

Osprey RC Club

Rules

1. AMA and Club cards are mandatory and must be in member's possession and clearly visible while conducting any Activity at Osprey RC Club. No exceptions.
2. The main gate to the field must remain closed at all times. All members entering the field have to close the gate behind them before driving into the field and when leaving. The gate may remain unlocked but has to be closed whenever anyone is at the field. The last person leaving must close and lock the gate. This rule will be strictly enforced. No exceptions. Any member that does not abide by this very simple rule will be expelled from the club.
3. Alcoholic beverages are absolutely prohibited at the club. 8 hours bottle to throttle rule is in affect at all times.
4. Every day, prior to any flight activity at the club the first person at the field must call the Homestead Air Base Control Tower and inform the tower operator that flight operations have begun at Osprey RC Club. The last person to leave the field must call the tower to inform the tower operator that flight operations at Osprey RC club have ended for that day. THE PHONE NUMBER FOR HOMESTEAD AIR BASE CONTROL TOWER IS 786-415-6525
5. Foul or offensive language and behavior by a member or the guest of a member is strictly prohibited at the club field and at any event where the club may be conducting activities. Members are responsible for the actions of their guest at the club.
6. Members are financially liable for any damage caused by their guests at the club.
7. All membership renewal dues are due January. No exceptions.
8. Guest non-member pilots must have current AMA to fly.
9. All flying must take place in the designated flying areas.
10. All members are responsible for obtaining and becoming familiar with all the rules of the AMA and Osprey RC Club prior to flying at the club. AMA rules and guidelines are available on the AMA website. Failure to follow rules at the club will result in expulsion. All members are responsible for becoming familiar with the pit area, the flight line, the safety line, the flight stations and the area around the flight stations, the no-fly zones and the covered sitting area prior to flying at the field.
11. All new members will be subject to a one year probationary period to assess adherence to club rules and safety procedures. If a new member is deemed to have violated this probation then the Executive Board will determine action required which may include the revocation of the membership.
12. Any guest or member that has less than on year flying experience must identify experience and needs to an experienced member, Board Member, Safety officer or flight instructor before flying at Osprey RC Club or at any event or activity sponsored or hosted by Osprey RC Club.
13. All pilots must have a valid AMA card and valid Osprey RC card to fly at Osprey RC flying field. Any pilot who flies without a valid AMA card or whose AMA membership has expired and has not been renewed prior to flying will be expelled from the club without exception.
14. With exception of 2.4gh frequency band, a Frequency Pin is mandatory for all pilots on 27mh and 72mh
15. A club designated member or flight instructor must administer a flight proficiency test and give final approval for a student pilot to become a solo pilot. All student pilots must be checked out before they can fly solo at Osprey RC Club. The Board may require that a student pilot retake a proficiency test if the pilot is deemed to be lacking appropriate flying skills or lacks knowledge of the rules of the club.
16. No smoking near gas powered airplanes or fuel cans
17. Model rockets and kites are not allowed at the club
18. No taxiing of any aircraft behind pilot stations or any area behind the flight line which is perpendicular to the runway or safety line.

19. Taxiing of aircraft within the pit area or behind the flight line is prohibited. Aircraft must be held while moving in the pit area and to and from the taxi area perpendicular to the runway
20. Use of the pilot's station on the north side of the main runway is mandatory when taking off, flying or landing any kind of aircraft, without exceptions.
21. The maximum number of concurrently flying aircraft is 5 from the main runway.
22. Reckless flying is strictly prohibited. Any pilot who flies in a reckless manner that endangers people, other aircraft or property will be expelled from the club.
23. Dead stick has priority over any and all other aircraft.
24. There is a buffer zone/ safety zone between the runway and the flight line. This area is for taxiing purposes. There shall be no flying over the pit area, spectator area or parking area.
25. All pilots engaged in flying activities at the field must announce their intentions prior to taking off, landing, touch and goes, dead stick and loss of control of an aircraft from the flight station.
26. All take offs and landing must be from and on the runway only. This includes the paved runway and the grassy area south of the paved runway
27. Flying above 400 ft at Osprey RC Club is strictly prohibited. No exceptions.
28. Whenever there are full scale aircraft flying in the vicinity of the club all RC pilots will immediately descend to a low altitude and demonstrate a submissive attitude by flying low and in a normal traffic pattern until full scale air traffic is well past our field.
29. The area north of the flight stations at the main runway perpendicular to the runway or safety line is a NO-FLY ZONE for airplanes and any aircraft using the main runway for the entire length of our club field. The club holds a strict zero tolerance policy with regards to the NO-FLY ZONE.
30. Absolutely no flying of any aircraft over people.
31. Flying patterns on the main runway will be established by the direction of the wind. If there is more than one aircraft in the air all pilots are required to fly the normal oval flying pattern.
32. Helicopters, drones and rotor aircraft must fly from the designated helicopter area
33. No 3D type maneuvers or hovering when two or more planes are flying.
34. Never leave any aircraft unattended while it's running. This includes any electric aircraft that is armed and ready to fly.
35. Electric planes shall be treated with the same respect and caution as gas and nitro planes. Electric powered planes that don't have a separate switch for energizing the system shall only be plugged on the flight line.
36. Flying shall be limited to 15 minutes whenever pilots are waiting to fly.
37. Only pilots and helpers are permitted in the pit area.
38. Children and minors are not allowed in the pit area unless they are AMA and Osprey Club Junior members. Children must always be accompanied by an adult.
39. Airplane restraint must always be used when starting an aircraft. A helper, work table or other restraint system must always be used when starting a gas plane or arming an electric plane. This includes gas and electric planes.
40. Never EVER start or arm a plane that is facing a person or flight stations.
41. All members and guests of Osprey RC Club must abide by all AMA requirements, rules and regulations. Members are responsible for obtaining and learning AMA rules and guidelines before flying.
42. Members and guests are responsible for keeping the club and field free of trash and debris. If you brought it with you must take it home with you. This includes crashed planes. No exceptions. Any member who leaves trash at the field will subject to expulsion.
43. All members are responsible for the guest they bring to the club.
44. The covered sitting area with tables at the club is to be used for sitting and socializing only. Planes, tools, batteries, battery chargers, accessories, generators, spare parts, motors and fuel cans ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COVERED AREA. Absolutely no exceptions rain or shine.
45. The covered area with tables at the club is to be used for sitting and socializing only. Planes, tools, batteries, battery chargers, accessories, generators, spare parts, motors and fuel cans ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COVERED AREA. Absolutely no exceptions.

46. Paid instruction at the club is prohibited.
47. Driving speed limit at the club and on the field is 10 MPH. You must drive slowly when entering and exiting the field. The speed limit will be strictly enforced.
48. No car parking within 25ft of the east and west side of the covered sitting area. No parking within 50ft of the north side of the covered sitting area.

Gas Turbine aircraft

49. Flying any Gas turbine aircraft requires a Turbine Waiver from the AMA.
50. All Turbine Waiver Holders are required to notify club of their intentions to fly Gas Turbine Aircraft and must provide proof of turbine waiver prior to flying. An experienced turbine pilot is defined as a pilot who has completed 20 or more turbine flights during the preceding 24 months and has a current turbine waiver issued by the AMA. For confirmation purposes the pilot is required to keep a written log of all flights and will provide copies to AMA upon request.
51. All Turbine Waiver Holders must be familiar with proper turbine ground operation procedures as set forth by the AMA. Any turbine waiver holder who fails to exercise proper turbine ground procedures while operating a gas turbine aircraft will not be able to fly regardless of having a turbine waiver.

During special events the Executive board, together with the event coordinator, may modify rules as deemed necessary under special circumstances.