

Trinidad and Tobago Airline Pilots Association (TTALPA)

Airline Pilot Code of Ethics

**The Professional Standards Committee are the “Stewards” of
The TTALPA Code of Ethics.**

The “Professional Ethic” as outlined within the Code and Canons must become the primary moral code within our professional pilot population. It is best if this ethic is rooted in the pilots’ sense of obligation to the profession, rather than in a sense of obligation to the corporation. Corporation owners and managements come and go during a pilots career. The profession and its duties remain. Basing pilot conduct on obligation to the profession, rather than obligation to the corporation, will ensure the highest standards are maintained regardless of the corporate atmosphere at any given time.

Where in this document reference is made to “he” or “his”, this shall apply to both sexes.

A TTALPA Pilot will always keep the safety, comfort and well-being of the passengers who entrust their lives to him, his first and greatest responsibility.

- He will not allow personal desires or external pressures to jeopardize flight safety or prevent good decision-making at any point.
- He will remember that an act or omission can be as hazardous as a deliberate act of commission, and he will not neglect any detail that contributes to the safety of his flight, or perform any operation in a negligent or careless manner.
- Once fulfilling his top priority of ensuring the safety and well-being of the passengers and crew, he will try his best to deliver the passengers to their destination at the scheduled time.
- In the event of an emergency, he will do what is required to ensure the safety of the passengers and crew.

A TTALPA Pilot will discharge his duties in a professional manner, respecting fellow aviators, and other airline employees.

- He will do all within his powers to operate his aircraft efficiently and on schedule in a manner that will not cause damage or unnecessary maintenance.

- He will respect officers, supervisors, and directors of the airline, while remembering that respect is not the same as subservience.
- He will obey directives given by the airline as long as those directives are **within the law**. However, he will refuse to obey directives that, in his considered judgement, are not lawful or could adversely affect the safety of a flight.
- He will not falsify any logs or records at any time.
- He will at all times (including OFF days) not engage in any activity that will bring discredit to the profession, association, and airline.
- He will realize that he represents the airline to all who meet him and will at all times keep his personal appearance and conduct above reproach.
- He will give his airline, its officers, directors, and supervisors the full loyalty that is their due, and will refrain from speaking ill of them. If he feels it necessary to reveal and correct conditions that are not conducive to safe operation and harmonious relations, he will direct his criticism to TTALPA.
- He will not improperly reveal any of the airline's business secrets.

A TTALPA Pilot will accept the responsibilities that come with the profession, and conduct themselves both on and off duty in a manner that earns the respect and confidence of his crew, fellow employees and associates within the profession.

- As a commander, he will be firm but fair, efficient but willing to have an open rapport with fellow crew members.
- He will have a working knowledge of the duties of his fellow crew-members.
- He will expect efficient performance from crew-members, however in the case of small discrepancies or deviations, he will avoid unnecessary and destructive criticism that could affect morale and/or CRM. A frank discussion of minor matters of technique and performance after the flight will create goodwill and a desire to be helpful, whereas sharp criticism and peremptory orders at the moment will result only in the breakdown of moral and inefficient, halting performance of future duties.
- A TTALPA pilot will remember that his is a profession heavily dependent on training during regular operations and if in command, will afford his flight crew members every reasonable opportunity consistent with safety and efficiency, to learn and practice. He will endeavor to instill in his crew a sense of pride and responsibility.
- In making reports on the conduct or ability of fellow crew-members, he will avoid personal prejudice, keeping the report factual and the criticism constructive.
- As a commander, a TTALPA Airline Pilot will always keep the welfare of his crew in mind. Especially when operating in unusual or difficult conditions.

A TTALPA Pilot will conduct his affairs with TTALPA in a professional manner and within the rules and by-laws of the association.

- He will not falsely or maliciously hurt the reputation of a colleague. However he will report behavior that could have a negative impact on the association and the profession.
- Whenever possible, he will attend all association meetings that are open to him and participate in activities that improve safety and the standing of the profession.
- If called upon to represent TTALPA in a dispute, he will do so to the best of his ability, while being fair and fearless.
- He will work to improve the standing of the profession by exchanging information and experience with colleagues and, where possible, positively contributing to the association and its committees.

A TTALPA Pilot will not only be an honorable and professional person within the profession, but also outside of it.

- He will be a good citizen of his country and community.
- He will conduct all his affairs in a manner that reflects credit on himself and his Profession.
- He will remember that to his neighbors, friends and family, he represents the profession, association, and airline.
- He will always abide by the law, understanding that illegal acts negatively impact the standing of the profession.
- He will not discriminate against a colleague based on their Age, Race, Sex, National Origin, Religion, Disability, Pregnancy, Medical Condition, Marital Status, and Sexual Orientation.
- He will not publish articles, give interviews, or use his name to discredit the profession, association and/or a colleague.

Having followed the TTALPA Code of Ethics and respecting its boundaries, you are now worthy to call yourself **A TTALPA Pilot**.