

Ipswich Whoop Club Inc.

CLUB RULES

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Club Rules apply to all members, guests and participants at Ipswich Whoop Club (IWC) events and activities.
- 1.2 Participation in any IWC event constitutes acceptance of these Rules and the Code of Conduct.
- 1.3 The Committee may amend these Rules at any time. Members will be notified of changes with at least 14 days notice before they take effect.
- 1.4 These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Association's registered rules adopted under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld). In any conflict, the registered rules prevail.
- 1.5 These Rules apply at all IWC events, including race days, practice sessions, social events and any online club spaces.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Participation in IWC race events is restricted to current financial members, except at open community events as designated by the Committee.
- 2.2 Guests may attend as spectators. Guest pilots may fly only at the specific invitation of the event organiser.
- 2.3 Members are responsible for the conduct of any guests they bring to an event.
- 2.4 Junior members (under 18) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all events unless alternative arrangements have been approved in writing by the Committee.

3. RACE EVENTS

- 3.1 The event organiser has final authority over all matters during the event. Their decisions are binding and must be respected at all times.
- 3.2 All pilots must register before the event and attend the mandatory safety briefing before flying. No pilot may fly before the briefing is complete.
- 3.3 Race formats, class specifications and course layouts will be announced prior to each event via the club Discord.
- 3.4 Results will be recorded and published on the IWC website.
- 3.5 The event organiser may cancel, postpone or modify an event at any time on safety or other grounds.

4. EQUIPMENT RULES

- 4.1 Only aircraft that comply with the announced class specification for the event may fly in that event.
- 4.2 Video Transmitter (VTX) power must comply with the event specification. Indoor events typically require 25 mW or less. Flying on an illegal VTX may result in interference and immediate exclusion.

- 4.3** All aircraft must be capable of being safely disarmed and must be disarmed when not in flight or when within arm's reach of people.
- 4.4** Pilots are solely responsible for ensuring their aircraft is airworthy before each flight. Fly only aircraft you are confident are safe.
- 4.5** Aircraft that crash and sustain damage must be inspected and confirmed airworthy before the next flight.
- 4.6** The event organiser may inspect any aircraft at any time. Non-compliant aircraft must be withdrawn from the event.

5. FLYING RULES

- 5.1** Pilots must fly only within designated flying areas.
- 5.2** No aircraft may be armed or launched without clearance from the event organiser.
- 5.3** Pilots must land immediately when directed to do so by the event organiser. Failure to comply is a serious breach of these Rules.
- 5.4** Flying over or near spectators, bystanders or the pits area is strictly prohibited.
- 5.5** FPV goggles must be worn at all times when flying FPV. A dedicated spotter is strongly recommended for all pilots, particularly beginners.
- 5.6** Line-of-sight (LOS) flying may be permitted at the discretion of the event organiser in a designated LOS area.

6. RACE RULES

- 6.1** The race format (heats, brackets, time trials, etc.) will be announced before each event.
- 6.2** Pilots must start from the designated start position and may not launch before the start signal.
- 6.3** Deliberate interference with another pilot's aircraft or flight line may result in disqualification.
- 6.4** Pilots who crash during a race must retrieve their aircraft promptly and safely, giving way to aircraft still in flight.
- 6.5** A pilot who fails to present for their heat within 60 seconds of being called may be scratched from that heat at the event organiser's discretion.
- 6.6** Protests must be raised with the event organiser immediately after the relevant heat. The event organiser's ruling is final.

7. BATTERY SAFETY RULES

- 7.1** All battery handling must comply with the IWC LiPo Safety Guide at all times.
- 7.2** Batteries must only be charged in the designated charging area using appropriate balance chargers and LiPo-safe bags.
- 7.3** No battery may be left unattended while charging.

7.4 Any battery showing signs of damage, swelling, abnormal heat or unusual smell must be removed from use immediately and reported to the event organiser.

7.5 Batteries must be stored and transported in LiPo-safe bags at all times.

7.6 Aircraft must be disarmed and batteries disconnected when not actively flying.

■ BATTERY FIRE: Shout "FIRE" immediately. Evacuate the area. Do not use water. Use sand or a Type D extinguisher. Call 000 if the fire cannot be safely controlled.

8. PILOT CONDUCT

8.1 Pilots must comply with all applicable CASA regulations at all times.

8.2 Pilots must not fly, charge batteries or handle equipment while under the influence of alcohol or any substance that impairs judgment.

8.3 Abusive, threatening or offensive behaviour toward any person at an event will not be tolerated.

8.4 Participants must follow the event organiser's instructions at all times.

9. GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION OR DISQUALIFICATION

A pilot may be excluded from an event or disqualified without refund for any of the following:

- Unsafe flying or battery handling practices
- Non-compliant equipment after a warning
- Deliberately interfering with other pilots or their equipment
- Failure to follow instructions from the event organiser
- Conduct in breach of the Code of Conduct
- Flying while impaired
- Any action that creates a risk to persons or property

10. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

10.1 Minor or first breaches of these Rules may result in a verbal or written warning.

10.2 Serious or repeated breaches may be referred to the Committee, which may impose sanctions including suspension or expulsion from the Association in accordance with the Association's registered rules.

10.3 The right to appeal any Committee decision is set out in the Association's registered rules adopted under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld).