

Club Safety Rules of the Alvin Radio Control Model Airplane Association

Rule changes effective 6-1-19

2019

The following is a list of the Club's Safety and flight operating rules. For clarification and reference the runway is considered to run East – West with West being to the pilot's left. The "pit area" is the area behind the 4' chain link fence and the "pavilion area" is the covered area having the make ready tables. Attached is a copy of the field layout to provide additional information on no-fly areas or areas referenced in these rules.

1. Proof of Current AMA membership is required before flying at the Alvin R/C field. Only one introductory flight is allowed with an instructor and buddy box prior to someone being required to become an AMA member. For information individuals under the age of 19 can join AMA free of charge and individuals over the age of 18 can join AMA for a onetime 90 day introductory membership (as of 2019 cost is \$19.95). Both of these memberships as well as annual memberships can be obtained online at <https://www.modelaircraft.org>
2. Flying allowed by club members, and their guests only. Note: A guest may use the facilities to fly only if accompanied by an official club member and have a current AMA membership. Guests (including guest receiving flight instruction by a club member) must join the club or loose flying privileges after 3 visits.
3. No flying areas:
 - a. No flying beyond the Pilot side of the Safety Line (near edge of runway). The Safety Line extends the full length of the field except as noted on the Field Layout attached.
 - b. East boundary of flying area is Highway CR 180. Continued flying beyond CR 180 may result in loss of flying privileges or membership.
 - c. No flying over houses to the North.
 - d. Avoid flying over the tree line southwest of the Emergency Runway as there are houses beyond the tree line that are not visible.
 - e. Avoid flying over the house south of the east end of the runway.
4. Flights shall be limited to 15 minutes in duration if:
 - a. All four flight stations are occupied and others are waiting to fly.
 - b. Pilots are waiting because their flight plan, pattern or style may be in conflict with the pilot(s) flying.
5. Watch for and yield to all full-scale aircraft.
6. Limit of four (4) models in the air at one time. Only Club Officers and Event Directors, during events, may make exceptions.
7. Deliberate unsafe acts or AMA safety violations may be cause of written warning or loss of membership.
8. AMA Safety Code must be followed at all times. If a conflict exist between AMA Safety Code and Club rules more stringent requirements shall apply.

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9. Frequency pin required before turning on transmitter except for 2.4GHz systems. Current club membership card must be left at empty pin slot while frequency pin is in use.
10. Transmitters and receivers must be approved narrow band (gold stickered) or 2.4GHz.
11. Starting your model engine or electric motor must be done in designated pit area behind 4-foot chain link fence or the engine run-up area – the covered table near the emergency landing grass area west of the runway.
12. Do not turn off transmitter until retrieval of model. Always turn receiver off before transmitter. Always turn transmitter on before receiver.
13. Do not taxi to or from the pavilion area. When returning cut engine off at white taxi-way stripe.
14. Signal pilots when taking off, making a landing approach or landing. Takeoffs and landings have runway priority.
15. No one is to be in front of the pilot line when there are any other aircraft in the air with the exception of pilot and helper during takeoff or plane retrieval. Do not approach runway, takeoff or land if models, pilots or helpers are on the runway
16. Pilots and helpers must stand on the Pilot Line while flying. If more than two pilots are flying pilots and helpers must stand in pilot boxes. A pilot or helper may be on the runway to launch or retrieve the aircraft, once this is done, they must retire to the Pilot Line as soon as possible. A pilot and helper may remain on the runway if no other aircraft are in the air or waiting to takeoff. Pilots shall not fly their aircraft while standing on the taxiways.
17. Any flying over the runway must be communicated and agreed to with the other active pilots. This includes low fly-bys, touch and goes, landing approaches, hovering (rotary and fixed wing), etc.
18. Keep the pit area as clear as possible. There shall be no taxiing in the pit area.
19. Spectators must stay behind the fence on the South side of the pit area. The fence is so marked for spectators.
20. Range check new and repaired models before their first flight.

We are sure there may be other situations that may arise that are not covered in these Rules and we would assume that they can be resolved through **COMMON SENSE, COMMUNICATIONS AND RESPECT**