



Field Rules for Helicopters & Planes

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RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY OF MARINE PARK

FIELD RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING FLYING AT GERRITSEN R.C.FLYING FIELD

THIS R.C. FLYING FIELD WAS BUILT, IS OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY OF MARINE PARK (R. C. S. M. P.) UNDER A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT GRANTED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THESE RULES HAVE BEEN FORMULATED TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT AS WELL AS FEDERAL AVIATION AUTHORITY (FAA) REGULATIONS, ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, (AMA) SAFETY CODE, WHICH IS AUTOMATICALLY A PART OF OUR FIELD RULES, AND TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF OUR GERRITSEN BEACH NEIGHBORS AND OTHERS VISITING THE AREA. CONTINUED OPERATION OF THIS FLYING SITE REQUIRES THAT WE COMPLY WITH ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT FOLLOW.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK US TO PUT OUR FIELD IN JEOPARDY BY MAKING EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES. WE CANNOT DO SO!

UPDATED AND EFFECTIVE

March 2007

R.C.S.M.P.
FIELD RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FLYING HOURS 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ONLY. NO RUNNING OF ENGINES PERMITTED EXCEPT DURING FLYING HOURS. ELECTRIC POWERED PLANES MAY BEGIN FLYING AT 8:30 A.M.
2. ALL FLYERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT A.M.A. MEMBERSHIP CARD ON THEIR PERSON. CARD OR COPY MUST BE WORN AND VISIBLE WHEN AT THE FIELD FOR FLYING OR ANY PIT AREA ACTIVITY.
3. ALL FLYERS MUST SIGN LOG BOOK AND PLACE TRANSMITTERS IN IMPOUND AREA UPON ARRIVAL AT FLYING FIELD. EACH TRANSMITTER MUST SHOW OWNERS NAME AND AMA APPROVED CHANNEL NUMBER (SAME AS TRANSMITTERS FACTORY CHANNEL NUMBER) AND AN AIRCRAFT ONLY RED FLAG AFFIXED.
4. ALL NON-QUALIFIED FLYERS OF R.C.S.M.P. MUST HAVE AN R.C.S.M.P. INSTRUCTOR OR AN EXPERIENCED QUALIFIED FLYER (AS APPROVED BY THE CHIEF FIELD CONTROLLER) AT THEIR SIDES AT ALL TIMES. THE CHIEF FIELD CONTROLLER, ASSISTANT FIELD CONTROLLER, CLUB QUALIFIER OR CLUB INSTRUCTOR MUST CHECK OUT ALL GUEST FLYERS FOR QUALIFICATION. IF NOT QUALIFIED THE GUEST FLYER MUST HAVE AN R.C.S.M.P. INSTRUCTOR OR EXPERIENCED QUALIFIED FLYER AT THEIR SIDE WHENEVER HE/SHE FLIES. (APPROVED 11-18-93)
5. OTHER THAN DURING UNLOADING OR LOADING OF EQUIPMENT, CARS MUST BE PARKED IN DESIGNATED AREAS.
6. ALL AIRCRAFT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN A. M. A. NUT OR SPINNER. ALL ENGINES OVER .10 CUBIC INCHES MUST HAVE AN EFFECTIVE AMA APPROVED MUFFLER. ALL A.M.A. R. C. CONTEST FLYING RULES PERTAINING TO MUFFLER USE SHALL ALSO APPLY. (96 dB)
7. ALL FLYERS ARE EXPECTED TO RANGE CHECK RADIOS IN EACH AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO FIRST FLIGHT OF EACH FLYING SESSION.
8. TAXIING MAY BE DONE ONLY ON TAXI STRIPS AND RUNWAYS AND MAY NOT BE DONE CLOSER THAN 20 FEET FROM PIT AREA. TAKE-OFFS AND HAND LAUNCHING MUST BE DONE ONLY FROM RUNWAYS.
9. ANY AIRCRAFT JUDGED TO BE UNSAFE WILL BE BANNED FROM FLYING UNTIL JUDGED TO BE SAFE. ALL MODELS NOT PREVIOUSLY FLOWN AND THOSE REPAIRED AFTER CRASH DAMAGE MUST BE CAREFULLY CHECKED FOR SAFE CONDITION AND MUST PASS A SATISFACTORY RANGE CHECK WITH AND WITHOUT ENGINE RUNNING BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO FLY.

R.C.S.M.P. FIELD RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 10.** ANY QUALIFIED FLYER WHO WISHES TO FLY A PLANE OTHER THAN THE TYPE OF PLANE HE/SHE WAS QUALIFIED ON MUST SHOW PROFICIENCY WITH THIS TYPE OF PLANE TO AN R.C.S.M.P. INSTRUCTOR BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO FLY UNAIDED WITH THIS TYPE OF PLANE. (ADDED 3/22/95)
- 11.** NO FLYING UNDER 25 FEET EXCEPT FOR TAKEOFFS, LANDINGS AND LOW SPEED TOUCH AND GOES, IN AN UPWIND DIRECTION.
- 12.** WHEN SEVERAL PLANES ARE IN THE AIR, FLYERS ARE EXPECTED NOT TO FLY OPPOSITE PREVAILING FLIGHT PATH OR TO CROSS-PREVAILING PATH OF PLANES IN THE AIR.
- 13.** NO FLYING OVER PIT AREA SIDE OF RUNWAY. FLYERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAND ON ONE OF THE SIX (6) DESIGNATED FLYING POSITIONS PROVIDED. NO FLYING OVER PIT AREA, SPECTATOR AREA, PARKING AREA, BALL FIELD OR OVER OR NEAR GERRITSEN AVENUE, SPECTATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED CLOSER TO THE FLIGHT LINE THAN PARKING AREA SIDE OF BARRIERS PLACED FOR THAT PURPOSE OR CLOSER THAN WARNING SIGNS, IF IN USE. IF SPECTATORS ARE IN DANGEROUS AREA, FIELD CONTROLLER MAY ORDER ALL FLYERS. TO LAND THEIR PLANES UNTIL DANGEROUS SITUATION IS CLEARED.
- 14.** NO TRANSMITTER SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE IMPOUND AREA WITHOUT THE CORRECT FREQUENCY PIN ON THE ANTENNA. WHEN YOU REMOVE THE FREQUENCY PIN YOU MUST PLACE YOUR AMA CARD IN THE PIN SPOT. WHEN FLIGHT IS COMPLETED TRANSMITTER MUST BE RETURNED TO IMPOUND. CHECK TO MAKE SURE SWITCH IS OFF AND PIN IS RETURNED TO FREQUENCY BOARD, REMEMBER TO REMOVE YOUR AMA CARD. POSSESSION OF FREQUENCY PIN MAY BE LIMITED TO A REASONABLE TIME AT THE DIRECTION OF THE FIELD CONTROLLER IF OTHERS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR FREQUENCY.
- 15.** ANY PERSON WHO TURNS ON A TRANSMITTER FOR WHICH HE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORIZED CLUB FREQUENCY PIN IN USE DURING THAT FLYING SESSION OR FAILS TO TURN OFF HIS TRANSMITTER BEFORE RETURNING PIN TO BOARD, CAUSING ANOTHER FLYER WHO HAS THE AUTHORIZED PIN ON HIS TRANSMITTER TO LOSE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OF EQUIPMENT, DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT INCLUDING PARTS AND LABOR OR REPLACEMENT OF SUCH DAMAGED EQUIPMENT OR AIRCRAFT IF NOT FEASIBLE TO REPAIR IT.
- 16.** NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5) MODEL AIRCRAFT MAY BE IN THE AIR AT THE SAME TIME.

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17. NOT MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE MAY BE AT ANY FLYING POSITION WITH EACH PLANE. NO EXCEPTIONS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF FIELD CONTROLLER.
18. NO FLYING ABOVE 400 FEET (FAA REGULATION). IF FULL SIZE AIRCRAFT IS APPROACHING, ALL MODEL AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE LANDED IMMEDIATELY AND KEPT ON THE GROUND UNTIL FULL SIZE AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FROM AREA. THE FIELD CONTROLLER MAY PERMIT CONTINUED LOW FLYING UNDER HIS SUPERVISION UNTIL FULL SIZE AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FROM AREA.
19. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED ON FLIGHT LINE OR IN PIT AREA.
20. EACH FLYER IS EXPECTED TO CLEAN UP PIT AREA WHEN ENDING FLIGHT SESSION, ESPECIALLY USED RUBBER BANDS.
21. GLIDERS AND SAILPLANES, BOTH POWERED AND NON-POWERED ARE PROHIBITED AT THE R.C.S.M.P. FLYING FIELD. (APPROVED 11/18/93)
22. WHEN LANDING ON THE LONG RUNWAY FROM SOUTH TO NORTH A RIGHT APPROACH PATTERN MUST BE USED. WHEN LANDING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH A LEFT TURN APPROACH PATTERN MUST BE USED. WHEN LANDING ON THE SHORT RUNWAY FROM EAST TO WEST EITHER APPROACH MAY BE EMPLOYED. WHEN LANDING ON THE SHORT RUNWAY FROM WEST TO EAST A **FORTY-FIVE DEGREE TURN** APPROACH PATTERN MUST BE USED. (3-15-07)
23. HELICOPTER FLYERS MUST DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY. UNQUALIFIED FLYERS MUST HAVE A SPOTTER WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.
24. HELICOPTERS MAY NOT TAKE OFF FROM PIT AREA OR TAXIWAY. THE HELICOPTER MUST BE CARRIED OUT TO THE FLIGHT LINE. THE DESIGNATED AREA FOR HELICOPTERS TO BE USED FOR HOVERING PRACTICE IS BY SPOT SIX (6) TO THE RIGHT, SOUTH SIDE OF THE FIELD. A QUALIFIED PROFICIENT HELICOPTER PATTERN FLYER CAN USE ALL SPOTS, ONE (1) THRU FIVE (5).
25. ALL HELICOPTER ADJUSTING SHOULD BE DONE AT SPOT NUMBER SIX (6).
26. NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD WITHOUT AMA MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE SHOWN.
27. A FLYER MAY BE GROUNDED FOR THE DAY FOR BREAKING ANY OF THESE FIELD RULES OR FOR FLYING IN A MANNER THAT IS JUDGED TO BE DANGEROUS TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE AREA.

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