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FLYING SITE SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RULES

The *Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code* is a basic document for ALL AMA chartered clubs. Every member should be familiar with the Safety Code, and new members should receive instruction about this code.

Each club should also develop a carefully structured set of rules for their club's flying site. These rules should cover two (2) areas:

- 1) **Safety** rules for actual flying, and
- 2) **Operational** rules which include items concerning times of operation, permits required, emergency numbers, etc.

Following is a generic sample of a set of rules designed to supplement the required current *Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code*. This example is not intended to represent the specific needs of all flying sites. It is, rather, intended to be a guide to help each club develop rules which specifically meet the individual site situation.

FLYING SITE SAFETY RULES

1. Deliberate flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
2. Each transmitter must display frequency identification.
3. Taxiing is **not** allowed in the pit area.
4. It is strongly recommended that members do not fly alone.
5. Children should **not** be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the **direct** supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
6. The established club frequency control plan will be in force at all times.
7. Control line equipment shall be inspected before the initial flight each day.
8. Helicopter flights are allowed in designated areas only.
9. Sailplane high start lines are to run parallel to active runway.
10. Direction of flight is determined by the wind direction, etc.
11. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
12. Models will fly only in predesignated areas, and will yield right-of-way to full-size aircraft.

FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES

1. NO flying before 9:00 a.m.
2. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the safety line.
3. Mufflers are required on all models. (db limit recommended).
4. Testing of engines is to be performed in specific designated areas.
5. Shelter may not be used as a pit area.
6. The AMA Safety Code will be displayed when the field is open for flying.
7. Fliers operating models must display AMA membership cards for easy identification.
8. Pilots shall make appropriate announcement when taking off, landing, or emergency situations.
9. Compliance to these safety rules is the responsibility of each participant.
10. First aid kits are to be carried by designated members.
11. Post emergency numbers: Hospital _____,
Police _____, and Public phone location _____
12. All non-participants must be behind a partial barrier during Control Line Speed flying.