



Monroe County Radio Control Club
BYLAWS
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Everyone has joined this club to have fun flying R.C. Each member has the right to the maximum enjoyment of his hobby, and each member has the responsibility to help others to pursue the same objective. These airport regulations, based on common sense and safety, have therefore been enacted in order that each member may obtain maximum benefit from the flying site.

A. Ground Control

1. Automobiles must be parked in assigned areas to avoid congestion and blocking runways.
2. All aircraft will be mechanically restrained while starting. Engine break-in, if necessary, will be restricted to an assigned area away from the pit area.
3. Aircraft motors should be started toward runway while in the pits. When engines are run up to full throttle, keep bystanders out of the propeller arc. Taxiing into the pits is not allowed.

B. Aircraft Radio Frequency Control

1. Before operating any transmitter, including 2.4 GHz spread spectrum transmitters, the proper channel tag (yellow identifier tag for 2.4 GHz systems) must be obtained from the frequency control board and the operator's Monroe County R/C Club membership card or AMA card must be put in its place. The exception would be for 27 MHz systems – no action required.
2. If your channel tag is not on the board, check the card in the slot & contact that radio operator to let them know you wish to share that channel with them. Parties involved with any frequency conflict must communicate with each other and agree how and when to share the channel tag. Not applicable to 2.4 GHz systems.
3. No transmitter is to be turned on at any time unless the operator is in possession of the channel tag. All other transmitters on the conflicting channel must be turned off and impounded in the transmitter impound area or a vehicle (car, truck, trailer, etc.) until the operator has possession of the channel tag. (Controlled impounding may be imposed during club flying events, i.e. air show, fun fly, etc.) Not applicable to 2.4 GHz systems.
4. Transmitter antennas are to be collapsed when impounded or when turned off. Not applicable to 2.4 GHz systems.
5. The channel number must be prominently displayed on each transmitter, preferably on the antenna. The numbers must be at least one inch tall and must be easily visible to others. Not applicable to 2.4 GHz systems. 2.4 GHz must have a yellow flag on each transmitter, preferably on the antenna.
6. Any damage or injury caused by failure to follow this frequency control procedure is the sole responsibility of the offending operator.

C. Air Traffic Control

1. Pilots must stand in the designated areas while flying. Only pilots, spotters and instructors are permitted to stand in the pilot areas.
2. There shall be no flying of any kind over the pit or pilot areas, landing patterns included. The deliberate buzzing of pit or spectator areas, or other acts endangering flying safety, is specifically prohibited. Low fly-bys are not permitted closer to the pilot's box than the center of the runway.
3. Airborne emergencies, such as loss of power, glitch, etc., should be called to the attention of other flyers by the pilot, and he shall be given immediate priority of airspace and runway for landing.
4. Takeoffs and landings will be announced. A landing aircraft has right of way over an aircraft taking off.
5. Runway and landing pattern will be determined by wind direction and all fliers will cooperate with each other for safe operation by remaining in the pilot box, within hailing distance of each other. Pit taxiway is not to be used for landing or take-off.
6. If the model must be carried onto the runway, this intention must be previously announced to any other pilots. Members pursuing this practice must clear the runway promptly after the model is released.
7. Any person attempting to remove a model from the runway shall previously announce this intention to the other pilots.
8. No engine restarts shall be made on the runway.
9. Hand launching must be done from the runway only, not toward the pits, and must be announced.

10. No more than 4 aircraft should be in the air at the same time unless prearranged between fliers. Beginning fliers should be given as much encouragement and airspace as possible, and if conditions warrant, should be allowed to fly without distraction of other aircraft.
11. Spectators are welcome at the flying site and should be shown the courtesy their interest warrants. The following rules apply:
 - a) Spectators should remain in assigned areas unless invited into the pit area by a member.
 - b) All children must be accompanied by, and under the direct supervision of an adult.
 - c) No pets are allowed in the pit area.
12. All aircraft will comply with the current club noise requirement of 102 decibels at 9 feet. In the absence of test equipment, a majority, or a maximum of 5 members present shall decide if the aircraft should be grounded.
13. There shall be no flying before 8:00 am (except for sailplanes and quiet electrics), no flying after dark or during mowing operations, and no flying over the road or neighbors houses with powered aircraft.

D. Guest Flying

1. All guest flyers that wish to use the Monroe County R/C Club field must contact a club officer for permission to fly, or must be accompanied by a current member of the club.
2. All flyers must be covered by AMA insurance. Any non-AMA guest flyers must be accompanied by a Monroe County R/C Club Intro-Pilot.
3. Guests and prospective new members will be required to join the club after 3 flying sessions as a guest of a current club member.
4. Non-member beginners must be under the direct supervision and control of an experienced pilot who is a current MCRCC member. Non-members, new members, and beginners should seek guidance and instruction from a designated instructor who is a current Monroe County R/C Club member. They must be certified by an instructor before being allowed to fly solo.
5. New or guest helicopter flyers will be handled on a one-on-one basis by a designated helicopter instructor.
6. All pilots are to follow AMA and Monroe County R/C Club rules and regulations as posted.

E. Enforcement

1. Instructors are the primary safety officers. However, it is also the obligation of each member to police the safety rules, and to inform the other members when they are observed infringing on the AMA safety code, the club's Bylaws or the club's Constitution.
2. Deliberate failure to abide by the specific prohibitions in the airport regulations will be reviewed by the executive committee, after which they will recommend such penalties as they deem necessary, including formal warnings, temporary suspension of flying privileges, or expulsion from membership.

F. Other Rules and Good Safety Practices

1. A safe, clean field will further your enjoyment of R.C. flying; therefore, anything you bring to the flying field, you shall remove when you depart.
2. Flying alone at the flying field should be avoided if at all possible. If the flyer has a serious accident or illness, it might be several hours before help would arrive.
3. Fliers shall not consume alcohol or drugs at the flying field.
4. The club bylaws shall be reviewed in February of each even numbered year.
5. While at the field, any procedural, or safety issues not covered in this document, or the Constitution, will be dealt with temporarily by a unanimous vote of members present at the field until said issue can be discussed at the next scheduled club business meeting.