

GUIDELINES FOR MITFC SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP TO HFC

As a step towards fulfilling its charter to “*facilitate affordable hands-on flying experience by the MIT community*” and while waiting to obtain an aircraft of its own, the MITFC will subsidize membership to the Hawk Flying Club (HFC).

The MITFC has obtained shares to HFC at \$600 and offers them at the discounted rate of \$100 to its members (refundable at the end of the membership).

Memberships run for four-month allotments, from June 1st to Sept 30th, Oct 1st to Jan 31st, Feb 1st to May 31st

The member obtaining the sponsored membership is required to pay all monthly and rental dues directly to HFC and will be bound by all HFC rules and regulations, as well as the rules of the MITFC as described in the **“AIRCRAFT OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR MITFC MEMBERS”** document.

Only student, alumni, faculty and staff members of MITFC are eligible to apply for sponsored membership to HFC.

There are a limited number of sponsored memberships available. If there are more applications submitted by the application deadline than there are memberships, then the assignment of memberships will be decided by a waitlist/lottery system administered by the MITFC Executive Board. All decisions regarding sponsored memberships made by the MITFC Executive Board are final. There is no appeal process.

- The deadline to submit one’s completed application (consisting of an application form and a signed and dated liability waiver) for an upcoming slot, is 5pm on the Monday three weeks prior to the start date. Completed applications must be sent by campus mail to: “**MITFC NE47-376 c/o A.Mershin**”. Applications received for an upcoming semester after the deadline will be discarded.
- *Under no circumstances can memberships be traded or stopped once accepted. Your minimum commitment to HFC once you accept the membership is the monthly dues 4x35=\$140 payable in equal monthly installments..*
- Applications received on the same date will be assigned random order.
- Applicants have the option of entering the waitlist/lottery for a membership in the next available semester or for a higher ranking in the lottery held the next semester.
- For each consecutive semester that applicants remain in the lottery without being offered a sponsored membership, they will receive a higher ranking the next time the lottery is run. Applicants who have been in the lottery for a long period of time will therefore have a higher probability of being offered a sponsored membership for their chosen semester.
- Sponsored memberships cannot be traded once started.
- Members who complete a sponsored membership may re-enter the lottery, but do so with a lower ranking than those of existing or incoming applicants.

- Members no longer interested in being in the lottery are kindly requested to notify MITFC exec by emailing flying-exec@mit.edu
- Inactive members will be automatically removed from the lottery.
- Winners of the lottery will be notified by e-mail at the start of the semester preceding that of the membership they have won, and are required to reply indicating their commitment to exercising the membership within two weeks of receiving the e-mail.
- If a member declines or fails to accept his/her sponsored membership by the end of the two week response period, then the membership will be awarded to the next runner-up in the lottery.
- If there are fewer applicants for HFC memberships in the next available time period than there are memberships, applicants who won the lottery to receive a higher ranking in the following lottery will be offered the remaining memberships. Their ranking will be unaffected if they decline the memberships at this time.
- Once the lottery process has been finished, if there are remaining unassigned HFC memberships, these may be awarded to members at the discretion of the MITFC executive board.
- Members are required to meet all of their financial obligations to HFC in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in MITFC withholding part or all of the \$100 membership fee.