision only after his/her flying ability is examined and approved by the **Orientation Committee**. Novice members cannot fly without an experienced club member present until they solo.

6. **There is no limit to the number of members the club can enroll.**

7. All new members must be sponsored by a current paid club member (Regular, Senior or Affiliate) and are the responsibility of that club member. Responsibility means the sponsor will see that the candidate has a MEMBER MANUAL, reads and understands it, and that he avails himself of the FLIGHT INSTRUCTION program. The sponsor does not have to be the one to do the flight instructing. In recent years formal flight instruction has been offered by the Orientation Committee.

8. A secret ballot will be used to determine if each Probationary member will be admitted to the club with full privileges at the first meeting after the first year anniversary of his/her application date and initial dues payment. This probationary member must be present at the meeting where a vote on admittance is taken. Otherwise, the vote, will be postponed to the following month.

9. All AMA and TORKS rules must be followed, including graduation from the orientation program.

10. Out of town guests of a current TORKS member may use the field only after providing the host proof of AMA membership. The guest must be accompanied by the host member while at the field and may not fly more than (5) time, whether on the first visit or spread over multiple visits. TORKS members may bring a local resident who belongs to AMA to the field and he/she may make one introductory flight under the guidance and responsibility of the host. Following these guest visits it is expected that the guest will apply for membership and pay dues.

11. When a particular transmitter seems to be causing excessive interference, the SAFETY COMMITTEE may ask the owner to have the transmitter checked by a certified repair station at the expense of the owner.

12. A club HISTORIAN shall be elected by the club when the current historian cannot continue. The Historian shall keep the permanent records of the club in a safe place. He shall publish records of club rules actions so that they are not rehashed when prior decisions exist. He shall serve as advisor when questions arise pertaining to past activity. Minutes of all meetings and the records of the Treasury shall be turned over to the Historian periodically.

14. A budget must be prepared by the officers at the beginning of each year for the period April 1 through March 31. This budget must be presented for acceptance by the membership at a regular meeting and receive a "yes" vote.

15. Club meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM, except in November and December. If a holiday falls on a meeting day the officers may select an alternate day. During the winter season meetings are held at Grove City Police Station, or other nearby establishment specified by the officers. During the summer season meetings are held at the model airport.

16. **NO alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted on the Model Airport grounds or at any site where a club event is being held. Members who arrive at the site under the influence may not participate in any flying activities.**

17. Once a motion relating to a disciplinary or financial matter is passed it can not be resubmitted within one year.

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