

## SEMINOLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB OPERATIONAL & SAFETY RULES

April 16, 2015

### A. Flying Field Operational Rules

1. All members and guests shall comply with Leon County Apalachee Regional Park rules and regulations, the Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code and Seminole RC Club rules while on Apalachee Regional Park Property.
2. All solo pilots must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
3. Solo pilots who are Academy of Model Aeronautics under the Park Flyer program are restricted to flying electric aircraft that weigh 2 pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. If a member acquires an aircraft that does not meet these specifications, the member must upgrade his/her Academy of Model Aeronautics membership to *Youth* or *Full Open* as appropriate before the new aircraft is flown at the field.
4. Each Club member is issued a Club identification card. The card shall be displayed while at the field for identification purposes. Each individual shall have current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership with insurance coverage and shall show a current Academy of Model Aeronautics membership card upon request.
5. Potential new members, guests and other Academy of Model Aeronautics club members shall be allowed to fly if a Club member is present and the individuals hold a current Academy of Modal Aeronautics membership card. Potential new members living in the greater Tallahassee area shall be given an application for membership. Non-members without Academy of Model Aeronautics membership shall not be allowed to fly except by "buddy box" or very close supervision by a Club member who is able to take control of the aircraft immediately. If a non-member challenges this rule, the non-member is to be informed that the field jurisdiction is controlled by lease agreement with the Leon County Park Commission. Any comments are to be directed to the commission.
6. Non-powered or electric aircraft may be operated between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only.
7. Nitro or gas aircraft shall have a muffler and may be operated between 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM only.
8. Pilots using 50 Mhz or 72 Mhz frequencies shall place the appropriate frequency pin on their transmitter antenna and shall place their Academy of Model Aeronautics card in the pocket on the frequency board from which the pin was taken.
9. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the property. The field is located in a county park and alcoholic beverages are prohibited by law.

### B. Flying Field Safety Rules

1. The flying field flight line runs along the pilot station barrier fence and extends infinitely in both directions from the ends of the flight line fence. Pilots shall not allow flying aircraft to cross to the spectator side of the flight line. However, pilots, who want to want to

make left-hand turns when preparing to land, may make a left hand circle over the pond to the south of the runway even though the circle crosses the extended flight line over the pond.

2. Except for take-offs and landings, no flight shall come closer to the pilot stations than the center line of the runway. All acrobatic and 3D flying shall be performed past the far side of the runway to not disturb other pilots. The only exception is flight demonstrations at special events.
3. Aircraft shall be operated from the pilot stations only. Pilot stations are behind the flight line fence in the middle of each section, not in the openings.
4. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the flight line
5. No more than four aircraft shall be in the air at any given time.
6. Pilots shall make appropriate announcements when taking off, landing or in emergency situations.
7. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way over aircraft taking off, taxiing or hovering.
8. Pilots shall place their aircraft on the starting tables so the pilots are facing the runway while starting an aircraft. This allows a pilot to see oncoming aircraft while he/she is working on his/her own aircraft.
9. Pilots shall not taxi on the spectator side of the flight line. A pilot who starts an aircraft behind the flight line shall carry it to the flight line before taxi and take off. After the flight, pilots shall stop the engine before crossing the flight line. Aircraft shall be started or electric aircraft shall be armed on the starting tables or on the ground near the flight line. Helicopters may be started under the shelter, but should be kept idling and in "throttle hold" until taken to the runway or hover pad.
10. The grass circles (helipads) on the north and south sides of the pit and shelter area are for helicopter hovering and light 3D maneuvers. If the maneuvers take the aircraft outside the boundaries of the circle, the pilot shall transition to one of the designated pilot stations and perform the maneuvers to the east of the flight line. Small micro-size (less than 2 ounces flying weight) electric airplanes are permitted to use the circles for flying. Helicopters and small airplanes using the grass circles shall not be considered as part of the total number of aircraft in the air.
11. Prolonged helicopter hovering should be performed at one of the two designated helipads and not over the runway.
12. The running trail shall be monitored for joggers entering from either direction. When joggers are present, all flying shall be restricted to the south part of the flying area until the joggers are clear. Landing aircraft may continue their approach.
13. The areas of airspace over the county recycling center to the southeast of the field, over the parking area and recreational fields south of the field, west of the flight line and over the running areas north of the field are no-fly zones.

14. First person view (FPV) flying:

- a. An FPV-equipped model must be flown by two AMA members using a "buddy-box" system. The pilot in command must be on the primary (master) transmitter, maintain visual contact and be prepared to assume control in the event of a problem.
- b. The operational range of the model is limited to the pilot in command's visual line of sight. The pilot in command shall maintain visual contact with the model without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
- c. The flight path of model operations shall be limited to the designated flying site and approved overfly area.
- d. The model weight and speed shall be limited to a maximum of 10 pounds and 60 miles per hour.

15. It is recommended that members do not fly alone.

16. Children shall **not** be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the **direct** supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.

17. Flight operations shall stop during electrical storms.