

HILL TOP FLYERS CLUB RULES

1. Mufflers are required on all models with internal combustion engines that are designed for mufflers. Installed mufflers must retain the internal baffling. A noise limit of 100 db measured at 3 meters, at a right angle to the fuselage, 1 foot above the ground, over a grass field.
2. Transmitters must not be turned on without first having reserved the channel by placing your AMA/Club Membership card on the frequency board. Only one card is allowed per channel. Check transmitter turned off before leaving home.
3. If 2 operational radios, on 2 different frequencies, are used to control a model using a buddy cord, both channels must be reserved. This rule is in effect even though the secondary transmitter is not turned on.
4. Only radios certified to be "narrow band" are allowed for aircraft control.
5. Model pilots should fly from the pilot stations designated, and maintain at least 20' spacing from fellow pilots to reduce the possibility of transmitter interference.
6. Do not operate cell phones, ham radios, or 2-way radios within 50' of an active flying station.
7. Do not taxi in the pit area. Always keep one hand on the model while transiting between pit area and runway.
9. All take-off rolls may begin anywhere on the runway. However, the pilot must control the speed and/or rotation to insure that the model does not leave the ground until it has passed the line defined as the ends of the center safety fence. No restrictions on touch and go.
10. As a courtesy to your fellow modelers, announce your intentions/status when approaching the runway for take off or landing, when you are "dead stick", when personnel are on the runway, or when you do not have control of the model.
11. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed on flying site. No persons under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances are allowed on the flying site. This rule extends to members, their families, guest, and spectators.
12. Any one that "shoots down" another flyer's airplane by causing interference on the model's frequency must reimburse the full replacement cost of the model.
13. As allowed by AMA, Hill Top Flyers RC Club has a very liberal policy regarding visitors with AMA membership, new pilots and demo flights for non-pilots.
 - 13.1 VISITING PILOTS: Prospective club members may be invited to fly as a guest of a Hill Top club member. The club member must be present at all times while the visitor is flying. This invitation will be in effect for a period of 2 flying sessions or 30 elapsed days whichever occurs first. At the end of this period, membership is required in order to use this flying site. The inviting club member will record the visitor's name, address, phone number, AMA number and start date. This information will be forwarded to the club secretary who will maintain the visitor database. At the discretion of an officer of the club, the invitation to fly as a guest can be revoked for any of the following.
 - Not demonstrating competence necessary for the safe operation of the model
 - Non-compliance with AMA and Hill Top Flyers safety rules
 - Flying at the site when no other club members are present
 - The guest policy is for an individual guest, and the guest cannot extend the privilege to other AMA or non-AMA members. Exceptions to be handled on an individual basis.
 - 13.2 INTRODUCTORY FLIGHTS: Potential newcomers to the R/C hobby can participate in an introductory flights without being AMA members and still be covered by the AMA insurance. The flights must be registered with the AMA and be under the control of a club Introductory Pilot. The introductory flight should be conducted with a "buddy box".
14. FLIGHT TRAINING: Flight training is strongly recommended to all new R/C pilots. In order to qualify for flight training, the student must be a member in good standing of AMA and Hill Top Flyers. The club will not appoint instructor pilots for student training. A list of club members that have volunteered to be instructor pilots will be available to the student. The student should make his own contacts within the club membership for instructor pilots. Until the student has "soloed", the student pilot should not fly solo at the club site when spectators or other members are present. (See AMA Radio Control Rule #2). In order to "solo" the student must demonstrate to his instructor or an officer of the club or their designate, his ability to conduct a safe flight.