



Lake County Modelers & Flyer's Assn.

Operational Rules



1. At all times, crewed aircraft have the right-of-way. Once it is apparent that a crewed aircraft is landing, taking off or taxiing to a full-scale runway, all RC aircraft are to make every effort to immediately land. Once the crewed aircraft has parked or taken off, RC flight may resume.
2. If for some reason your RC aircraft gets trapped in the air by a manned aircraft (e.g. Manned aircraft pilot not utilizing normal radio procedure,) then you are to loiter your RC aircraft in the areas at least 300' perpendicular to the approach/runway being used by the manned aircraft (e.g. 300' north or south of a manned aircraft using runway 9/27). Loitering is not intended to provide an excuse for not landing.
3. Whenever there is an RC pilot flying on site, a person in charge is required to monitor the manned aircraft radio (122.900 mhz) and control the airspace to ensure seeing and avoiding all manned aircraft as well as determine and take any other actions necessary to ensure the safety of manned aircraft, spectators, RC pilots and RC aircraft. The person in charge shall also ensure all AMA and local Operational Rules are followed.
4. If there is ever a time when there is no designated person in charge, the pilots onsite shall designate a person in charge. If there is only one pilot onsite, that pilot is the person in charge.
5. There are handheld aircraft radios for a person in charge's use in Building #1 (Pavilion area) and Building #2 (Main Event Area). The combination to the buildings may be obtained from Mac or Len. Call Mac at (231) 250 - 2551 or Len at (907) 903 - 3569.
6. A spotter is always recommended when flying RC aircraft. At events, spotters are required. A spotter's priority role is to see and avoid manned aircraft as well as inform the pilot of the location of other RC aircraft with respect to the pilot's aircraft. The spotter must be in close proximity (<20') of the RC pilot.
7. RC Aircraft are to be operated in compliance with current FAA altitude limits. If pilots will be flying above these limits you must contact the Airport Manager, or his designated representative, who will decide whether or not a NOTAM will be initiated. Information provided to request an exception to the altitude limit shall include specific date(s) and time window(s). Call Mac at (231) 250 - 2551 or Len at (907) 903 - 3569
8. Unless specific exemptions are authorized by the Airport Manager, the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code is to be followed at all times. All exceptions must be preapproved by the Airport Manager and appropriately posted.
9. If more than one RC aircraft is in the air, a pattern of flight will be determined by the RC pilots. The pattern of flight can be re-adjusted in the course of a day of flying based on wind direction, or other factors, and clarified with all pilots in attendance.
10. During events, all aircraft must stop the engine/turbine at the Xes on the ramps or be physically controlled (e.g. hand on the fin, etc.) by the pilot or spotter.
11. All fueling is to be done on concrete pads. Spilling fuel or smoke oil on the asphalt or grass is to be avoided.
12. Any person-in-charge, board member, Contest Director (CD) or Event Manager (EM) who observes any violation of our club rules and policies may immediately intervene by approaching an individual with a concern to discuss a resolution, including directing the individual to leave the site. After this intervention, the person-in-charge, board member, Contest Director (CD) or Event Manager (EM) can determine whether any further action is necessary and, if so, proceed with the Grievance Policy in filing a formal complaint. Through this grievance procedure, the end result could include revocation of unescorted access to the site or revocation of membership.
13. Members can use the RC Park facilities at any time. Because non-members do not get a new member briefing, policy changes, and other related correspondence, users of RC Park facilities must be either Village employees, LCMFA members or escorted by an LCMFA member.