

*** MMRCA FIELD GUIDELINES ***

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The Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association (MMRCA) welcomes all responsible RC flyers who have current AMA cards, paid annual dues, and agree to follow accepted guidelines. The following is presented to help make the RC experience safe, and by so doing, more fun for all. The guidelines are for safe operating practices at the flying field and not just for the sake of regulation.

The City of Columbia, per our lease, has established the following rules:

1. Flying Hours – Dawn to Dusk.
2. No Alcohol allowed anywhere on the premises
3. No overnight camping
4. No flying when the surrounding fields are being mowed by either the City of Columbia employees or their contractor.

MMRCA Guidelines:

1. All flight operations will be conducted adhering to the AMA National Safety Code.
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/105.pdf>
2. Pilots should fly from behind the protective fence on the west side of the runway. No flying to be done from the opposite side of the runway to avoid morning sun.
3. No flying behind the flightline. That means in the pit area or spectator area and in the parking lot.
4. Announce your intentions to other pilots at the flight station. Taxing onto the runway, Taking off, Landing. Dead stick (engine failure) emergency or uncontrolled aircraft has priority over all other actions.
5. No taxing back into the pit area after flight. Taxi parallel to the edge of the pit area and shut down your engine. If you have electric aircraft disarm or unplug your battery. Do not bring an armed electric aircraft into the pavilion area.
6. Start engines or plug in batteries at the flight line with aircraft facing the runway. Be careful of all spinning propellers in the startup area. Never leave your aircraft unattended while the engine is running.
7. Having a buddy hold your aircraft or use a physical restraint when starting engine.

8. If more than 3 aircraft are flying a spotter is required.
9. When more than one plane is in the air at the same time, fly with the general traffic pattern. If the prevailing winds are from the South, use a left turn pattern. If winds are out of the North, use a right turn pattern.
10. When training or helping a person new to RC, help him with good practices and see that his aircraft is airworthy.
11. The pilot of an RC model aircraft shall:
 - a) Maintain control during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
 - b) Flying using the assistance of a camera or First-Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document#550. ALL flyers utilizing first person view (FPV) must, regardless of aircraft type, use an observer, and the aircraft MUST remain within line of sight of the observer at all times.
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/550.pdf>
 - c) Fly using the assistance of autopilot or stabilization system only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #560
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/560.pdf>
12. Additional safety rules may be applied during field events. These additional safety rules shall be announced at the Pilot Briefing before every scheduled field event.
13. It is the responsibility of each flyer to be courteous and responsible to others. Good judgment tempered with common sense and knowledge of the rules should be used at all times. Everyone is a safety officer.
14. Engine runup for tuning or break-in purposes will be done on the north or south end of the pit area away from spectators and pilots to reduce noise. Aircraft must be restrained.
15. Have a good time at the field, and if you are the last to leave, please lock the gate.