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CAP Aviation Code of Conduct

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The Civil Air Patrol Aviation Code of Conduct establishes the principles and expectations for all members who participate in CAP aviation activities. It provides guidance for safe, responsible, and professional conduct, aligning with Civil Air Patrol's mission and values. The Code applies to all CAP pilots, aircrew members, and passengers, and supports a culture of risk management, safety, and respect for others both in flight and on the ground.

General Responsibilities

All CAP aircrew members are expected to recognize and manage risks effectively, exercising sound judgment and aeronautical decision-making. They should adhere to prudent operating practices, support team situational awareness, and strive for excellence in airmanship. Professionalism, courtesy, and adherence to applicable laws and regulations are essential at all times. Aircrew must remain situationally aware and establish personal minimums to ensure their safety and that of the mission.

Passengers and People on the Surface

The safety of passengers and people on the ground must always be a primary concern. Aircrew should continually evaluate risks, avoid unnecessary hazards, and prevent unsafe conduct by others. Operations should never alarm, disturb, or endanger passengers or the public. Passengers should be briefed on flight procedures, safety measures, and any significant risks associated with the flight. Comfort should be considered whenever feasible, provided it does not compromise safety.

Training and Proficiency

Aircrew members are responsible for maintaining and improving their proficiency through regular training, recurrent education, and ongoing practice. They must prepare thoroughly for training events, maintain accurate training records, and meet all currency requirements under federal regulations. The use of flight training devices, simulators, and available safety courses is encouraged. Aircrew should remain vigilant against complacency and be prepared to handle emergencies effectively in both flight and ground operations.

Security

All members are expected to support the security of persons, property, and operational information. Vigilance is essential, and suspicious or reckless activity must be reported immediately. Aircrew must remain familiar with current security regulations, review special-use airspace and Temporary Flight Restrictions, and remain alert to NOTAMs prior to flight.

Environmental Responsibility

CAP aircrew members must acknowledge and seek to minimize the environmental impact of aviation activities. This includes respecting environmentally sensitive areas, following hazardous materials procedures, and preventing the discharge of fuel, oil, and other contaminants during ground or flight operations. Compliance with noise-abatement procedures and awareness of noise-sensitive areas are essential responsibilities for every pilot and crewmember.

Use of Technology

Proper use of aviation technology is a critical element of safe operations. Aircrew should be knowledgeable about the equipment they employ, remain current with its procedures, and ensure its effective use during flight. They should monitor advisory frequencies, make accurate position reports in uncontrolled or high-risk environments, and use transponders and radar services when appropriate. Backup power sources, radios, navigation tools, and other redundancies should be carried when necessary to support the continuity of safe flight.

Advancement and Promotion of Aviation

Aircrew are encouraged to promote aviation safety, professionalism, and adherence to this Code of Conduct. They should mentor new and future aviators, foster a culture of humility, openness, and continuous improvement, and uphold the highest ethical standards. Demonstrating appreciation for aviation professionals and service providers strengthens Civil Air Patrol's relationship with the broader aviation community while advancing respect for aviation as a whole.

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	All CAP Aircrew Members and Passengers	CAP Pilot-Specific Expectations
General Responsibilities	- Recognize and manage risks effectively, and use sound principles of risk management - Develop and exercise good judgment and sound principles of aeronautical and technical decision making - Adhere to prudent operating practices and support team situational awareness - Seek excellence in airmanship and CAP operations - Aspire to professionalism - Act with responsibility and courtesy - Adhere to applicable laws and regulations	Maintain situational awareness, and adhere to prudent operating practices and personal operating parameters *(personal minimums)*
Passengers & People on the Surface	- Continually evaluate and support safety of all aircrew crew and passengers - Manage and avoid unnecessary risk to crew, passengers, property, and people both on the surface and in other aircraft - Seek to prevent unsafe conduct by all aircrew members and passengers - Avoid operations that may alarm, disturb, or endanger passengers or people on the surface	- Maintain passenger safety first, and then provide reasonable passenger comfort as possible - Brief passengers on planned flight procedures and inform them of any significant or unusual risk associated with flight
Training & Proficiency	- Participate in regular, recurrent training to maintain and improve proficiency for your role - Participate in flight and aviation safety education - Remain vigilant and avoid complacency - Train to recognize and deal effectively with your role in emergencies, both airborne and on the ground - Prepare for and review each training lesson carefully - Maintain an accurate training record to satisfy training and currency requirements - Use flight training devices and simulators as available and appropriate	Ensure training requirements to act as PIC IAW Federal Regulations
Security	- Seek to maintain the security of all persons, property, and operational information associated with their aviation activities - Remain vigilant and immediately report suspicious, reckless, or illegal activities	- Become familiar with the latest security regulations - Be vigilant of special-use airspace, Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) and NOTAMs prior to flight
Environmental Issues	- Recognize and seek to mitigate the environmental impact of aircraft operations - Respect and protect environmentally sensitive areas - Review and adhere to prudent hazardous materials handling procedures	- Minimize the discharge of fuel, oil, and other chemicals into the environment during refueling, preflight, servicing, and flight operations - Comply with applicable noise-abatement procedures and mitigate aircraft noise near noise-sensitive areas
Use of Technology	- Become familiar with and properly use appropriate technology for conducting aircrew duties - Keep current with the requirements and applicable procedures for all technologies being used	- Monitor applicable airport advisory frequencies and report positions accurately when approaching airports without an operating control tower and other high-risk areas - Use transponders during flight operations and use ATC radar advisories for VFR enroute operations - Carry backup power sources, radios, navigational tools and other equipment as necessary to ensure a continuum of safety of flight
Advancement & Promotion of Aviation	- Advance and promote aviation safety and adherence to this Code of Conduct - Contribute to the promotion of aviation and encourage other aircrew to do so as well - Demonstrate appreciation for aviation professionals and service providers - Advance a culture that values openness, humility, positive attitudes, and the pursuit of personal improvement - Promote ethical behavior within the aviation community - Mentor new and future aircrew	