



# West Pasco Model Pilots Association Flying & Field Use Rules

February 8, 2025



All Model Flying Activity Must Comply with These Rules and With  
Current AMA Safety Code for AMA Liability to Apply

## 1. Field Use

- a. Use of the club field is restricted to R/C flying only by club members and their guests.
- b. Spectators must remain in the shelter area unless invited to the flight line and supervised by a club member.
- c. Club members are to monitor all vehicle and pedestrian traffic to help protect Club and County property.

## 2. WPMPA Pilots

- a. Only current club members with current AMA membership may fly unsupervised.
- b. New members must be signed off to fly solo by any of the club's instructor pilots.

## 3. Guests

- a. A flying guest must be sponsored by a current WPMPA member.
- b. The flying guest must possess a current AMA membership.
- c. A sponsor of a flying guest is responsible for the actions of the guest while at the flying field.
- d. Each WPMPA member may sponsor a maximum of two guest on one trip to the flying field but only one guest may fly at any one time.
- e. The sponsor must supervise the guest while the guest is flying at the same time unless another club member is willing to sponsor and supervise the guest while the original sponsor is flying.

## 4. Flight Line

- a. A short (in height) fence along the western edge of the runway between the runway and the shelter/pavilion area is designated as the flight safety flight line.
- b. Flying behind the flight line over the flight safety area is prohibited.
- c. Aircraft may taxi away from, but not toward the shelter/pavilion area.

## 5. Flight Safety Area

- a. The area behind the Flight Line west toward the shelter and beyond to include the area behind the shelter, the parking area, road, helicopter flying area and area to the tree line to the west.
- b. The area extends south from the shelter, to the entrance gate to the runway area, and north to the east-west fence line.



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- c. No flying is permitted in or over the Flight Safety Area.
- d. No flying is permitted in or over the shelter/Pavilion.

### 6. Training

- a. Club Instructor pilots will train new pilots using one of the clubs training aircraft.
- b. Training by club instructors on personal aircraft is not allowed.
- c. Trim flights on personal aircraft by instructors/club members is permitted but they will not be held responsible for any aircraft mishap.

### 7. Flying

- a. A maximum of four aircraft are allowed in flight at any one time.
- b. All pilots must stand while flying R/C aircraft unless they are medically cleared to be seated while flying.
- c. Umbrellas or canopies are not permitted at the flight line.
- d. All flyers must stand behind the Flight Safety Line when flying or taxiing to/from the runway.
- e. All flyers should be on the lookout for full sized aircraft and should descend immediately and give wide clearance if an approaching aircraft is spotted.
- f. Flying is restricted to flying below an altitude of 400 feet AGL according to AMA rules.
- g. Flyers must announce take-offs, landings, 'man on the runway', and emergencies so others may take appropriate actions.
- h. Other Flyers on the Flight Line should acknowledge announcement to insure there no aerial or ground conflicts.
- i. Prior to take-off flyers should scan the area for any other airplanes in the air or on the runway.
- j. Emergency 'Dead Stick' landings have priority over all other flight operations and should be clearly announced if required to other flyers.

### 8. Maiden/Trim Flights

- a. If needed a pilot may request suspension of all flying activity for the time it takes to conduct an aircraft trim flight.
- b. Such flights should be announced to other flyers and get acknowledgement prior to conducting the flight.

### 9. Lost/Downed Aircraft



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- a. Off field aircraft retrieval procedures are documented in the WPMPA Off Field Safety Alert document.
- b. If a pilot needs to retrieve an aircraft from a wooded area the pilot needs to let other onsite members know where they are going for safety reasons.
- c. No person should go into the woods by themselves
- d. Cutting down a tree is strictly forbidden by both PASCO county and the WPMPA. Doing so will be grounds for immediate removal from the WPMPA and could get you in trouble with PASCO county

## 10. Radio Equipment

- a. All radio equipment must comply with FCC Requirements for proper Frequency and power requirements.
- b. Flyers flying with Analog Radios must prominently display the frequency they are using.
- c. They are responsible to check to see if any other flyers are on the same channel prior to turning their transmitters on.
- d. A flyer who causes an incident because of using a frequency already in use will be deemed responsible for any damage that happens as a result.
- e. Flyers operating on a any 'Ham' Bands must possess and display a valid FCC License.

## 11. Alcoholic Beverages

- a. Pasco County strictly forbids the consumption of alcoholic beverages on County Property, since our field is located on County Property, neither flyers nor their guest may consume alcoholic beverages while at the site.

## 12. Trash Bins/Dumpster

- a. All trash should be picked up and placed in the trash can in the shelter and emptied when full.
- b. Any items placed in the refrigerator or freezer must be checked periodically and removed if no longer good.
- c. Aircraft that are being disposed of should be placed in the dumpster and not in the trash can.
- d. The dumpster located on the field is the club's responsibility and is for field litter and not for cleaning out vehicles or household supplies.

## 13. Field Equipment



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- a. All Chairs must be placed back under the pavilion when a member is done flying for the day.
- b. Members are responsible for cleaning up their area.
- c. Do not leave trash in the pavilion.