Field of Dreams R/C Club

Safety Rules and Regulations

General

1. You must be a current members of AMA to fly at Field of Dreams. Proof of current AMA membership is required prior to flying.

2. Visiting AMA pilots and all existing members of FOD must read and sign the FOD Safety Rules and Regulations document. Any questions or comments should be directed to an FOD officer or member prior to flight.

3. All pilots will comply with applicable FAA rules (especially the 400ft AGL limits and always avoiding full scale aircraft).

4. You are required to follow all flight operations in accordance with AMA's safety code and FOD Safety Guidelines at all times.

5. Pilots shall ensure proper operation of their aircraft and associated equipment prior to use.

6. You are expected to show courtesy toward others and apply common sense when flying at FOD.

7. All pilots are encouraged to verbally enforce safe flying practices by notifying active pilots to any low flying full size aircraft in or around the normal flight area.

8.When working on armed electric airplanes in the pit area, you are required to have a kill switch programmed into your transmitter.

9. All aircraft with spinning props are not allowed in the pit area. An exception being approval from the other members in the pit area.

10. Smoking is prohibited anywhere inside the pit area and shall be carried out in a safe and respectful manner in the parking lot.

11. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances before or during flight is prohibited.

12. Beware of hikers, and bicyclists on the trail east of the runway.

13. All animals must be on a leash.

Pre-Flight Operations

1. When starting fuel-equipped aircraft engines you shall restrain your aircraft on the grass area in-between flight stations.

2. All engine tuning and troubleshooting, must be performed at the south end of the pit area.

3. Never leave your aircraft unattended while the aircraft is running or armed, even if it is restrained.

4. Flight control check should be performed before each flight.

5. Range Checks are required on aircraft that have not flown for a while or have gone through extensive repairs.

Flight Safety Operations at Field of Dreams RC Flying Field

1. While flying, you must remain behind the flight stations unless given permission by an executive committee member.

2. Only pilots or pilot assistants are permitted beyond the pits safety fence.

3. Pilots shall verbally communicate their intentions during takeoffs, landings, flights and emergencies (ie, “taking off”, “landing”, “on the runway”,
“dead stick”, “low pass” etc.)

4. Pilots shall always fly their aircraft East of the centerline of the runway, and stay east of the far edge of the runway when performing aerobatic maneuvers.

5. The southern deadline for flying is at the top of the hill to the south. You must not overfly the transfer station on the other side of the deadline.

6. Landing aircraft have the right of way. Dead stick or emergency landings shall be called as such and given immediate right of way.

7. No more than four (4) aircraft shall be in the air at one time. This includes rotary and fixed wing aircraft.

8. Pilots shall call all maiden flights prior to flight. All other aircraft shall be grounded until the maiden flight has been completed. Maiden flights are not allowed when there is an event in progress at the sports fields or bmx track.

9. The first flight of any aircraft that has been repaired after a crash or has undergone any significant modification shall be considered a maiden flight and all considerations for a maiden flight shall be adhered to.

10. All hand launches shall be called to alert other pilots. Hand launches shall be performed either from the runway or the area between the flight stations.

11. Hovering craft such as, but not limited to, 3D planes, drones and helicopters are to hover on the east edge of the grass runway or beyond into the brush, the exceptions to this would be take-off and landings. Whenever possible, 3D plane and drone pilots are encouraged to fly when fixed wing aircraft are not in the air.

12. FPV (First Person View) flight is only permitted when the pilot has a spotter per AMA regulations and the spotter maintains visual line of sight to the model at all times.

13. Police any broken aircraft parts in a crash both on the runway and in the desert as well.

14. Gas turbine operations are not allowed at FOD since we have a significant fire hazard with the surrounding terrain.

15. Please refer any questions FOD officer or the AMA Safety Handbook. (reference at **https://www.modelaircraft.org/safety)**