SAFETY RULES

GROUND RULES

- 1. Only club members or guests accompanied by a member may fly at this site. Guests must have a current AMA license. Any guest will be limited to three flying sessions only, unless otherwise approved by a Club Officer.
- 2. All planes must be kept in the pit area.
- 3. Transmitters must be put in the Impound area, and MUST NOT be removed without the appropriate frequency clip. Put a clip with your name on it in place of the frequency clip. 2.4 Ghz transmitters are exempt.
- 4. All non 2.4 Ghz transmitters shall display the appropriate AMA approved Channel Numbers per AMA guidelines.
- 5. No taxiing or flying of model aircraft in the pit area.
- 6. Landing aircraft have right-of-way over aircraft performing takeoffs or fly-bys. Dead stick Aircraft have runway priority.
- 7. All takeoffs, flights and landings must be made from the pilot stations with the exception of Old Timer activities (SAM Rules). Also hand launched electrics and sailplanes.
 - A. No takeoffs or landings in the 25' safety zone between the safety fence and paved runway.
- 8. Hand launching of aircraft should be done from the areas immediately to the right or left of the safety fence line. Notify pilots on the flight line of an impending hand launch.
- 9. Mufflers MUST be used except as follows:
 - A. Engines .10 and smaller do not require a muffler but their use is preferred.
 - B. Pylon Racers and Old Timers which do not require mufflers for sanctioned competition.
 - C. Wankel engines.
 - D. Engines Fully Cowled in Scale models if approval for such operation has been provided in writing by the safety officer.
- 10. In case of accidental "shoot down/mid air collision", the two parties involved will settle the situation responsibly. The Club will not be physically, morally or financially liable.
- 11. No running of fuel based engines (gas, nitro, kerosene, etc.) before 8:00am. The aircraft noise should be kept to a minimum if flying early.
- 12. AMA Rules apply to the use of alcohol. No model aircraft shall be flown by anyone while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
- 13. Be considerate to the pilots in the air when starting an engine in the Pit area, whether using a stand or tethered to the ground.
 - A. Make sure your airplane is not pointed directly at someone (pilot or bystander) when starting and running up your engine. Try for at least a 45 degree safety angle (in case a prop comes off or breaks).
 - B. If running an engine for break in or extended run in please move or locate your model further to the side of the flight line, or around the side of club house.

FLIGHT RULES

- 1. Flying is prohibited over residential areas (especially over the house on the north side of the field), and over the spectator or pit areas. VIOLATION OF THE OVERFLY RULES WILL SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE FLYING SITE AND THE CLUB.
- 2. No flight (fly-bys or otherwise) is to take place closer than approximately 25 feet in front of the safety fence, or to the left or right of the ends of the safety fence. All applicable AMA safety rules apply to the pilot and support person.
- 3. Verbal contact is to be maintained with other pilots on the flight line of impending actions (touch and go's, dead stick landings, or moving onto the flight area to retrieve an aircraft).
 - A. Do not enter the field to retrieve an aircraft, until you have received a verbal approval by ALL of the other pilots currently in the air. Give the pilots a chance to either land their aircraft or move them to a higher altitude (>100 feet) to maintain safety. The aircraft in the air have a higher priority than an aircraft on the ground. No other aircraft may take off while a pilot is waiting to retrieve a downed aircraft unless he is given permission by the safety director.

- B. Enter the field perpendicular to the line of flight and retrieve the aircraft in a most expeditious manner.
- C. Announce LOUDLY your position while on the field and when you are CLEAR of the field.
- D. In the case of another plane needing to land while someone is retrieving their aircraft, the person retrieving the aircraft should maintain as much distance from the landing area as possible.
- 4. In case of a radio or mechanical problem, immediately announce the situation in a voice LOUD enough for everyone in the Pilot Circles, Pit Area and Spectator Area to hear you, so that they may take evasive action if appropriate.
- 5. Before retrieving a downed aircraft outside of the park (residential, commercial, or agricultural) please try to get permission from the land owners if possible. You are responsible for any damage occurred by your aircraft and while trespassing to retrieve it.
- 6. NOTICE: If you put an aircraft down in the IMMEDIATE area of the house directly north of the field, the occupant may not allow you to retrieve your aircraft. If the occupant does not allow retrieval, and a club member persists (legally or otherwise) to get the aircraft back, that club member could greatly jeopardize our flying site. All flyers using our site acknowledge this situation and agree NOT to pursue retrieval as such retrieval could cause possible loss of the field and/or other legal action against the Club.
- 7. Students and/or beginning flyers must have a qualified instructor present when they fly until the instructor or Safety Director has cleared them to solo.
- 8. All pilots MUST fly from the marked and noted pilot stations.
- 9. All applicable AMA rules apply. Per the current AMA manual to both the Ground rules and Flight rules.

Safety Director Date_	

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