

# WALT GOOD R/C FIELD

## FIELD AND FLIGHT RULES

### DC/RC RADIO CONTROL CLUB GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND

Use of the "Radio Control Flight" area at the Montgomery County Model Airpark is restricted to people who are: (1) members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) or DC/RC as evidenced by a current membership card and (2) proficient in the safe operation of a model aircraft as demonstrated by a pilot proficiency test administered by DC/RC. Flyers who complete the pilot proficiency test are issued a pilot certification card or sticker. DC/RC members (or their guests) who are not certified or participating in the flight instruction program may fly while accompanied by a certified member.

All flyers shall comply with the current official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code, as it applies to Radio Control Flying. All flyers shall comply with the current Official FCC and Amateur Radio Service Guidelines and Rules governing the operation of Radio Control Equipment for the control of Model Aircraft. Pre-1992 transmitters operating on the 72 MHz. band shall display a narrow band gold sticker. Each transmitter shall also display the correct channel number and colored streamer on its antenna as outlined by the AMA.

#### **PLACE YOUR TRANSMITTER IN THE IMPOUND UPON ARRIVAL.**

When you are ready to fly, or run tests on your equipment, you must have control of the frequency. To control the frequency, **slide your DC/RC MEMBERSHIP CARD** into the proper channel space on **the FREQUENCY CONTROL BOARD**. If there is already a card on the channel you wish to use, notify the user of that channel that you are waiting. **DO NOT TURN ON YOUR TRANSMITTER UNLESS YOU HAVE CONTROL OF THE FREQUENCY.** Control of the frequency is limited to 15 minutes. **WHEN FINISHED, RETURN YOUR TRANSMITTER TO THE IMPOUND** and retrieve your card, verify that your **transmitter is OFF**.

**Airpark hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. until dusk, Monday – Saturday; and 9:00 a.m. until dusk on Sunday and Federal holidays. These hours must be strictly observed or airpark sound restrictions could be violated!**

**AT NO TIME WILL THE COUNTY'S 65 dBA SOUND LIMIT, AS MEASURED AT THE PROPERTY LINE, BE EXCEEDED BY ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD.** Models will comply with AMA sound rules for RC Aerobatics which are **"96 dBA measured at three meters from the center line of the model with the model standing on concrete or macadam, and 94 dBA on an earth or short grass surface..."**(Special exceptions will be granted for models that exceed the AMA limit but do not violate the county's 65 dBA limit. These planes **must undergo additional in air sound measurements** made at the property lines. These planes **must be flown alone at all times** with no other models in the air.) DC/RC members can have their models tested by the club's sound and safety officer and will be issued a sticker to affix to their plane.

## Flight Operations

### **Fixed Wing Aircraft**

Takeoffs and landings shall be essentially parallel to the flight line. Direction shall be determined by a consensus of the flyers present. No more than five (5) aircraft in the air at one time. Pilots shall control their planes while standing on the designated pilot blocks behind the safety fence. **NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE ALLOWED BEHIND THE FLIGHT LINE OR OVER THE PIT/PARKING AREA. AT NO TIME WILL AN AIRCRAFT BE INTENTIONALLY FLOWN OUTSIDE THE BOUNDRIES OF THE SAFETY ZONE INTO THE BUFFER AREAS.** This is for both sound and safety reasons.

Dead stick landings have priority over all other traffic. Prolonged engine operation is not allowed in the pit or pilot area. No taxiing in the pits. Aircraft with obvious defects or problems should not be flown until the aircraft is fully air worthy.

**RC Combat is not allowed at the flying field.** There will be no activity or engagement between two airplanes or there will be no streamers attached to the back of the model. You can fly a combat model as any other model.

**40% models or bigger must have a 3 blade propeller and a set of canister mufflers, and 35% Models must have a 3 blade prop or a canister muffler.**

**SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA** or on the flight line unless escorted by a flyer that shall be responsible for their actions. Pets are not allowed in the pit area and shall be leashed at all times. Flyers should not enter private property without first obtaining permission from the owner. **ALL CRASH DEBRIS MUST BE THOROUGHLY REMOVED FROM THE CRASH SITE.** Please keep the field and outer areas clean and free of trash.

### Helicopters

No more than five helicopters shall be in the air at one time. They shall be flown in the designated helicopter area. **NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE ALLOWED BEHIND THE FLIGHT LINE OR OVER THE PIT/PARKING AREA.** Helicopters shall be hand carried from the pit area to the flight line.

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Courtesy and common sense should govern activities at the field not specifically covered by these rules. **FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD INVALIDATE AMA INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOURSELF AND THE CLUB, AS WELL AS CAUSE RESTRICTION FROM USE OF THE FIELD, AND POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.**

**SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT.**