

Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society

Field Rules

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Non-members – No flying until 4:00 P.M. (Weekends and Holidays Only)

Other Clubs' Members – No flying until after 2:00 P.M. (Weekends and Holidays Only)

For All Flyers

- 1) Use only the designated route to enter and leave the field.
- 2) Anyone who wishes to fly at our flying field must be a current AMA member. If you do not have AMA insurance, but are willing to try the hobby for the first time, see a field controller who has an Intro Pilot Status card. They are the ONLY ones who can let you fly without an AMA card.
- 3) Vehicles may unload near the safety fence, but must then be moved immediately to the far side of the parking area.
- 4) You must impound your transmitter immediately upon arrival at the field.
- 5) Upon arrival, you must print your name, AMA number, frequency, and time of arrival in the logbook. **If you are a non-member, you must have a field controller sign you in to obtain a guest pass for that day.**
- 6) You may remove your transmitter from the impound only when you have the proper frequency pin attached. (Use of pin is limited to 15 minutes) PLEASE: Check your frequency number on your transmitter before pulling the frequency pin.
- 7) You must have your name, AMA number, frequency number, and red streamer on your transmitter before flight. Non-compliance will result in grounding for that day.
- 8) You must Return your transmitter to the impound and the pin to the frequency control board immediately after your flight. Under no circumstances will an inactive transmitter be cased-retained-detained at the flight line and/or pit area. All transmitters will be exposed at the impound area.
- 9) You are responsible for any damage caused as a result of turning your transmitter on without a frequency pin attached – or as a result of turning your transmitter off before shutting down your engine and receiver – or caused by any other careless or unsafe handling of any transmitter. You will be expected to make restitution.
- 10) No more than five (5) guest passes are permitted to be issued at one time.
- 11) No tables are permitted in the pit areas at any time. They are to be set up adjacent to the maintenance tables only.
- 12) Any member with a gas and/or turbine engine must have a certified fire extinguisher next to the airplane at all times in the pit area, exposed and easily available.

PLANES

- 13) Planes must be airworthy. Flyers are responsible for the condition and airworthiness of their own plane. All new planes must be inspected by a field controller or qualified pilot before being allowed to fly.
- 14) The owner of the plane is responsible for any damage caused by his/her aircraft, regardless of the pilot.
- 15) There will be no continuous engine run-ups on the flight line. If you have a problem take your engine or plane to the break-in stand on the north end of the field.
- 16) Adequate mufflers must be affixed to engines of .15 or larger. You may not fly without a muffler. A spinner AMA safety nut is required on all planes except for scale purposes as per AMA rules.

FLYING

- 17) ***Only field controllers can open the field for flying. If no field controller is present, the field is officially closed. You are at risk from the Park Police and expulsion from the club as well as the flying field if you fly when the field closed, Never fly alone!***
- 18) In the absence of the Chief Field Controller (CFC) or Assistant Chief Field Controller (ACFC) or any member of the executive board, the field controller with the earliest sign in time in the logbook shall be designated "Field Controller In Charge".
- 19) Pilots must stand in the designated red circles at the flight line. If occupied, move one {1} to the left or right only. Do not cross the flight line with your transmitter on.
- 20) DO NOT FLY OVER, LAND INTO, OR TAXI THROUGH THE PIT AREA!
- 21) Never fly across the runway towards the pit area – never land towards the pit area
- 22) There is no flying on the deck. Minimum height is 20 feet - Maximum altitude is 400 feet.
- 23) No more than five (5) aircraft are allowed in the air at one given time. You must announce "COMING IN" or "LANDING" when making your final landing approach. Airplanes that are not under power (Dead Stick) have priority on landing.
- 24) All propeller driven planes will face the runway when starting and running. All ducted fans will face the pit area to eliminate exhaust into the lunch and seating area.
- 25) You must announce "ON THE FIELD" before walking on the runway at any time.

HELICOPTERS

- 26) In addition to the rules set forth above, helicopter pilots must also observe the following rules as well:
- 27) Helicopter pilots must have a spotter along side at all times.
- 28) Helicopter pilots must confine their flying and equipment to the south end of the field when practicing Hover maneuvers.
- 29) Helicopters are allowed in the flying pattern. While flying in the pattern, each heli pilot must be on the flight line.

ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT

- 30) No sailplanes/gliders powered or free flight. (Three-channel operation must have motor control) (As of 6/1/99), subject to change.
- 31) No turbine propane engines allowed (as of 6/1/99). Only turbine kerosene engines allowed.
- 32) ALL turbine powered planes must be completely equipped with KEVLAR Fuel tanks. ALL TURBINE PLANES MUST HAVE (3) MAN CREW ONLY. NOBODY WITHIN 25 ft. CIRCLE WHEN STARTING
- 33) ENGINE.

NOVICES

You must have an experienced PARCS member at your side at all times until you qualify.

ALL NOVICES MUST HAVE A BUDDY BOX THAT HE/SHE MUST SUPPLY.

The Buddy Box must be compatible with the transmitter controlling the plane or helicopter.

Help can be obtained by asking ANY of the field controllers present.

Do not be afraid to ask for assistance.

NO SPECTATORS OR GUESTS ARE ALLOWED ONTO THE PIT AREA OR FLIGHT LINE WITHOUT AN AMA CARD. NON-COMPLIANCE WILL RESULT IN BEING RESTRICTED TO THE SPECTATOR AREA OR LUNCH AREA ONLY.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OF ANY KIND ARE RESTRICTED AT OUR FIELD. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST. WE CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT FLOYD BENNETT FIELD IS FEDERALLY OWNED AND ANY VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES OR LAW IS CONSIDERED A FEDERAL OFFENSE, ANSWERABLE IN FEDERAL COURT.