



SCCMAS Field Rules AMA Charter #110

It is of the utmost importance that we observe the safety rules of our particular sport. Every one of us is hurt when carelessness causes an accident and it most certainly hinders or endangers model aviation's progress. The safety rules are designed to provide guidelines that, along with common sense and good judgment will ensure safe operations at the SkyPark. It is to your personal benefit to make certain that no action on your part will result in an accident.

The following rules apply to the SCCMAS Field:

1. All AMA published rules are in effect.
2. All Santa Clara County Park rules are in effect.
3. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, consistent with being in a public place-this includes refraining from the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures.
4. You are responsible for your aircraft at all times.
5. AMA coverage and a current SCCMAS membership card present at the field is required to fly.
6. No armed electric aircraft allowed in the pit area, any type/size, including Helicopters, Drones and EDF's! Do not connect the battery allowing the electric motor to arm in the pit area. Do not use remote kill switches in the pit area. Disconnect the battery before entering the pit areas.
7. No flying in the Red Zone area behind the flight line (except helicopters hovering in designated areas). The Red zone includes lawn areas (North, Middle, or South), Pit areas, Parking areas and the RV area.
8. Owners name, AMA number and phone number are required in all aircraft.
9. Accompanied guests with AMA coverage may fly only one day before SCCMAS membership is required. Guest pilots must have filled out and signed a guest pilot form in order to fly. In addition, an SCCMAS member must sponsor and oversee the guest pilot for the day.
10. Pilots/guests must use the flight board located in the motor startup area before flying. Clip your SCCMAS card to 1 of 6 open flight stations. After completing your flight, remove your card and place it in the tray. Non-2.4Ghz, return your card to the impound box.
11. Non-2.4Ghz transmitters must be in the impound box and turned off unless the frequency pin is in possession of pilot. Return frequency pin and transmitter to impound after completion of flight. Non-2.4Ghz transmitters are not allowed in the pits unless turned off and stowed in transmitter box. Non-2.4Ghz transmitters and receivers, other than Ham bands, must be narrow band.
12. No engine start-ups before 8:30am or after sunset. Field MUST be vacated at sunset.
13. Engine start-up/arming in the designated start-up area (or at your flight station) only. Retain positive control of your aircraft until you pass the firstline on the taxiway. No start-up on runway. No arming/armed electric aircraft in the pits.
14. Do not leave your aircraft or starting equipment in the start-up area. Return your aircraft and equipment to the normal pit area between flights. Remove member card from station board clip after each flight.
15. Fuel overflow containers must be used and fuel spills must be cleaned up immediately. Closed-end type mufflers required. No landings or take-offs from taxiways or within the Red Zone (except helicopters hovering in designated areas)
16. Helicopters may be started in the normal start-up area. Main rotor may not be released until past the air-taxi line on the diagonal taxiways. All hoverwork shall take place over the grass outside of the diagonal taxiways at no higher than eye level. Once in forward flight, helicopter pilots shall stand at the appropriate flight stations and fly the normal fixed wing pattern in front of the flight line.
17. No hovering or 3D maneuvers over the runway with fixed-wing or rotary wing aircraft while other pilots are present unless: (a) there is only one other pilot flying at a station and you have their consent, (b) there are two other pilots aside from you practicing the same hovering maneuvers. In (a) and (b), hovering must be commenced from the runway centerline out and maximum separation of flying aircraft must occur. No individuals to be underneath a hovering aircraft.
18. Landings from the right must be from a right hand pattern. Landings from the left must be from a left hand pattern.
19. When other fliers are present at the flight line, yell your intentions, "On the runway", "Going out", "Taking off", "Landing", "Touch and go", "Dead stick". No unannounced high speed passes closer than the far side of the runway.
20. No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed onsite. In addition, the AMA specifically states for its members, "I will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to nor during, the participation in any model operations."

It is the responsibility of every member to observe the guidelines set forth. If it becomes apparent that an individual is not meeting these guidelines or that common sense and good judgment doesn't seem to be prevailing, the individual will receive a verbal and/or written warning from a Club Official. If further infractions necessitate, the Governing Board may take immediate action to protect the interests of the SCCMAS, including, but not limited to, suspension of the membership privileges or termination of membership. With such actions, the AMA may be notified of the infractions and intentions of the SCCMAS. New members joining the organization, who have previously received letters of reprimand or have been dismissed from this or other clubs, will be considered for renewal by the Governing Board. Their membership will be considered on probation for 180 days, if approved.

Please use common sense and enjoy a great day of flying.

Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2018

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's *See and Avoid Guidance* and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's *Competition Regulation*.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

For a complete copy of AMA's Safety Handbook please visit:
www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf