

FRANKENMUTH AEROMODELER'S CLUB

GROUND & FLIGHT SAFETY RULES

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WHILE THIS GUIDE SETS FORTH CLUB RULES, WITH MAXIMUM EMPHASIS ON SAFETY, NOTHING HEREIN SHOULD OVERRULE GOOD COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY.

SAFETY RULES:

1. ALL PILOTS SHALL BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AMA, AND THEIR MODEL AIRCRAFT FLOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT AMA SAFETY CODE.
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FIREARMS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AT THE FLYING FIELD.

FIELD EDIQUITE:

1. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREA ONLY.
2. MEMBERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THAT THEIR GUESTS CONDUCT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLUB CONDUCT.
3. ALL MEMBERS SHALL:
 - a. ENSURE THAT SPECTATORS BE AWARE OF ALL RESTRICTED AREAS.
 - b. ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED.
 - c. SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN.
 - d. SEE THAT THEIR PIT AREA IS FREE OF LITTER.
4. NO TRANSMITTER SHALL HAVE THE ANTENNA EXTENDED OR TURNED ON IN THE PARKING OR SPECTATOR AREA WITHOUT HAVING THE CLUBS FREQUENCY PIN IN THEIR POSSESSION.
5. SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME, BUT MUST REMAIN IN THE SPECTATOR AND PARKING AREA, WHICH IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE WOOD RAIL FENCE.
6. ALL FLYING TO BE DONE SOUTH OF THE FLIGHT LINE. THE FLIGHT LINE BEING, AN EAST TO WEST STRAIGHT LINE, LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE LONG GRASS AREA.
7. IF CROSS WINDS PREVENT NORMAL LANDINGS FROM EAST OR WEST, LANDINGS ARE PERMITTED AS SHOWN ON FIELD LAYOUT. USE WITH CAUTION.
8. DELIBERATE FLYING BEHIND THE FLIGHT LINE, FLYING OVER PEOPLE OR VEHICLES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE.
9. ONLY QUALIFIED PILOTS MAY FLY WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. TRAINEES MAY NOT FLY WITHOUT ASSISTANCE UNTIL TRAINING IS COMPLETED.
10. TAXIING A MODEL IN THE PIT AREA IS PROHIBITED. PILOTS, INSTRUCTORS, AND SPOTTERS ARE ONLY PERMITTED IN THE "PILOT'S BOX".
11. ALL TAKEOFF AND LANDINGS SHALL BE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.
12. A DEAD STICK AIRCRAFT OR ANY LANDING AIRCRAFT HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY OVER ANY AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF.
13. WHEN AN ENGINE STOPS IN FLIGHT SHOUT, "DEADSTICK" LOUDLY SEVERAL TIMES TO WARN OTHERS OF THE IMPENDING LANDING.

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14. IN THE CASE OF A MODEL MALFUNCTION IN THE AIR, ANNOUNCE THE PROBLEM TO ALL OTHER FLYER'S.
15. IF A MODEL AIRCRAFT IS TO BE RETRIEVED FROM THE FIELD IT MUST BE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.
16. IT IS RECOMMENED THAT NO MORE THEN FOUR MODELS TO BE FLOWN AT ONE TIME, BUT FIVE IS MAX., SPOTTERS ARE REQUIRED IF MORE THAN TWO ARE FLYING.
17. ALL ENGINES MUST HAVE MUFFLERS. ALL ENGINES MUST CONFORM TO CURRENT AMA NOISE GUIDELINES.
18. BEFORE A TRANSMITTER IS TURNED ON, THE OPERATOR MUST HAVE THE CLUBS FREQUENCY PIN IN HIS POSSESSION.
19. ANYONE OPERATING A TRANSMITTER WITHOUT POSSESSION OF THE CORRECT FREQUENCY PIN, THEREBY CAUSING THE CRASH OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT ON THE SAME FREQUENCY, IS LIABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES AND INJURIES. IF THE PARTIES INVOLVED CANNOT AGREE ON A SETTLEMENT, ALL PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY AN EVALUATION MADE BY THE CLUB'S CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
20. ANY ACCIDENT INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OTHER THAN MODELS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO A CLUB OFFICER.
21. ALL AIRCRAFT SHALL LAND AND TAKE OFF ON THE FLIGHT SIDE OF THE FLIGHT LINE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LEFT HAND OR RIGHT HAND TRAFFIC PATTERN APPROACH. WIND DIRECTION WILL DETERMINE THE DIRECTION.
22. ANY NEW, OR REPAIRED AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT BY AN INSTRUCTOR OR THE SAFETY OFFICER. A TEST FLIGHT SHOULD BE MADE BY A VETERAN PILOT.
23. AVOID FLYING ALONE, IF POSSIBLE.
24. IT IS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED, TO USE A RESTRAINING DEVICE TO HOLD THE AIRCRAFT WHEN STARTING. IF ALONE, IT IS REQUIRED. A RESTRAINING DEVICE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SAFETY OFFICER IF DIFFERENT FROM OUR CLUBS CURRENT RESTRAINT. OUR CURRENT RETRAINING DEVICE IS SAFE FOR USE UP TO AND INCLUDING 1/4 SCALE AIRCRAFT.
25. IF USING A PCM RADIO, TURN ON THE RADIO AND TRANSMITTER; THEN TURN OFF THE TRANSMITTER .THE ENGINE THROTTLE MUST CLOSE. IF IT DIDN'T, DON'T FLY THE AIRPLANE UNTILL THE FAILSAFE IS REPROGRAMED.
26. SAILPLANE LAUNCHES AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED UPWIND OF, AND PARALLEL WITH THE RUNWAY.
27. SAILPLANE LANDING APPROACH PATTERNS WILL PARALLEL THOSE OF POWERED AIRCRAFT.
28. POWERED AIRCRAFT MUST MAINTAIN REASONABLE SEPARATION FROM SAILPLANES, AND IN ALL CONDITIONS THE SAIL PLANE HAS THE RIGHT AWAY.
29. HELICOPTER FLYING IS TO BE DONE ON THE WEST END OF THE FIELD, JUST WEST OF THE PIT AREA. IF A HELICOPTER IS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT FLYING, IT CAN BE FLOWN ON THE FLIGHT LINE.

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