

Bog Hogs Radio Control Club, Inc.

Field Rules

Purpose:

The purpose of these field and safety rules is not only to insure the safe enjoyment of model aviation in all of its forms but to preserve our members welcome and the good name of our organization wherever any of our members choose to exercise their flying skills as members of the Bog Hogs Radio Control Club or as a guest of any other club or organization inviting or permitting their participation.

Scope:

These rules are specifically applicable to the club's currently approved and sanctioned flying site on the Dave Souza Cranberry Bog Property located at 85 High Street, Rochester, MA 02770. However, many of these rules are just as applicable to club member' activities at other locations either supplement the rules of other clubs or to control flying activities at non-sanctioned locations.

The field rules are a supplement to the A.M.A. National Model Aircraft Safety Code and shall be adhered to strictly.

Field Etiquette Policy:

Anyone arguing, inciting an argument and/or excessive profanity will be asked to leave for the day. Repeated offensives will be just cause for termination from the club.

General Rules:

1. Members must insure that guests do not interfere with planes in the pit area. Guests are not allowed on the flight line at any time.
2. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed at the field by any member or guest. Termination will result. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only, there is no smoking in the pit area.
3. Members are expected to keep the flying and parking area free from litter.
4. Members **must display a valid membership card** on their clothing or flight box.
5. Guests flyers are limited to only three visits in any given twelve months for flying without joining the club.

6. Any complaints, problems, inconsistencies concerning the flying site, our host or neighbors must be brought to the attention of the Club Safety Officer or member of the executive committee immediately for their action, giving the time, date and pertinent information.
7. Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety codes must be adhered to at all times.

Ground Regulations:

1. All FM transmitters must be OFF and placed in the impound rack upon arrival whether intended to be used or not. No transmitter shall be left unattended in any vehicle.
2. A frequency pin **must** be placed in the correct position on the frequency board before turning on any transmitter (to insure that no other flyer is using the same frequency (FM transmitters only)). If you turn on a transmitter without a frequency pin and cause a crash, you are liable for the damages to the plane and possible suspension from the club. Transmitters must be turned off placed in the (impound rack) and frequency pin removed from the frequency board upon returning to the pit from flying or after use in the pit area.
3. Engine sound level of 95db is maximum. Exception may be made only with the approval of the Safety Officer.
4. Position planes so not to interfere with vehicle traffic and people, keeping exhaust away from vehicles and other flyers and guest.
5. All combustion engines must have mufflers, except 4 cycle engines and ½ A s' up to .079 c.c. Further exceptions may be made for antique engines with the Safety Officers approval.
6. Engine tuning and engine break-in
 - a- When there are no aircraft flying there are no restrictions, keeping safety in mind.
 - b- When other aircraft are flying engine tuning and break-in will only be allowed if the pilot or pilots flying the aircrafts give permission to do so and only one engine at a time.
 - c- Engine tuning and idling just prior to flight is limited to two minutes when other aircraft are flying.

Taxing:

1. No taxing in the pit area by any aircraft. Aircraft must be towed or carried.

2. Taxi out un-tethered aircraft only if no one is on the field, otherwise all aircraft must be carried to or tethered while taxiing to the field.
3. Returning aircraft must stop engine(s) at the field taxi-way.
4. Absolutely no back taxiing at any time on the taxi way. Either carry or tow aircraft back to the pit area.
5. Retrieving an aircraft from the runway. You must announce your intentions to go onto the runway to other flyers on the flight line that have aircraft flying at the time.
6. No engine restarts on the runway.

Flying Rules:

1. Announce your intentions to other flyers when going onto the field.
2. All takeoffs and landings must be announced to other flyers on the flight line.
3. Position yourself at the flight line area while flying. Keep away from other flyers (transmitter courtesy).
4. Flying time is limited to fifteen minutes per flight for powered aircraft.
5. Landing aircraft have the right of way over other powered aircraft.
6. Gliders have the right of way over powered aircraft.
7. Dead stick (engine out) or any aircraft announced to be in an emergency condition has priority over all other aircraft.
8. In a dead stick, transmitter or any other emergency situation you must call out "DEAD STICK" or inform the other flyers in a LOUD VOICE that you are in trouble and SAY what the problem is for your and their safety.
9. Any aircraft that is outside of the field boundaries is considered in an emergency condition.
10. RESTRICTED AREAS are in back of the flight line and anywhere near the Souza house.
11. No "touch and go's" shall be performed if there is another pilot or pilots on the flight line without their permission.
12. Aircraft must not be flown in back of the flight line at any time.

13. Extreme caution is to be observed to avoid flying over the pit, parking area of the field.

Gliders:

1. Powered gliders may be launched from the pit area, flying into the wind provided they are not directed into or near the active runway.
2. Once airborne the pilot must move away from the pit area. (Radio and safety courtesy).
3. Gliders tow lines shall not cross the runway.
4. Gliders shall be launched in an appropriate area free from interference with powered aircraft and only after announcing their intention to do so to the flyers on the flight line.
5. No radio control free flight shall be conducted only in the absence of radio control activity.

Helicopters:

Not to be flown with any fixed aircraft. Time will be given upon request.

Club Equipment:

All club equipment is for the use of members and guests at the clubs official flying site.

Enforcement:

1. It shall be the duty of each and every member to enforce these rules.
2. Any member observing a violation shall immediately take steps to correct that violation and make sure that all facts are known by the Safety Officer.
3. The Safety Officer shall investigate. Upon being satisfied that a violation has occurred he may elect to impose either a warning or fine: \$5.00 for the first offense, \$10.00 for a second offense within a calendar year. If in the opinion of the Safety Officer a more severe sanction is warranted he shall bring all of the facts to the next meeting of the Executive Board who shall review those facts and make a recommendation for further sanctions, up to and including revocation of membership.

4. The action of the Safety officer may be appealed in writing to the Executive Board within ten days.