

WEST PASCO MODEL PILOTS ASSOCIATION

FLYING & FIELD USE RULES

(Updated June 2020)

ALL MODEL FLYING ACTIVITY MUST COMPLY WITH THESE RULES AND WITH THE CURRENT AMA SAFETY CODE FOR AMA LIABILITY TO APPLY!

1. Use of the club field is restricted to R/C flying only by club members and their guest. Spectators **must remain** in the shelter area unless invited to the flight line and supervised by a club member. - Club members are asked to monitor all vehicle and pedestrian traffic to help protect County property.
2. Only qualified club members with current club and AMA membership may fly unsupervised.
3. A flying guest must be sponsored by a qualified current WPMPA member. The flying guest must possess a current AMA membership. A sponsor of a flying guest is totally responsible for the actions of the guest while at the flying field. Each 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. 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. A short (in height) fence along the western edge of the runway between the runway and the shelter area is designated as the flight safety flight line. Flying west behind the flight line over the flight safety area is prohibited. Aircraft may taxi away from, but not toward the shelter area.
5. The flight safety area consists of 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. The area extends south from the shelter, to the new entrance gate to the runway area, and north to the east-west fence line. No flying is permitted in or over the Flight Safety Area.
6. All flyers must stand behind the Flight Safety Line when flying or taxiing to or from the field.
7. 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. Flying is restricted to flying below an altitude of 400 feet AGL by AMA rules.
8. A maximum of four aircraft are allowed in the area at any one time.
9. If needed a pilot may request suspension of all flying activity for the time it takes to conduct an aircraft trim flight. Such flights should be announced to other flyers and get acknowledgement prior to conducting the flight.
10. Flyers must announce take-offs, landings, 'man on the runway', and emergencies so others may take appropriate actions. Other Flyers on the Flight Line should acknowledge the

announcement to insure there no aerial or ground conflicts. Prior to take-off flyers should scan the area for any other airplanes in the air or on the runway.

11. Emergency 'Dead Stick' landings have priority over all other flight operations and should be clearly announced if required to other flyers.

12. Off field aircraft retrieval procedures are documented in the WPMPA Off Field Safety Alert document, attached.

13. Flyers flying with Analog Radios must prominently display the frequency they are using. They are responsible to check to see if any other flyers are on the same channel prior to turning their transmitters on. 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. -Most transmitters and receivers today use digital technology and do not interfere with each other however some pilots still use analog technology. Flyers operating on a any 'Ham' Bands must possess and display a valid FCC License.

14. All radio equipment must comply with FCC Requirements for proper Frequency and power requirements.

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

16. All trash should be picked up and placed in the trash can in the shelter and emptied when full. Any items placed in the refrigerator or freezer must be checked periodically and removed if no longer good.

17. 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.

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