

FLYING CROP DUSTERS SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Flying Crop Dusters R/C Flying Club is open to all current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

All members must agree to conform to the current year AMA safety code and FCD Safety Rules and Regulations.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

All activities by members and/or guests will be conducted in a manner that will not cause an unsafe condition.

While we do not prevent you from flying alone, we do strongly recommend that this practice not be done. Should serious injury occur, there would be no one nearby to give assistance.

In the event of a “reportable accident”, the club Safety Officer or any other club Officer must be promptly notified. The AMA Accident Report must be forwarded to the AMA within 72 hours of the time of the mishap. Reporting of the accident to club officers is the responsibility of the aircraft owner and pilot.

GUESTS

All flying guests that are visiting the FCD field must have a current AMA membership. They must also be accompanied by a current member of FCD. In all fairness, the flying visits will be limited to two times.

VISITORS/SPECTATORS

All visitors/spectators will be required to observe from behind the flight line. Children must be with an adult at all times while at the FCD field and shall not be allowed to “wander freely”.

No pets are allowed at the field during flying hours.

MODEL AIRCRAFT

All model aircraft must be identified in accordance with AMA requirements.

All model aircraft must pass a safety inspection by a club officer before being allowed to fly.

All model aircraft must pass a “ground range check” before initial flight can take place.

FREQUENCY CONTROL

All 72 Mhz transmitters not in use shall be placed in the designated transmitter impound area with the radio turned off and the antenna collapsed. All 2.4 Ghz transmitters not in use should be turned off.

PIT AREA

The pit area shall be used for the preparation of the model aircraft for flight.

Taxiing in the pit area is prohibited. The aircraft shall either be pulled or carried into the pit area.

When in the pit area, the aircraft shall face the flight line when starting the engine.

All aircraft, when being readied for flight, shall be secured with two posts driven into the ground of sufficient size to hold the aircraft from going forward when the engine is running. There are alternative restraints that may also be used with the approval of a club officer.

FLYING

Flying hours at the field are 9:00 am until dusk for week days and 10:00 am until dusk for weekends and holidays. Small electric powered plane that make little or no noise may begin flying at 8:00 am on any day. This electric plane exception does not include ducted fan or high rpm pusher electric planes. All glow/gas powered aircraft must adhere to flying times listed above.

FCD field is closed during rifle/shotgun deer hunting season, however flying on Sundays during deer season is permitted. Deer season starts on the Monday after Thanksgiving and runs two weeks.

New members must first pass a flight test by a club officer before being allowed to solo.

Take off and/or landing will only be attempted when the runway is clear of aircraft and/or people. The pilot will call out his intentions prior to take-off or landing. All take-off and landing will be done into the wind when practicable, an exception being a “dead stick” landing.

When two or more aircraft are flying, a flight pattern will be established so as to minimize the risk of a “mid-air” collision.

Aerobatics during take-offs and over the runway are strictly prohibited. Additionally, there is to be no flying over the pit or spectator area.

“Touch and go” and “dead stick” landings shall be announced by the pilot.

When walking onto the runway, you must first announce to the other pilots your intentions. When you return, again announce the field is clear.

If you are the cause of another aircraft being destroyed or damaged, you will be held financially responsible for the replacement cost and/or repair cost of that aircraft.

MEMBER INFRACTIONS

Disregard for the Flying Crop Dusters Safety Rules and Regulations must be referred to a club officer by any member. The club officers may impose any one of the following actions based on the severity of the infraction.

- A. Verbal warning.
- B. Suspension of flying activities for the day.
- C. Suspension of flying activities for fourteen days.
- D. Termination of club membership.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior members of FCD will be allowed to fly only when there is a senior qualified member present.