

RYAN ROCKETRY CLUB BY-LAWS

1. The **organization** shall be known at the Ryan Rocketry Club or “Club”.
2. The **purpose** shall be to inform students about all aspects of rocketry, including design, construction, and flight.
3. The Club shall operate in accordance with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) **Safety** Code, and will fly with the Dallas Area Rocket Society (NAR Section 308). Members will also observe and abide by safety guidelines while using tools during construction activities.
4. **Membership** in the Club is open to all current Ryan High School students. Members are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, and tutoring within the club is available upon request.
5. **Membership fees** shall be \$25.00 per year. This cost will help support costs of parts, engines, and fundraising efforts, is non-refundable, and shall include the purchase of one (1) club t-shirt.
6. **Meetings** shall be held weekly after school from 4:20pm-5:20pm. Members are expected to attend meetings so they may gain full advantage from instruction and support club activities/objectives.
7. Club **logo** shall be a cooperative effort amongst members with Senior Staff having final say on the design and associated text in a given year.
8. **Off-Campus Activities (OCA)**: Members will be responsible for getting to/from any OCAs, such as launches or fundraising events in the local area. Transportation to events outside of the local area, national, or international will be discussed when the opportunity arises.

9. The Club shall have several **officer positions**. (A-D below) shall be upper classmen with 1-year experience in the club and have demonstrated abilities suitable to the position. Officers shall be elected at the end of the school year for service the following school year, and may resign the position in writing only. If an officer post becomes available during the year, the remaining officers may appoint a replacement for the balance of the year, with the senior officer breaking tie votes. (A-C) shall be the "Senior Staff" of the Club:
- a. President – Responsible for conducting meetings and signing checks.
 - b. Vice-President – Responsible during absence of President, head of recruiting efforts
 - c. Treasurer – Responsible for Club finances with school bookkeeper and signing checks
 - d. Safety Officer – Responsible for making sure members are safety compliant
 - e. Public Affairs Officer (PAO) – Responsible for news, publications, and outreach
 - f. Historian – Responsible for documenting Club activities in word and photo
10. **Conflicts** between club members shall be moderated and resolved either by the President or Vice-President. Disciplinary or Academic issues shall be considered for re-instatement by the Senior Staff.
11. **Contests** are open to all club members, however, when signing up for a contest Club members **MUST** indicate in writing if they are representing the Club or the Ryan High AFJROTC rocketry team.
12. **Discipline issues:** -If at any time a Member of the Club is caught acting in a way that is in violation of student code (lying, cheating, stealing, use or distribution of illegal substances) or acts in a way that intentionally violates the NAR Safety Code or is unsafe around fellow students, they shall be placed on probation from Club activities for a period of four (4) calendar weeks. They may apply for re-admission to the club at that time but are subject to a vote of the Club staff for approval. Two violations shall result in dismissal from the club without refund of dues for the remainder of the school year.
13. **Academic issues:** If a Club member receives an "F" in a class or drops below a 2.5 GPA, they will be placed on Academic Probation from the Club until the next grade reporting period (either Progress Report or Report Card). The member will not be eligible to participate in Club activities during or after school aside from regular meetings. If after 2 grade reporting periods the member still has a "F" or less than 2.5 GPA they shall be placed on Academic Suspension from the club until the end of the next 6 weeks reporting period, at which time their grades will be reviewed for re-admission. During this time they may not participate in ANY Club activities.

14. An **advisor** should be available for the club during activities involving construction and launch-related activities. This would preferably be an adult on the school staff or someone associated with the Dallas Area Rocket Society. Advisor shall support the instruction and development of the Club, but cannot participate in the processes related to the Team America Rocketry Challenge, per TARC rules (see www.rocketcontest.org for more).

15. **Amendments** to the Club By-Laws can be recommended and approved by 3/5s vote of current Club members, with at least 2 of 3 Senior Staff supporting.

Logo for 2013-2014

The following image has been approved as the logo for the 2013-2014 school year.

