

Hawk Field Flyers of Texas

Field Procedures & Safety Guidelines

It is the responsibility of all club members to abide by these simple guidelines. If you observe someone who isn't, please ask him or her to cooperate. They are designed to make our field the best and safest.

1. All A.M.A. rules apply. You must be a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics to be a member of the Hawk Field Flyers of Texas with flying privileges. The Hawk Field Flyers of Texas By-laws provide for immediate suspension of membership of anyone in violation of A.M.A. rules.
2. During AMA sanctioned events, and/or other club flying activities, additional rules may apply (i.e. transmitter inbounds).
3. Do not turn on your transmitter, or test your equipment, at your vehicle or in the parking lot.
4. Do not turn on your transmitter unless you have placed your HFFT Card in the frequency control board. Guest pilots must use the Guest Card provided by their host. Guest pilots must return the card to their host at the end of the day. Guest cards are valid on the day of issue only, and are not transferable.
During AMA Sanctioned events, or club fun-fly events, guests must use their AMA card, or other identification, as long as the name and AMA# are provided.
5. Never remove someone else's card from the frequency board without their permission.
6. When you turn on your transmitter, check to see if any airborne aircraft are affected. Be prepared to turn yours off again! This also applies to anyone flying 27MHz, Amateur Radio band or 2.4GHz.
7. Remove your card from the frequency board immediately when you are not using your system.
8. Use fuel overflow catch cans or fuel mats if possible. An old carpet remnant works well. Try to avoid fuel-spills on the composite surface or grass. Do not fuel/defuel on the picnic tables/benches.
9. Never start a loose aircraft; get assistance. Use a safety hold down or a helper. Do not start at full throttle; partial is usually sufficient. Do not start or run engines under the canopies, or in the pit area behind (east of) the safety fence.
10. Do not point prop blast or exhaust at spectators or the pit area.
11. Do not turn your back to the flight area, especially if you are at a pilot station.

12. Do not taxi your aircraft in the pit area past the safety fence. Carry it or push it.
13. Fly only from pilot stations; not in an opening. Do not stand on the runway unless performing scheduled 3D flight or scheduled e-Combat events. Fly with a copilot/spotter if possible.
14. Check control surface movement, clevis security etc., one last time before departing. Do not attempt to fly if anything is in doubt. Return to the pit area.
15. Do not take-off from the pit-area, or across the runway.
16. Announce your intentions loud & clear: "taking off", "Touch-&-Go", "landing left", "landing right", "on the field", "dead stick", etc. **Landing aircraft have priority!**
17. Do not operate a pilot station(s) on the west-side of the runway, unless agreed-upon by all pilots at the field. Ensure all vehicles are parked further to the east behind the storage unit.
18. Do not fly over, or east of, FM917. Avoid the RF Tower!
19. Police your area. Put trash (broken props, rubber bands, cigarette butts, etc.) into trash-bags. **You bring it – you take it!**
20. Please do not distract or disturb pilots at the flight stations.
21. Kite flying and model rocket operations are not permitted.
22. No e-combat or 3D flying to take place when other aircraft are in operation. For those not flying in e-combat or 3D, please be considerate of your colleagues who are.
23. During scheduled e-combat flying or 3D, no other flight operations may take place.
24. Helicopters may be flown to the North East or South East of the runway but no closer than 75 feet from the pit area. During any fixed-wing operations, helicopters must fly the standard pattern and not hover over, or block the runway. For those not flying Helicopters, please be considerate of your colleagues who are.
25. No spectators or pets west of the pit safety fence.
26. Talk to the spectators and answer their questions. If you are not comfortable in doing so, find some one who will. They are the future growth of the sport and our club. Everyone is a potential new member. Politely request that they remain east of the pit area safety fence.
27. Conduct yourself in a professional and mature manner.
28. If you notice any inappropriate behavior, or dangerous activities, politely ask the "offender" to refrain, explaining our Safety Standards. If the behavior continues, report it to a club officer.

