



FLY-A-WAYs RC Club

Field Rules

Updated 2025

Hours of Operation:

7:00am - 10:00pm Daily February - September

12:00pm - 10:00pm Daily October - January (Duck Hunting Season on the property)

Use of the RC Field:

The RC Flying Field and facilities are for use by Members and Member Guests only. Spectators are welcome, however people not engaged in flight activities must stay outside the Pit and Flight-Line areas, unless accompanied by a club member.

Membership:

All members and guests must abide by the current Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code and all FLY-A-WAYs Field Rules. *Any FAA certification for specialized flight such as a Drone License or IMAC Qualification does not exempt an RC Pilot from any AMA or Fly-A-Ways rules.* A current Adult or Youth AMA membership is required to fly (Park Flyer Memberships are not valid), and your name must appear on the Fly-A-Ways posted club roster for flying privileges.

Posting of AMA Cards

All RC pilots must post their AMA card on the pin board while flying. If an AMA card is not posted on the pin board or a pilot's name is not on the roster, there may be a request to discontinue flying. Logo clips are available to keep with you as a reminder to retrieve a posted AMA card. Cards should not be left posted on the kiosk when you are not at the field.

Youth Members:

Fly-A-Ways considers members 18 years of age and under to be Youth Members. Youth Members under 16 years of age are required to be under the direct supervision of an adult while at the RC Field that are 18 years of age or older.

Guests:

All guest must be hosted by a Fly-A-Ways member. Guests are allowed three visits to the field before being asked to join and pay annual dues. It is the host member's responsibility to assure any guests are AMA members and have their current AMA card posted on the kiosk. Hosts are responsible if their guests violate any Fly-A-Ways or AMA Club rules.

Flight Regulations & Club Boundaries:

Maximum flight altitude shall be limited to 700 feet per FAA regulations for the FAWs RC field. FAA ID is not necessary on aircraft as FAWs is a registered FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) zone.

RC Pilots are to reduce altitude and give right of way immediately to any manned aircraft that are in the vicinity. Be aware of the Willamette Valley Soaring Club's tow line flights that sometimes are lower than expected.

Pilot aircraft from behind the red line, preferably from a pilot station fence. No powered taxiing behind active pilots at the flight line, or to/from tables on the pit side of the engine kill red line.

Aircraft flight is restricted to a Flight Zone bounded by the north edge of the grass runway, the tree line at Dairy Creek to the west, the top of the rise to the east and no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ the distance to Highway 26 to the north. Keep the runways clear for take-offs, landings, and touch & go's.

Members and guests must stay within the area leased by the club. Club boundaries are the North edge of the grass runway, the edge of the farmed crop to the West, the drainage ditch to the East, and the tree line to the South. Venturing outside this area is allowed only to retrieve a downed aircraft.

Flight maneuvers should never impede the view or feel imposing to other pilots and 3D or aggressive maneuvers should not take place in close proximity of other pilots.

Large aircraft should be flown 25 feet north of the grass runway. Smaller aircraft that are difficult to see when flown at a distance may approach as closely as the north edge of the geotex runway.

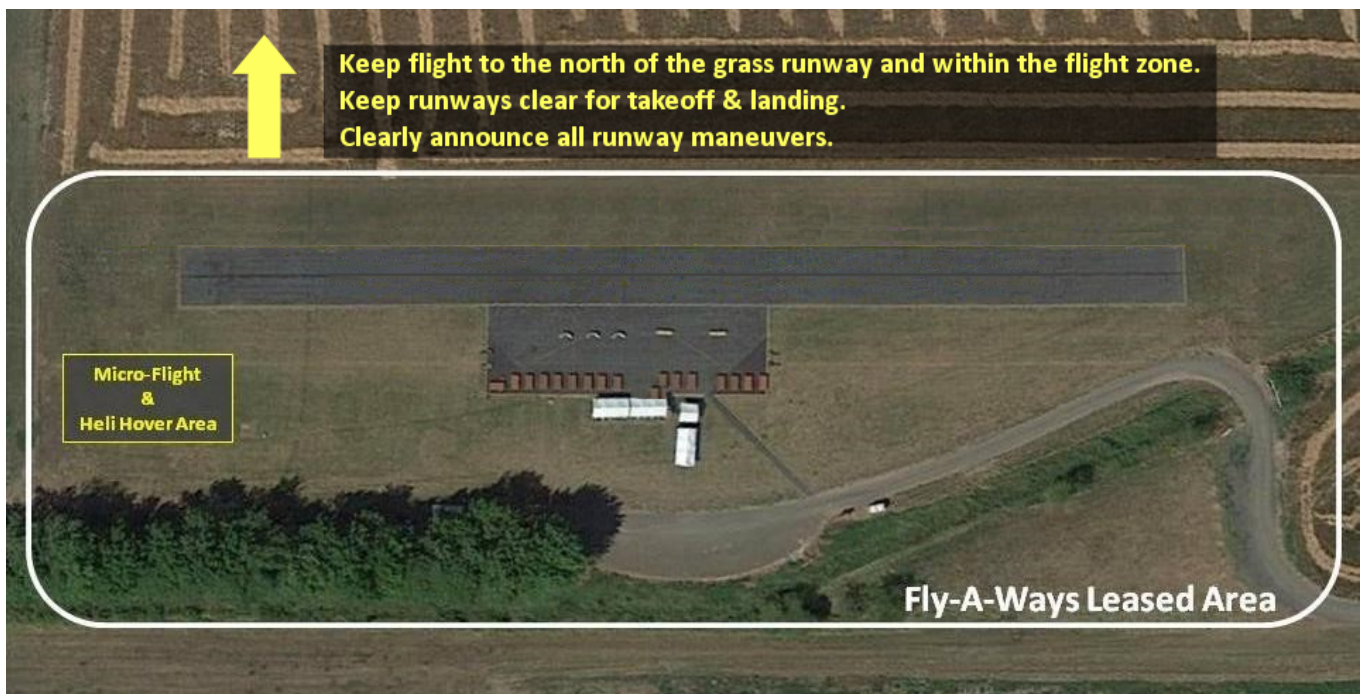
General flight of fixed wing micro-models, small quad-copters, helicopters smaller than 15 inch total main rotor diameter, and any "hover only" practice of any size helicopter is allowed over the designated "Micro-Flight & Heli Hover" pad in the southwest corner of the field.

At no time is it permissible to fly over the pit area, roads, or persons & equipment engaged in maintenance or farming activities. When maintenance such as routine mowing, runway repair, or otherwise requiring people to be on or near the flight line, all runway use and flights are to be temporarily suspended until given the all clear by the individuals involved in the maintenance project. Any verbal abuse or physical discord directed at persons involved in maintenance activities will not be tolerated, and will be considered a violation to be addressed by the board of directors.

It is suggested that no more than 5 aircraft are allowed in the air at any one time, unless all pilots are made aware and agree to the additional aircraft. (This does not include the Micro-Flight area).

During duck hunting season (mid-October thru January), efforts should be made to avoid the Waterfowl Habitat to the west. Never "buzz" or otherwise intentionally confront the birds.

Turbine powered aircraft of any kind are prohibited.



Flight Protocols:

Perform a range check on your radio before flying.

Perform a pre-flight check on your model before each flight, checking for correct operation and directional movement of flight control surfaces.

Start glo and gas engines with the model restrained on a start-up bench or with a tail trap. These are located on each side of the pits near the runway, and consist of pairs of holes in the grass with pins that drop into the grass. Direct prop blast away from the pit and spectator areas. Starting and taxiing in any area south of the of the pits, or in any area where people or structures are in front of the aircraft is strictly prohibited.

Communicate With Other Pilots:

Announce loudly your intentions whenever you use the runway.

Examples:

"Coming out!" or *"Taxing out!"* as you enter the runway.

"Taking off left to right!" (the same pertains to "TOUCH & GO" or "LOW FLY-BY" maneuvers)

"Landing from the left!"

"Clear!" when you have taxied off the runway.

"Pilot on the runway!" if you enter or need to cross the runway in order to retrieve an aircraft.

"Dead Stick Landing!" if your aircraft has lost power or control.

Runway priority is given to problematic or dead-stick landings, followed by landings, then take offs.

Flight Pattern:

Many pilots follow a general flight pattern when multiple aircraft are flying, such as in an oval with the upwind direction close to the runway and the down wind direction further away from the runway. Flying the pattern is not a requirement but keeping the general direction of flight the same for all pilots reduces the risk of incidents.

Aircraft Retrieval & Entering the Field Area:

It is recommended that no more than two people to go into the field area to retrieve a downed aircraft. If a plane goes down, immediately take a bearing sight on its location to allow you to find it with a minimum amount of searching. Use caution when walking through the field areas to avoid damage to crop or irrigation systems. Under no circumstance is it permissible to drive a vehicle into the field area. Any members and/or guests determined to have caused crop or property damage will be held responsible for payment of any applicable "excess damage fees" as defined in the site lease.

Flooded Field Areas and Pontoon Equipped Aircraft:

Use of flooded areas for water take offs & landings is not allowed. Intentional use of flooded area(s) with aircraft equipped with pontoon landing gear is prohibited. The use of boats or wading in flooded areas is in violation of the club's land use lease and insurance policies. For the retrieval of downed aircraft in flooded areas, pilots are to contact the property owners listed on the kiosk and they will retrieve models ASAP.

Aircraft & Field Noise Abatement:

Noise levels shall not exceed AMA sound/noise abatement recommendations of 96 dB at a distance of 20 feet maximum at any orientation to the model. All glo or gas powered models require the use of a muffler. Large fixed wing models such as IMAC style aircraft should use 3 bladed propellers. In the event of any complaint about excessive noise, Fly-A-Ways will work in a proactive manner to identify and reduce the noise source to an acceptable level.

Pet Policy:

Fly-A-Ways has a no-pet policy in the efforts of protecting personal equipment, aircraft, pilots and spectators. Dogs are not permitted on the property. Flying an aircraft while being distracted by an animal, or an animal being subject to the dangers of the flight zone and pits area, is not an assumed liability that the club is willing to engage in. Exceptions may be made for special events.

Garbage and Disposal of Batteries and RC Equipment:

Please be responsible to remove all trash, broken RC gear, or damaged batteries from the field. Bins of sand are available for extinguishing fires or smoldering batteries, however compromised batteries are not to be disposed of at the field. The club does not have garbage removal services.

Alcohol:

No drinking of alcohol is allowed at the RC Field, regardless if a person is piloting an aircraft or not.

Smoking:

No smoking on the flight line, in the pits or shelter area. Cigarette ash can burn holes in the geotex.

Gravel Road Speed Limit:

Maximum speed is 10 mph.

Locking The Gate:

Access to the field is gated and locked with the combination being provided to all members. It is the responsibility of all club members to close and lock the gate if you are the last pilot to leave the field.

Camping:

Overnight camping is allowed only in conjunction with club sponsored events. Thirty days written notice to the Landlord is required so as not to conflict with any farming activities.

Member Conflicts:

Any verbal or physical threat, or direct assault made between individuals is strictly prohibited. If any altercation becomes violent, law enforcement may be contacted.

Violation of Rules:

If in the Board of Directors' determination, any individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of these rules, the AMA Safety Code, or which is detrimental to the sustainability of the club, disciplinary action may result. If you witness a rules violation that you feel merits reporting, contact the board of directors.

In Case Of An Emergency Call 911.

**Instruct emergency responders to the Fly-A-Ways Radio Controlled Flying Site at
11127 NW Dersham Rd in North Plains at the curve west of the Harrison Cemetery.**

Property Address:

**11127 NW Dersham Road
North Plains, OR 97113**

Google Earth Address:

**10770 NW Dersham Road
Cornelius, OR 97113**

GPS Coordinates:

**Latitude: 45° 36' 14"
Longitude: 123° 2' 32"**