

Safety Rules

Safety First

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE

These rules are set forth to insure the safety of spectators, modelers, and property. In the interest of safety for all, it is suggested that an observer assist you when several aircraft are in the air at one time. Safe flying is no accident and it takes two people, the flyer and the spotter, to fly safely.

The field safety officer or any full Club member shall have the authority to enforce the rules herein. In most cases a simple warning will remedy a situation. However, if a flyer deliberately refuses to comply with a specific safety rule, the safety officer or Club member may file a grievance per the procedures listed on the attached grievance form.

Model flying must be in accordance with the AMA Safety Code and with these rules in order for AMA Liability Protection to apply.

1. **AMA membership is required of all flyers. Club membership card must accompany the pilot.**
2. **All flying is to be done in accordance with the official AMA Safety Code in the "Academy of Model Aeronautics Membership Manual" (See Safety Code, Insurance).**
3. **Guest Flying: A total of four (4) visits is the limit for a guest pilot. A Club member must accompany all guests. Any Guest pilot must have an AMA card, and must be in good standing with the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc. It is the Club member's responsibility to put up a "Guest" frequency card to determine whom the guest is flying with. See second to last page of Safety Rules.**
4. **Frequency Sharing: When others are flying on your frequency, observe the golden rule; one flight then relinquish the frequency to another flyer (Maximum time limit approximately 20 minutes overall).**
5. **Frequency Identification: An "Aircraft Only" red flag on your channel numbers must be on your transmitter and visible at all times (27 and 53 MHz still use the colored flag system). Your Club membership card, with your frequency/channel numbers visible, must be on the Frequency Control board to turn on your transmitter. All of these are required in order to turn on your transmitter. Frequency Identification also applies to helicopters, including flyers with 2.4 GHz radios.**
6. **Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on, or in, any property owned, or leased, by the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.**
7. **A maximum of six (6) aircraft will be permitted in the air at one time in the Primary Flying Area. (Numbers 1,2,3,4 on safety fence in pilot's box/stations is for pylon racing only).**
8. **All engines must have a muffler or an effective silencer.**
9. **No flying of any kind (gas, glow, electric, free-flight, gliders, etc.) or engine operation before 9:00 A.M.**

- 10. During periods of field maintenance and of grass mowing operations, the field is closed when indicated by a sign on the Frequency Control board. No flying will be permitted at that time.**
- 11. Children must be closely supervised at all times.**
- 12. Animals must be restrained.**
- 13. Failure to comply with the Club Safety Rules may result in the filing of a Grievance Form (see attached).**
- 14. Operators of gasoline- powered aircraft must have a fire extinguisher within 8-10 feet of the aircraft and in view of all flyers. An ABC type extinguisher is recommended.**
- 15. When starting, or running an engine, warn people to stay clear of the prop arc.**
- 16. Direct prop blast away from other aircraft and people.**
- 17. Perform initial turn after take-off away from the pit, spectators, and parking area. Thereafter, do not perform maneuvers, flights of any sort, or landing over the pit, spectators, or parking area.**
- 18. No flying, landing, or taking off between pilot's box/stations and edge of runway.**
- 19. Stand in the pilot's box/station area when flying.**
- 20. Do not take off or land toward the spectators or pit area.**
- 21. In the event of problems, announce an emergency and attempt to fly away from the pits and spectators and land immediately.**
- 22. Do not go out on the runway unless absolutely necessary. At any such time give a loud verbal warning of your presence making sure you are not running out in front of an aircraft in motion. Stay only as long as necessary and announce verbally when you are clear of the runway.**
- 23. Do not start your taxi until you have checked to make sure the runway is clear and no one is making a landing approach. Take off should be performed from the center of the runway to the right or left, depending on the wind direction. This is to prevent taking off and inadvertently flying into/over the pilot's box/stations. All flying, except touch and goes, will be done on the far side of the runway. High-speed low passes over the runway are not allowed.**
- 24. Loudly and clearly announce your intention of landing or taking off.**
- 25. The flyer of a "dead stick" model, or a model experiencing problems, shall loudly and clearly warn other persons of the situation. Landing priority will be given immediately.**
- 26. In the normally Primary Flying Area, no flying is to be done south of the white poles located in line with the Flight Safety Line as shown on the field layout drawing. No flying over Amrein Rd. In the Helicopter Area, all flying will be south of the normal Primary Flying Area Flight Safety Line and west of the helicopter Flight Safety Line as shown on the field layout.**

27. Frequency Control: A photocopy of the SPIRITS membership card with your channel number on the back is necessary to fly at the SPIRITS field. 27 and 53 MHz requires frequency number on the back of the card. No AMA card, no SPIRITS card, NO FLY!

28. Careless, reckless, and/or dangerous flying as determined by any two or more Club members shall not be permitted. Please do not hesitate to express your concerns to fellow pilots regarding their flying style if it bothers you.

29. Do not taxi into or out of the pit area. Flyer or helper must carry or hold onto aircraft until past the concrete section of the center taxiway when going toward the runway. Taxiing is allowed from the east end of the pits (closest to Amrein Rd.) through the grass area used by flyers of large aircraft, when going toward the runway, but never through the asphalt pit area proper. Flyer or helper must also carry or hold onto aircraft when taxiing through the grass area, toward the runway, until in line with the concrete section on the center taxiway. Grass will be cut shorter from the east end of the pits to the runway. All pilots will fly from the pilots' box to assure availability for communication. Taxiing large aircraft through the grass from the runway toward any part of the pit area (grass or asphalt) is not allowed within approximately 50 feet of the pits or pitting personnel. All other planes taxiing toward the pits on the center taxiway will have the engines shut down before reaching, or coming even, with the concrete section of the taxiway.

30. Running engines in the pavilion is strictly prohibited.

31. Membership cards should be removed from the active channel area when you turn off your transmitter. NEVER remove anyone else's card. Locate the pilot and ask them to remove it.

32. Fuel catch tanks are recommended when fueling. If catch tank is not available, please refuel/defuel over patio blocks. Never fuel/defuel over asphalt.

33. Helicopter "Hover Practice" will be performed in the Hover Area located 100' west of the pavilion. (See field layout below) Flyers will stand in the Helicopter Pilot's Station. Helicopter "Free-Flight" is permitted in the Helicopter Area and Rule 7 applies. Flyers will stand in the Helicopter Pilot's Station.

34. Helicopter flying in the Primary Flying Area is permitted and Rule 23 applies. No takeoffs from the taxiways allowed except between the safety fence and edge of runway (As is currently done). A maximum of one (1) helicopter at a time will be permitted to perform directional flight in the Helicopter Flying Area. Helicopter directional flight in Helicopter Flying Area is restricted to helicopters with a 730mm/29inch rotor diameter or smaller and is restricted to an area bordered by the Helicopter Flight Safety Line and the Primary Flying Area Flight Safety Line. (See Field Layout) Hover practice is permitted in the Helicopter Flying Area with any size helicopter, electric or fuel, within the boundaries of the Primary Flying Area and Hover Area Safety lines.

35. Hi-Start and winches for glider flying may be set up parallel to the runway or at an angle into the wind so long as the Hi-Start, or winch line is not across the runway at launch.

36. No hunting, exhibiting or discharging of firearms, on club property.

Frequency Control:

	1996 MEMBERSHIP CARD
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John Doe #9999999 AMA 123456	
Authorized By: _____	

Photocopy of Club Membership Card

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Frequency number and/or Channel number on back of card.
Should be at least 1" bold, legible numbers.

GUEST

One additional copy for guest (opposite side is front of card
as above).