

# Lancaster County R/C Club, Inc.

## Flying Field Rules

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### I. Introduction:

The objective of these Rules is to permit members and their guests to enjoy use of the Club field with a maximum amount of safety and security. Nothing in these Rules should overrule common sense and courtesy. It is required that all aircraft be operated at all times in accordance with the current official Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Code. Any violations of these Field Rules may result in the loss of flying privileges pursuant to the provisions of the Club by-laws.

### II. New Members and Guests:

1. All pilots shall be current AMA members and operate their aircraft in strict compliance with current AMA Safety Codes.
2. New members and guests with minimal flight experience must have their aircraft and radio safety checked and must pass the flight proficiency test (green-string) with a Club Instructor before being granted privileges to fly solo. For this flight proficiency test the pilot must safely perform with no loss of control the following: an uncoached, unassisted take off, a procedure turn, a horizontal figure eight, a safe landing using a standard approach pattern, and a taxi back to the pilot with the engine still running. Upon successful completion of the flight proficiency test a new member shall be issued a key to the field.
3. New members and guests with minimal flight experience who have not passed the flight proficiency test must receive flight instruction from a Club Instructor or Apprentice Instructor. Only Club Instructors or Apprentice Instructors are permitted to give flight instruction. The use of a "buddy cord" is highly recommended and shall be used when available. If the student's radio does not support a "buddy cord" it is the instructor's responsibility to explain the consequences of not using it.
4. Experienced "Guest Pilots" will be permitted to fly on the field providing a sponsor club member of LCRC is present. It will be the responsibility of the sponsor club member to safety check the plane and equipment and familiarize the guest with LCRC Flying Field Rules. Guests are limited to five (5) field visits per year not including special events or contests. Sponsor club members are permitted to bring one guest pilot per day to the flying field.

### II. Radio Equipment:

1. Must comply with all FCC regulations.
2. Must be AMA approved "narrow band" equipment with a spacing of 20 MHz or less.
3. Must display frequency channel number on the antenna.
4. May not be turned on at the field unless a current AMA Membership Card is inserted in the pin board and the frequency pin is attached to the transmitter. In the event operation of a transmitter without a frequency pin causes damage to another flyer's equipment who is operating with the frequency pin, the person not in possession of the pin shall be liable for all damages through repair or replacement of the equipment. If the parties are unable to agree to a fair settlement they shall be bound by an evaluation performed by a majority of the Club's Officers.
5. Must be range checked before first flight of the day with collapsed antenna at 100 feet.

### III. Field Regulations:

1. No flying is permitted before 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and before 8:00 a.m. all other days.
2. All vehicles shall park in the designated parking area and not be driven beyond the shed into the pits.
3. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner so as to maintain good relationships with adjoining property owners.
4. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the flying field.
5. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests and their compliance with the Flying Field Rules.
6. Only pilots are permitted in the pits. All others shall stay behind the spectator fence.
7. Pets shall be leashed and kept behind the pits and flight line.
8. Children shall be supervised and kept behind the pits and flight line.
9. No test running of engines shall be done in the pits or on the flight line.
10. All engines shall be equipped with an effective muffler system.
11. Propeller wash shall not blow on other people or their equipment.
12. Any Club Officer, Instructor, or Safety Official may ground any aircraft which they deem unsafe to fly.
13. All flying shall be from the designated concrete pad flight stations. Takeoffs and landings shall be announced to other pilots. The runway shall be kept as clear as possible at all times.
14. Flying shall be restricted to a line north of and parallel to the runway centerline. No aircraft shall be permitted to fly over the access drive or the buildings to the east or northwest of the field. Flying over the pits, behind the flight line, or over buildings is strictly prohibited.
15. No low altitude, high speed passes are permitted closer than 75 feet to the flight line.
16. When other flyers are waiting to fly on the same frequency, no one shall occupy the frequency for more than twenty minutes.
17. All litter, trash, cigarette butts, airplane parts, paper towels etc. shall be removed from the field and taken home when flying is finished.