

Fritz Field Safety and Courtesy Rules

1. All Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety code rules apply. The rules are posted in the pit areas and in the observation deck.
2. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed at the park.
3. The field is open during the hours of daylight. Only electric powered flight is permitted prior to 0800. Internal combustion powered flight is permitted between the hours of 0800 and sunset. Rockets or any other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times.
4. Only members of the AMA may fly at this flying site, except for a novice pilot who may fly with an AMA Intro Pilot Instructor on a buddy-box.
5. No transmitter will be turned on until the flier has posted his AMA card or North Florida Modelers, Inc. (NFMI) membership card in the frequency pocket on the frequency board. Pilots utilizing the 2.4ghz frequency band should use the slots marked "SS." The use of channel identification tags is encouraged. When frequency sharing is needed a 30-minute time limit on frequency use will be in effect.
6. Only narrow-band transmitters are allowed at Fritz Field. If the amateur (ham) band is to be used, the operator must have his/her FCC license available.
7. Cell phone use is restricted to areas behind the safety fence. Certain cell phones can cause interference with transmitters operating in close proximity. Having your cell phone on your belt on the flight line could cause interference to the transmitter of the pilot next to you.
8. All internal combustion powered models will have a functional muffler to reduce noise. The current noise limit is 98db at 25 feet over hard surface. The safety officer may rule on the question of noise.
9. Nitro or small gas engines may not be started on the workbenches in the covered areas. Engines may only be started in the starting/operating area, either on a starting stand (pointing away from runway), or on the ground near the starting stand. **NO ENGINE RUNNING IN THE PIT AREA.**
10. All model aircraft shall be started with someone other than the engine operator holding the plane, or with the use of the starting tables located in the operating/starting area, or while using a restraining device. The restraining device shall be sturdy enough to restrain the aircraft at full throttle.
11. No aircraft may taxi to or from the pit area. No plane or helicopter may taxi on the grass on the pilot's side of the field.
12. Only one runway is in use at any given time. All aircraft shall observe standard traffic pattern rules for the active runway. Changing the active runway is accomplished by mutual agreement while all aircraft are on the ground.
13. All glow/gas powered aircraft must take off from, and land on the active runway. This includes hand-launched models. Any sailplanes or electric models must fly from the runway, or from the

grass area north of the east-west runway or east of the north-south runway, depending on which runway is in use.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

Helicopters doing HOVER ONLY practice and “foamys” (less than 24 oz.), are encouraged to utilize the control line circle if available. Otherwise, they may operate west of the western taxi apron, (facing west) when the N-S runway is in use or south of the N-S runway, (facing south) when the E-W runway is in use.

14. No more than four models will be flown simultaneously, except during special club events. Pilots will stand on designated pads and should have an observer/spotter with them. No more than two observers may stand with a pilot while his/her plane is flying (includes instructor).
15. Do not over fly the tree line or residences located northeast of the field. If your aircraft crashes beyond the tree line to the east, call Mr. Gipson (number posted inside shed door) and coordinate a search effort. Do not cross the creek while searching because of the electric fences in the woods used to contain the cattle.
16. All “low passes” (less than 25 feet), other than landing, are to be kept at least 50 feet out from the pilots, or outside the outboard edge of the runway. High speed, low altitude passes over the asphalt are not allowed.
17. A long duration engine run (break-ins) and/or engine troubleshooting are to be accomplished at the “Engine Run Up” stand near the windsock.
18. Flying must be postponed while grass cutting or any maintenance is in progress north or east of the pit area. This includes maintenance done by NFMI or county personnel.
19. GLIDER OPERATIONS: Glider pilots using the south node of the landfill are still responsible for frequency control in the area. Glider pilots use the frequency slots on the frequency board. In addition to the membership card the pilots shall place a yellow Glider Pilot Tag in the same slot and indicate a cell phone number to call for coordination as necessary if frequency conflicts arise. Glider pilots should not use launching devices (high starts, winches etc.) that cross or conflict with the normal powered flight line.
20. If you bring your children, be responsible enough to supervise them at all times. Children must remain in the spectator areas and are not allowed in the pit areas, around the pilot’s station, on the runway, or in the entire area north of the east-west runway, or east of the north-south runway.
21. If you bring a pet to where we all have to walk, play, and kneel down, then keep it confined or restrained, and clean up after it.

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