

SANFORD AERO MODELERS SAFE FLYING POLICIES

These rules are set forth to ensure the safety of spectators, modelers and property. In the interest of safety for all, it is suggested that an observer assist you. This is not to keep anyone from flying, but to help protect your right to fly. SAFE FLYING IS NO ACCIDENT.

Model Requirements

1. All models must comply with AMA safety requirements and have both AMA and FAA registration numbers applied as appropriate.
2. All internal combustion engines must emit less than 99dB (average) at ten feet.

Preflight Check List should be done at home and at the field.

1. Beginners – Seek help of a designated club instructor.

Ground Rules

1. Cars (and cars with trailers) must be parked in designated areas only. Exceptions to this rule may be permitted due to physical disability with authorization from a club officer.
2. We are limited to a maximum of seven (7) aircraft in the air at any given time.
3. Only pilots, assistants and AMA members are allowed on the flight line.
4. Direct prop blast away from others and their equipment whenever possible.
5. All maneuvers must be performed at or beyond the centerline of the runway.
6. When not flying, all aircraft must be parked tail first to the fence in the pit area.
7. When ready for flight, if not using a startup table, aircraft may be started where parked in the pit area. When clear, aircraft may taxi or otherwise be moved to the flight line for takeoff.
8. Restraint shall be used on all model aircraft when starting engines.

Last Minute Field Check

1. Perform a visual check for any model aircraft on final approach to land. Wait until the aircraft lands and has cleared the runway before proceeding from the flight line to the runway for flight.
2. Perform a last minute control surface movement and direction check before leaving the flight line for the runway.

Flying

1. Do not willfully and deliberately fly any model in a careless, reckless, and/or dangerous manner.
2. Abide by all AMA recommended safety codes and SAMs flying policies.
3. Helicopter hover flights are permitted in designated flying areas only (not in the pits).
4. Extended engine run up or break-in shall be performed in designated areas only.
5. Model weight must not exceed AMA guidelines for the prescribed model classification.

6. Models must yield the right-of-way to full scale aircraft at all times.
7. Test / Maiden flights must be accompanied by a qualified assistant.
8. Student pilots may not fly model aircraft, solo, in the presence of spectators until becoming a qualified flier.
9. The initial turn after takeoff must be away from the designated flight line. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
10. All flights will start and finish from the designated flight line. The flight line is designated as the front of the pilot stations.
11. No flying is permitted if no one else is at the field. There should be someone else present that is old enough and capable to assist, in the event of an accident or injury.
12. If a model must be carried out onto the runway for takeoff, this intention must be previously announced to any other pilots on the flight line. Pilots using this practice must promptly clear the runway and move to a pilot station when the model is released. The pilot must then verbally announce that the runway has been cleared.
13. No take offs or landings are permitted in the direction of the pit area or spectators.
14. Check that the runway is clear and no aircraft are on final approach before starting to taxi onto the runway.
15. If flying anything but the established traffic pattern, find a clear space in the sky that is away from other aircraft and try to not monopolize the entire sky.
Set a good example.
16. If your engine quits during a flight, YELL "Dead Stick" to give other pilots time to clear the runway and allow for your emergency landing. Remember, "Dead Stick" aircraft have the right-of-way.
17. No alcohol or drugs are permitted at the flying field.
18. Keep vulgar / profane language to a minimum.
19. NO 3D FLYING IS PERMITTED.
20. No FPV (First Person View) flying is permitted at any time. All flights must have visual line-of-sight of the pilot.
21. All flying must be below 400 ft.
22. Full scale aircraft have the right-of-way, in the airspace, at all times.

Club Policies

1. AMA membership is required of all fliers.
2. Guest Flying: A total of five (5) days is the limit. NO EXCEPTIONS. A club member must accompany and sponsor a flying visitor and are required to sign the guest roster each time. The guest must leave the field when the club member leaves the field.
3. Takeoffs and landings shall never be performed towards the pit area or spectators. If landing or taking off is different from the established pattern, the pilot must make their intentions known to all other pilots at pilot stations.
4. All field property (chairs, tables, etc.) must be returned to their proper locations after use.

5. No person shall attempt to fly a model without being accompanied by an instructor unless they have reached the “Pilot” status as outlined in the SAM Flight Proficiency Program.
6. Children must be supervised at all times.
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