

Pioneer Valley Radio Control Club Safety Rules & Regulations

SAFETY RULES:

- 1. ONLY Current Club members are permitted to fly at the club field. Guests of club members will be permitted to fly with evidence of a current AMA license and a sponsoring club member present.**
- 2. NO flying behind the designated flight line safety fence, which runs parallel to the south side of the runway directly in front of the pilot stations. NO flying over the pit area, spectator, or parking areas.**
- 3. ALL takeoffs or hand launches must be north of the flight line when pilot stations are occupied. Also aircraft are to be a minimum of 15 feet away from the safety fence during takeoffs, flight, and landings.**
- 4. At NO time should a plane be facing the spectator area or parking lot while the engine is running.**
- 5. NO taxiing into the pits and NO hovering to or from the pits.**
- 6. NO unescorted spectators are permitted in the pits, outside the designated spectator area, or beyond the fence separating the parking area from the pits. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests who must remain in the spectator or parking area unless participating in flight operations.**
- 6-1. Pets are allowed, but must remain restrained from interaction with members and guests, and at no time should be permitted to enter the pits or runway area during active times.**
- 7. ALL operation of RC aircraft shall be in accordance with the current official published "AMA Safety Code".**

FIELD REGULATIONS:

- 1. All 72 MHz transmitters will be 1991 legal (Narrow Band). Channel numbers will be displayed on the antennae with bold numbers. All 72 MHz transmitters will be placed in the transmitter impound upon arrival at the field. Transmitters may not be turned on for any reason or leave the impound area unless the proper channel pin is attached to the transmitter and the member's Club or AMA Card is inserted in the holder corresponding to the Channel Pin Number. If the channel pin is already taken, the transmitter is to remain off and further frequency use is to be coordinated between the pilots using the same channel or Ham frequency. When leaving the field for the day the transmitter is to remain off and the pin returned to the board. Please be courteous to other pilots on shared channels and limit pin possession to 20 minutes. Spread spectrum technology transmitters operating in the 2.4 GHz band are exempt from this impound and frequency control procedure.**
- 2. All aircraft will meet the club noise rule of 95db maximum @ 3 meters with:**
 - Sound meter held 18" off the ground**
 - Airplanes measured on exhaust exit side at full throttle.**
 - Helicopters in hover, slightly down wind of exhaust.**
- 3. Picnic tables are not to be used as workbenches.**

- 4. Pilots flying will stand adjacent to the designated pilot stations. Before going onto the runway for any reason advise the other active pilots by calling out “on the field” and ensure that you do not conflict with operating aircraft. Please clear the area as soon as possible to allow for normal aircraft traffic.**
- 5. Advise other active pilots by calling out “taking off”, “landing”, or “high speed low pass” before performing these maneuvers.**
- 6. Aircraft powered by internal combustion engines may start flying at 9:00AM on weekdays, weekends & holidays.**
- 7. Electric and sailplanes may start flying at 8:00 AM**
- 8. All aircraft will end flying at dusk except radio-controlled night flying is limited to electric powered model aircraft. The model aircraft must be equipped with a lighting system which clearly defines the aircraft's attitude and direction at all times**
- 9. Prevailing winds will determine the active traffic pattern.**
- 10. All flight operations will take place to the south of the railroad tracks**
- 11. Clear the landing area when a “dead stick” is called out.**
- 12. Use common courtesy when flying with other pilots.**
- 13. All pilots should be familiar with the AMA Safety Code, PVRCC Club Safety Rules and Field Regulations.**

Revised 5/30/2007 to recognize night flying rules.

Revised 2/12/2009 to incorporate relocation to Pochassic Road field

Revised 6/18/2009 to change internal combustion engine powered aircraft may start flying at 9:00 AM on weekends and holidays.

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