

Final Draft Comparison - Charter, Bylaws, and Operating Rules

Condor Aero Club, Inc.

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Purpose

This document explains the meaningful changes made since the versions previously circulated to members. It uses a concise “what changed and why” format instead of a dense legal redline so members can identify the practical effect of the revisions quickly.

Documents Compared

- Charter Version 0.8 to Version 0.9
- Bylaws Version 0.9 to Version 0.10
- Operating Rules Version 0.7 to Version 0.8

How to Use This Comparison

This is a plain-language guide to the changes between the previously circulated drafts and the final drafts. It is not a substitute for the complete documents. Members should use this comparison as a roadmap and review the complete final documents before the September 1, 2026 vote.

At a Glance

- The Charter changes are limited and primarily improve consistency, legal clarity, and approval labeling.
- The Bylaws changes strengthen the distinction among membership standing, voting eligibility, and flying privileges; add procedural safeguards; and improve financial and rulemaking oversight.
- The Operating Rules changes implement the revised Bylaws and clarify honorary status, participation requirements, and future rule-change procedures.
- Most aircraft scheduling, checkout, currency, training, maintenance, safety, conduct, and accident-response provisions remain substantively unchanged.

Important Context

The three documents perform different functions. The Charter states the Club’s foundational purpose and governing principles. The Bylaws establish governance, membership rights, Board authority, voting, and oversight. The Operating Rules govern day-to-day administration and operations. The documents control in that order below the Articles of Incorporation.

1. Charter: Version 0.9 Compared with Version 0.8

The Charter revisions are narrow. They do not materially change member voting rights, Board structure, membership classes, aircraft privileges, or current Club operations.

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Topic	What changed	Why / practical effect
Purpose and mission	The Preamble now refers directly to Article IV and Article V, and the Mission Article expressly states that the mission advances the purposes in Article IV.	Creates one consistent statement of purpose and mission without changing the Club's basic purpose.
Governing documents	The Preamble now references the Articles of Incorporation, Charter, Bylaws, Operating Rules, and applicable Board-adopted policies.	Makes the introductory language consistent with the hierarchy already stated in Article XI.
Dissolution	The clause now defers to the Articles of Incorporation and applicable law and more clearly identifies permitted nonprofit or governmental recipients.	Improves legal and tax-category clarity while retaining the prohibition against distributing assets to members or private individuals.
Approval lines	The cover page separately identifies Board review and adoption by the voting membership.	Accurately reflects the different roles of the Board and membership.

What did not change

- The Club's foundational purpose remains centered on safe, affordable, educational, recreational, and social participation in general aviation.
- The voting membership remains responsible for adopting and amending the Charter.
- The governing-document hierarchy remains unchanged.

2. Bylaws: Version 0.10 Compared with Version 0.9

The Bylaws revisions respond to member and Board feedback by improving transparency, procedural fairness, financial oversight, and administrative clarity.

Topic	What changed	Why / practical effect
Standing, voting, and flying	Membership good standing, voting eligibility, and aircraft privileges are now separate concepts. Flight qualifications affect flying privileges,	Prevents temporary medical, currency, checkout, training, or insurance issues from automatically affecting

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	while attendance or equivalent participation affects voting eligibility.	governance rights or membership status.
Honorary status	Honorary status is attached to Full or Social Membership. It waives annual dues and any applicable annual insurance assessment, but not direct-use charges, special assessments, damage responsibility, deductibles, or qualifications.	Reflects actual Club practice and prevents honorary recognition from being misunderstood as a separate class or broad exemption.
Member discipline	A member may request reconsideration of termination or expulsion within 15 days based on new information, procedural error, or other substantial grounds.	Adds a defined review opportunity while preserving the Board's final responsibility and protective interim restrictions.
Trustees	Candidates must be eligible to vote Full Members. Trustees ordinarily receive notice and an opportunity to respond before Board removal.	Aligns Board candidacy with member participation standards and adds procedural fairness.
Delegated authority	The Board must approve a written schedule of contracting, purchasing, spending, and signature authority at least annually.	Replaces scattered authorizations with a recurring, documented control process.
Member petitions	Members may ask questions, raise concerns, request information, or suggest agenda items without a 10% petition.	Clarifies that the formal petition process does not limit ordinary member communication.
Electronic participation	Authorized remote participation counts as presence and attendance. Electronic voting requires eligibility, authentication, duplicate-vote prevention, auditability, and technical-failure safeguards.	Allows modern participation methods when practical while protecting vote integrity.

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Topic	What changed	Why / practical effect
Quorum and record date	The 10% quorum remains, but eligibility may be fixed by a record date, and electronic participation is defined for quorum purposes.	Makes voter lists and quorum calculations more predictable.
Financial review	An annual financial review is now mandatory under a written scope, with a professional audit, review, or compilation available when warranted.	Makes recurring financial oversight normal without automatically requiring an outside audit every year.
Indemnification	Authorized-agent status does not arise solely from membership or personal use of Club aircraft.	Distinguishes Board-authorized Club service from ordinary personal aircraft use.
Operating Rules changes	Specified material rule changes ordinarily receive 15 days of member notice and comment, with an urgent-action exception.	Improves transparency while preserving timely Board action for safety, insurance, legal, regulatory, and asset-protection needs.
Charter and Bylaw amendments	The process now expressly applies to both documents, requires 21 days' notice, supports secure electronic voting, and protects against material changes after voting begins.	Closes the prior Charter-amendment gap and gives members clearer advance notice.

What did not change

- The Board remains composed of nine trustees serving staggered three-year terms.
- The October annual meeting and 10% quorum remain.
- Proxy voting remains prohibited.
- Remote meetings and electronic voting are permitted but are not mandatory for every meeting or vote.
- The Board retains responsibility for managing Club affairs and day-to-day operations.
- Social Members remain non-voting.

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3. Operating Rules: Version 0.8 Compared with Version 0.7

The Operating Rules revisions primarily implement the updated Bylaws. Most detailed flight, aircraft, maintenance, training, safety, conduct, and accident-response requirements remain unchanged.

Topic	What changed	Why / practical effect
Voting participation	Full Members must attend three meetings in the prior 12 months or satisfy equivalent Board-approved participation to vote. Notice, record-correction, documentation, and relief procedures were added.	Makes voting eligibility clear and gives members a way to correct or explain participation records.
Honorary status	Honorary recognition now attaches to Full or Social Membership and includes detailed rules for approval, effective date, continuation, class changes, relinquishment, and revocation.	Creates a consistent administrative process and clarifies that annual fee waivers do not alter underlying rights or duties.
Honorary charges and duties	Annual dues and an applicable annual insurance assessment are waived. Direct-use charges, special assessments, hangar rent, damage, deductibles, and operational qualifications remain applicable.	Prevents the fee waiver from being interpreted as a waiver of aircraft costs, responsibility, or qualification requirements.
Social Member flight	The limited orientation flight now identifies the Social Member as a non-PIC occupant.	Clarifies that the flight does not grant operating privileges or constitute a checkout.
Financial delinquency	Automatic 45-day action remains limited to flying privileges. Loss of good standing requires separate Board action and written notice or membership termination.	Prevents account aging from silently removing governance rights.
Insurance	Honorary Full Members do not pay the annual insurance assessment but must satisfy all insurance eligibility, documentation, qualification, approval, and coverage requirements.	Separates payment of an assessment from eligibility to operate insured Club aircraft.

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Topic	What changed	Why / practical effect
Damage responsibility	Honorary status expressly does not waive aircraft damage, deductible, uninsured-cost, or reimbursement responsibility.	Applies the same damage-responsibility standard to honorary and non-honorary members.
Rule amendments	Specified material amendments ordinarily receive at least 15 days of member notice and comment. Immediate action remains available for urgent conditions.	Implements the Bylaws' transparency requirements while preserving operational flexibility.
Operational roles	Duty lists for the Director of Maintenance and Director of Flight Training and Standards were presented more clearly.	Improves readability without materially expanding independent authority.
Winter operations	Winter training is expressly part of the Safety and Education Program.	Removes uncertainty while retaining the existing seasonal training requirement.
Approval and history	The cover page now identifies Board adoption, and the revision history records the member-feedback and reconciliation changes.	Improves accuracy and version control.

What did not materially change

- Aircraft scheduling rules and reservation limits.
- Reservation minimum-use charges.
- Preflight, discrepancy, and damage-reporting procedures.
- Aircraft-specific checkouts and recurring currency standards.
- Student-pilot progression and instructor standardization.
- Maintenance-release authority and FAA return-to-service limitations.
- Facility, surveillance, hangar, social-media, and conduct rules.
- Accident and incident response procedures.
- The Board's authority to adopt, interpret, and enforce the Operating Rules.

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Final Takeaway

The final revisions do not replace the governance framework previously circulated to members. They refine it.

The most significant improvements are clearer separation of membership, voting, and flying status; stronger financial and delegated-authority controls; better defined electronic participation; member notice and comment on material Operating Rules changes; and precise treatment of honorary status.