

SANFORD AERO MODELERS, INC. FLYING POLICIES

These rules are set forth to ensure the safety of spectators, modelers, and property. In the interest of safety for all, it is suggested that an observer assist you. This is not to keep anyone from flying, but to help protect your right to fly. **SAFE FLYING IS NO ACCIDENT.**

Model Requirements:

1. All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.
2. All new models shall be inspected for structural integrity by one of the club Instructors or Examiners as outlined in the AMA Flight Proficiency Program before the maiden flight.
3. All internal combustion engines must emit less than 99 dB (average) at ten feet.

Preflight Check List should be done at home and at the field:

1. Beginners – seek help of designated club instructor.
2. The Preflight Check List should be applied prior to the first flight with new or rebuilt aircraft.
3. At the discretion of the Club Safety Officer or his appointee, the Preflight Check List may be verified again.

Ground Rules:

1. Cars must be parked in designated areas only.
2. The channel numbers must be displayed as per AMA guidelines.
3. Seminole County does not want us to fly any further than 1,500 feet from our runway to prevent us from encroaching upon an eagle's nest to the west of us.
4. No flying before 8:00 a.m. and flying will cease one hour before sundown.
5. We are limited to ten planes maximum in the air at any given time.
6. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the flight line.
7. Pilots will no buzz, tail, or harass any aircraft, car, animal, bird, or any object in the air or on the ground.

Last Minute Field Check:

1. All visitors must use their AMA card in place on frequency board, flag & frequency number on person, visual check for model aircraft on final approach.
2. Control surface movement & direction check.
3. Direct prop blast away from others and their equipment. **Planes must be pointed towards runway at all times.**

Flying:

1. I will not willfully and deliberately fly my models in a careless, reckless, and/or dangerous manner.
2. I will abide by the AMA safety code and these SAM flying policies.
3. Helicopter hover flights in designated areas only.
4. Extended engine run up in designated areas only.
5. Model weight must not exceed AMA guidelines for the class that it is in.
6. Models will yield right-of-way to full size aircraft.
7. Test flights: A flier has the right to declare a test flight.

8. I will not fly model aircraft in the presences of spectators until I become a qualified flier, unless assisted by a club instructor as outlined in the SAM Flight Proficiency Program.
9. I will perform my initial turn after takeoff away from the flight line as designated by the range marker at either end of the field, and I will not thereafter perform maneuvers, flights of any sort, or landing approaches over a pit, spectator, or parking area.
10. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
11. All flights will start and finish from the designated flight line.
12. I will not fly standing anywhere else except in the designated pilot stations area.
13. Aircraft taxiing is permitted from the pilot station out to the runway and back to the pilot station.
14. If a model must be carried out onto the runway for takeoff, this intention must be previously announced to any other pilots. Members pursuing this practice must promptly clear the runway and move to the pilot station when the model is released, and I will announce verbally that I'm clear of the runway.
15. I will not takeoff or land toward the spectators or pit area.
16. I will not start my taxi until I have checked to make sure the runway is clear and no one is making a landing approach.
17. If I am flying anything but the traffic pattern, I will find a clear space in the sky away from other models and try not to monopolize the entire sky. Set a good example!
18. If my engine quits, I will **YELL** "Dead Stick" to give other pilots time to clear the runway for me. Remember, "Dead Stick" aircraft have the right-of-way.
19. No alcoholic beverages or drugs at the flying field.
20. Keep vulgar language to a minimum.

Club Policies:

1. AMA membership is required of all fliers – Club membership card will be displayed in the frequency board while flying.
2. Private FCC license also must accompany the pilot when flying on 6 meters.
3. Guest flying: **A total of five days is the limit. NO EXCEPTIONS.** A club member must accompany all flying visitors..
4. Takeoff and landing shall always be directly into the wind, but never towards the pit area. If landing or taking off is different from above, pilot must make their intentions known to all pilots.
5. Frequency sharing: When others are flying on your frequency, observe the golden rule-one flight and then relinquish the frequency for the next flier.
6. Anything you bring with you to the field shall be removed when you depart (especially rubber bands and cigarette butts). All items will be returned to there proper locations. Leave nothing but your footsteps.
7. No unleashed pets.
8. No person shall attempt to fly a model without being accompanied by an instructor unless they have reached the "Pilot" status as outlined in the SAM Flight Proficiency Program.
9. Cigarettes must be properly extinguished to prevent forest fires.
10. Children must be supervised at all times.