

****** MMRCA FLIGHT 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 and not just for the sake of regulation.

The City of Columbia, per our lease, have 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 contractors.
5. Hunters are allowed to walk through our field during hunting season.

MMRCA Guidelines:

1. If you do not have a 2.4GHz radio then be sure to have a frequency pin before turning on transmitter, even if you are the only one flying. Someone else could come to the field while you are flying and use the same frequency. Special events like “fun flies” may have a transmitter impound.
2. Pilots should fly from stations 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 over the pit or spectator area.
4. No taxiing back into the pit area after flight. Taxi to the edge of the pit area and shut down your engine.
5. Be careful of all spinning propellers in the pit area. Never leave your aircraft unattended while the engine is running.
6. Recommended: Start engines with aircraft facing the runway.
7. Consider having a buddy hold your plane, or use a physical restraint when starting engine. Also, a spotter while flying can be helpful with telling where other aircraft are, helping with trims, etc.
8. When more than one plane is in the air at the same time, try to go with the general traffic pattern. You will still have much room for your own style of flying. Going with the flow lessens stress for everybody and reduces chances for close calls.
9. When training or helping a person new to RC, help him with good practices and see that his craft is airworthy.
10. 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.
11. Have a good time at the field, and if you are the last to leave, please lock the gate.

A 2017 diagram of the field boundaries, safety lines, engine break in area, etc, will be posted and handed out to members.