

Newport News Park Radio Control Club, Inc.

Operating Rules/Regulations

1. Pilots shall comply with the current official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code as well as the NNPRCC rules and regulations set forth in this document at all times.
2. Pilots will display their club badge visually upon their person while conducting flight operations.
3. Pilots operating radio systems without frequency-hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) technology must utilize the frequency control board.
4. Restrictions on Airspace:
 - a. **Main Pattern:** Aircraft (regardless of type/power source) will not be flown over the pit area, parking area(s) or the spectator area(s) defined by an imaginary infinite line extending from the white fence (Safety Line) outward to infinity in each direction (left and right).
 - b. **High-Speed Flights:** Low and fast passes parallel to the runway should be performed over or beyond the asphalt runway.
 - c. **Altitude Restrictions:** There is an active airport within three (3) miles of the club field; therefore, **no model shall be flown at an altitude higher than 400ft.**
 - d. **Electric Flight/Helicopter Hover Area Pattern:** Designated areas defined by flight safety lines on the north and south sides of the pit area. Aircraft will be flown to remain inside the safety lines at all times. Only one aircraft or helicopter may be flown in each Electric Flight/Helicopter Hover Area at any time. Concurrent operations in the north and south areas is allowed.
 - e. **Flight Area Partitions:** Boundaries established by the Main Pattern and the Electric Flight/Helicopter Hover Area Pattern are mutually exclusive. Aircraft will not be flown so as to transition from one flying area to the other.
 - f. **Concurrent Airborne Aircraft:** Unless at an AMA sanctioned event, a maximum of four (4) aircraft/helicopters (regardless of size or type) are allowed airborne over the club field at any given time, excluding helicopters/electric aircraft operating in designated areas adjacent to the Main Pattern.
5. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
6. No aircraft taxiing allowed in the pit area.
7. Aircraft engines will be started within or in front of the pit area (runway side) with the propeller(s) facing the runway (directed away from spectators).

8. **Announce Your Intentions.** Keeping other pilots informed of your intended actions is critical. Clearly announcing your intentions will increase everyone's situational awareness and enhance the safety of field operations. As a minimum, pilots will clearly announce the following actions prior to initiation:
- a. Dead Stick Landings – Always have the right of way.
 - b. Landings – (Announce landing left or right) Have the right of way over take-offs.
 - c. Taking the active for take-off. (Announce taking off left or right)
 - d. Walking onto the runway for any reason – WATCH for model aircraft, which have the right of way.
 - e. In the event an aircraft crashes on or near the runway, permission to retrieve the aircraft must be given by all other pilots with airborne aircraft before anyone crosses the flight line. The airborne aircraft will then remain well clear during the retrieval process. No other aircraft may take off until the aircraft is removed.
 - f. In the event an aircraft crashes inside the over fly area, but away from the runway, all other pilots with airborne aircraft will be notified of any recovery effort. Aircraft are prohibited from any aerobatics or low passes in the area of recovery personnel.

Note: Acknowledgement of these announcements by all other pilots operating their aircraft is required before proceeding across the runway.

These rules and regulations are not intended to replace common courtesy and common sense as they apply to all activities/operations at the Club Field.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD INVALIDATE AMA INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOU AND THE CLUB, COULD CAUSE REVOCATION OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, OR COULD EVEN CAUSE THE CLUB TO BE RESTRICTED FROM USE OF THE FIELD. WE MUST ALL BE DILIGENT IN ENFORCING THESE RULES!

Be courteous and above all....be safe and enjoy the hobby.

Further discussion of these operating rules is contained within the Operating Considerations of the Club's Constitution.