

Bylaws for the Georgia Sport Flyers Association, Inc.

2025-05-10

ARTICLE ONE – Name

The name of this organization shall be The Georgia Sport Flyers Association, Inc. (hereinafter "The Club").

The name of the official Club newsletter shall be: "The Sport Flyer".

ARTICLE TWO - Purpose

The corporation is a non-profit corporation and is organized for the purpose of promoting safety, educational, and recreational activities for the ultralight and light aircraft community in Georgia as well as similar and related activities. Said activities will be held at such places as may be designated by the Board of Officers. The corporation may engage in any lawful business or activity related to the stated purposes and may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE THREE - Affiliation

- Reserved for future use.

ARTICLE FOUR – Membership

Section I - Categories, Dues, and Benefits:

Membership in the club is open to pilots and enthusiasts of ultralight and light-sport aircraft. Annual dues fee is due upon joining The Club (prorated for partial year).

- Membership is based on the year Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st.
 - Membership renewals must be received by the club on or before 31-December of the preceding year.
- A lifetime membership is available for \$450
- The annual fee is waived for Club Officers.
- Membership dues are not refundable.
- The amount of the annual dues may be changed upon approval of an affirmative 2/3 vote of The Club's Board of Officers.
- All money collected by the club will be maintained in a bank account in the Club's name.

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The categories of membership shall be as follows:

- *REGULAR MEMBER*
 - Annual membership fee is \$35.00 for mailed newsletter or \$30.00 for electronic newsletter. Benefits include:
 - A subscription to the Club newsletter,
 - Full participation and voting privileges.
- *HONORARY MEMBER*
 - No annual fee.
 - Benefits include:
 - Gratis issues of the Club newsletter.
 - This membership is awarded by special action of the Club to outstanding individuals or organizations for exemplary and/or significant contributions to the ultralight/light-sport aircraft movement.
 - A honorary member shall be determined by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present at a regular meeting.
 - An honorary member shall have no voting privileges.

Section II - Application

Each prospective member is required to submit an application for membership in The Club. The form of the application shall be determined by the Board of Officers. If an applicant is approved, he or she agrees, among other things, to abide by the Club's Code of Conduct (see Article 8), to waive any and all liability (see Article 9 - Liability Statement) and to pay the appropriate membership dues.

All applicants must be recommended by a current member of The Club. Approval of an applicant shall be determined by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board of Officers. All persons attending the regular meeting where the original Club bylaws were passed shall be deemed charter members and are not subject to a membership vote.

Section III - Terminations, Warnings, and Fines

Disciplinary Action for violation of the Code of Conduct shall be determined by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the Board of Officers and must be ratified by a majority vote of the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Any member can be terminated by an affirmative 4/5 vote to be taken by secret ballot at a regular club meeting. A member may be terminated for any reason.

Any member cited for the above shall be given the opportunity to explain why membership should not be terminated or why he or she should not be fined. The member will be notified in writing at his last known address of the allegations and charges and will be requested to

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appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Failure to appear for two consecutive meetings to answer allegations shall result in automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE FIVE - Meetings and Activities

The membership is encouraged to meet regularly and participate in Club sanctioned recreational, educational, safety, and charitable activities.

Section I - Meetings

Meetings shall be scheduled monthly or at such intervals as the Board of Officers may decide, and at mutually convenient locations. Activities will be planned for each meeting.

- A yearly calendar of activities shall be originated by the Board of Officers.

Section II – Quorum

Members at a regular scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section III – Activities

The club will strive to have one or more of the following activities at each meeting except the charitable activity.

- Recreational Activities - A recreational activity is a fly-in, competition, rally or any sanctioned sport event.
- Educational Activities - An educational activity is a demonstration or discussion designed to disseminate information regarding technical aspects and regulatory matters concerning ultralight and light-sport aircraft.
- Safety Activities - A safety activity is a lecture, demonstration, or discussion that addresses flight safety.
- Charitable Activities - A charitable activity promotes positive public relations between the club and the non-flying community. At least one event, per calendar year, shall be scheduled to benefit a community charity to be approved by the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE SIX - Board of Officers*

Section I - Powers

The Board of Officers shall be comprised of Executive and Appointed Officers, who are regular members. The Executive Officers are the President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Appointed Officers are the Website Officer, Newsletter Editor and the Safety Officer. The Board shall have the power to add or subtract offices as may be necessary by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board of Officers. However, in no instance will the

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number of Officers be less than three. The Board of Officers will also have the ability to create and disband special committees as may be necessary by a 1/2 affirmative vote.

The Board shall have broad powers to establish the duties and powers of such committees. The Board of Officers will meet from time to time as may be necessary.

* See Membership

Section II – Quorum

No action required by a vote of the Board of Officers shall be valid unless 50% or more of the officers entitled to vote are present at the meeting.

An officer may vote by proxy by mailing his vote to the President within three days before the scheduled meeting is to be held.

Section III – Duties

The President:

- Presides at Club functions, meetings and other official activities.
- Convenes the Board of Officers meeting.
- Delegates tasks to the Board.
- Plans The Club calendar in coordination with the other officers.
- Works with officials of the FAA and local agencies.
- Provides the secretary with copies of all official Club correspondence.
- Contributes monthly to the newsletter.
- Initiates administrative tasks and emergency action when necessary.
- Is obligated to keep The Club fully informed in a timely manner of any situation, process, issue or circumstance affecting Clubs interests.

The Vice-President:

- Assists the President.
- Presides at Club functions, meetings and other official activities in the absence of the President.
- Convenes the Board of Officers in the absence of the President.
- Assists the President in program planning and implementation.
- Coordinates public relations and charitable events.

The Secretary/ Treasurer:

- Presides at Club functions, meetings and other official activities in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
- Records minutes of all official meetings.
- Maintains the membership roster, newsletter subscribers and a list of potential members.
- Provides the Newsletter Editor with a mailing list of members and subscribers.
- Prepares Club correspondences.

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- Serves as Club historian and maintains a Club scrapbook and all correspondence, publications, records of events and yearly membership rosters.
- Prepares a budget, to be approved by the Board, and otherwise assists the Board with related financial matters.
- Maintains a record of all financial documents and transactions.
- Deposits all funds into a bank in the Clubs name with the President and self as check co-signatory.
- Provides receipts for all money received.
- Reports status of funds at regular meetings.
- Prepares a written financial report for the regular December meeting.
- Reviews the financial records with auditors in May and November, between the 1st and 15th of each year.

The Newsletter Editor:

- Edits, publishes, and distributes the newsletter.
- Maintains a file of published newsletters.
- Consults with the Board, as necessary, about information to include in the newsletter.
- Coordinates with the Website Officer for electronic distribution of the newsletter.

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- Responsible for the control and maintenance of The Club's website.
- Coordinates with the Newsletter Editor for the electronic distribution of The Club newsletter.
- Reports to the President for conflict resolution.

The Safety Officer:

- Promotes safety awareness on behalf of The Club and its members.
- Participates and/or represents GSFA in all safety related issues.
- Contributes monthly to the newsletter.

NON-OFFICER POSITION

FACEBOOK MODERATOR

- Moderates the GSFA FB Page
- Dues are waved

Section IV - Elections

The Executive Officers shall be nominated by the membership present at the October meeting and elected by the membership present at the meeting. All officers shall take office the following January 1st.

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Section V - Term of Office

The term of all offices shall be one year.

Section VI - Vacancies

The President shall fill all vacancies by appointment.

Section VII - Recall for Office

Officers are subject to recall by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN - Changes to the Bylaws

The Club Bylaws may be changed at any regular meeting by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the membership present. Notification of proposed changes to the bylaws shall be announced via e-mail prior to the meeting in which the changes are to be voted upon. The current revision shall be evidenced by a date of revision (ie: 2025-05-10. This shall appear below the Bylaws Header on page one.

ARTICLE EIGHT - Code of Conduct

1. I will not operate my aircraft in such a manner that would endanger life or property.
2. I will offer assistance to others who require guidance and knowledge about recreational aviation.
3. I will construct and/or maintain my aircraft in the highest quality that is practicable.
4. I will thoroughly inspect my aircraft before every flight.
5. I will operate my aircraft using the safest possible methods that are available to me, and in accordance with applicable FAA regulations.
6. I will not operate any aircraft without first receiving appropriate instruction and training.
7. I understand and will strive to adhere to all current and applicable regulations concerning operation of aircraft.

ARTICLE NINE - Liability Statement

As a member of this flying organization, I acknowledge that the sport of flying aircraft involves certain risks, including personal injury, property damage and even death. By becoming a member of this organization, I agree to accept these risks and to not hold The Club, its officers or members liable for any such occurrences.

ARTICLE TEN – Dissolution of the Group

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The group may be dissolved for reasons of lack of participation, lack of membership, or other reasons as determined by a unanimous vote by the board and the members in good standing.

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose as selected by a majority vote of the members in good standing.