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AVIATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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CIVIL AIR PATROL PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPLES

I. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF AVIATORS

Pilots should:

- a. recognize and manage risks effectively, and use sound principles of risk management,
- b. develop and exercise good judgment and sound principles of aeronautical decision-making,
- c. maintain situational awareness, and adhere to prudent operating practices and personal operating parameters (e.g., minimums),
- d. seek excellence in airmanship,
- e. aspire to professionalism,
- f. act with responsibility and courtesy, and
- g. adhere to applicable laws and regulations.

II. PASSENGERS AND PEOPLE ON THE SURFACE

Pilots should:

- a. maintain passenger safety first and then reasonable passenger comfort,
- b. manage risk and avoid unnecessary risk to passengers, to people and property on the surface, and to people in other aircraft,
- c. brief passengers on planned flight procedures and inform them of any significant or unusual risk associated with the flight,
- d. seek to prevent unsafe conduct by passengers, and
- e. avoid operations that may alarm, disturb, or endanger passengers or people on the surface.

III. TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY

Pilots should:

- a. participate in regular recurrent training to maintain and improve proficiency beyond legal requirements,
- b. participate in flight safety education programs,
- c. remain vigilant and avoid complacency,
- d. train to recognize and deal effectively with emergencies,
- e. prepare for and review each lesson carefully, and
- f. maintain an accurate log to satisfy training and currency requirements.

IV. SECURITY

Pilots should:

- a. seek to maintain the security of all persons, property, and operational information associated with their aviation activities,
- b. remain vigilant and immediately report suspicious, reckless, or illegal activities,
- c. become familiar with the latest security regulations, and
- d. be vigilant of special-use airspace and follow all applicable restrictions.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Pilots should:

- a. recognize and seek to mitigate the environmental impact of aircraft operations,
- b. minimize the discharge of fuel, oil, and other chemicals into the environment during refueling, preflight preparations, servicing, and flight operations,
- c. respect and protect environmentally sensitive areas,
- d. comply with applicable noise-abatement procedures and mitigate aircraft noise near noise-sensitive areas, and
- e. review and adhere to prudent hazardous materials handling procedures.

VI. USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Pilots should:

- a. become familiar with and properly use appropriate technologies,
- b. monitor applicable airport advisory frequencies and report positions accurately when approaching airports without an operating control tower and other higher-risk areas, if radio-equipped,
- c. use transponders or other position-indicating technologies during flight operations, if available or otherwise directed by ATC, and use ATC radar advisories for VFR enroute operations,
- d. carry redundant transceivers and navigational equipment and use them in appropriate circumstances, and
- e. use flight simulators and training devices as available and appropriate.

VII. ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF AVIATION

Pilots should:

- a. advance and promote aviation safety and adherence to the Code of Conduct,
- b. contribute to the promotion of aviation and encourage other pilots to do so as well,
- c. demonstrate appreciation for aviation professionals and service providers,
- d. advance an aviation culture that values openness, humility, positive attitudes, and the pursuit of personal improvement,
- e. promote ethical behavior within the aviation community, and
- f. mentor new and future pilots.

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