



Arizona Model Pilots Society
Club Operational and Flying Site Safety Rules
As of 2022

All Arizona Model Pilots Society (AMPS) Pilots and permitted guests must have a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) number. All AMPS members must have current AMPS membership in good standing to fly or allow guests to fly at the Adobe Dam Flying Field. AMPS members must brief guests of all rules prior to flying and assume responsibility of guest Pilot's conduct. It is the responsibility of all AMPS members to follow rules and continually set an example encouraging others to do so. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with AMPS safety rules and related AMA, FAA directives, as well as all Maricopa County applicable laws and regulations.

New AMPS Club members must attend New Pilot orientation training or be checked out by an Intro Pilot or Board member within 30 days of membership. It is the responsibility of each AMPS club member to comply with the FAA regulations in obtaining a UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) registration number (includes the model aircraft we fly) properly marking your aircraft and completing the Recreational UAS Safety Test – TRUST.

Communicating safety rules or reporting safety violations is every AMPS member's responsibility. Repeated violations of AMPS safety flight rules and related AMA, FAA directives, as well as all Maricopa County applicable laws and regulations is cause for suspension and or revocation of AMPS membership.

No remote control aircraft will fly above the 400 foot Above Ground Level (AGL). It is mandatory that all pilots avoid any proximity to full scale aircraft. Full scale aircraft always have the right of way, regardless of their altitude or position.

No model aircraft can exceed 100dB measured at 3 meters on a hard surface. Gas and glow engines are not to be flown before 7:00 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. because of the surrounding communities. Electric motors are exempt. All flights are subject to dawn to dusk rules of Adobe Dam Park.

The yellow concrete bumpers at the flight line constitute the "dead line", and all take-offs, landings and touch and go's shall be kept to the north of this line and its extension both east and west. Flights must be flown north of the runway. Designated flight spotters are recommend at all times. Deliberate flying south of the runway line is prohibited.

It is the pilots' responsibility to display their AMA on the outside of their aircraft and to place their AMA number and full name on the inside of their aircraft before flying.

When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), pilots will observe AMA's Advanced Flight System programming and use a designated spotter.

All pilots will make every effort to remain within AMPS flight field designated boundaries. Only five aircraft can fly at any one time with pilots located in designated flight line stations. Aircraft entering and exiting the runway are required to use runway gates.

High speed passes or flying over the runway is not permitted. All 3D aerobatic maneuvers are to be performed north of the runway in the center of the field.

Turns to final shall be made to either the east or west of the flight line pit area depending on wind direction. Base leg or final turns should not result in the aircraft being pointed at the pit area.

Children are not permitted beyond the spectator area far behind yellow line unless under flight instruction.

Starting of gas/glow engines or connecting power to electric motors must originate at designated flight gates, flight line tables or the flight line only (past yellow line). Never under the covered Ramada or food service area.

Announce flight intentions by speaking clearly and loudly; "Taking off", "Landing", "On the runway", "Changing the arrow direction", "Landing left to right", "Touch and go", etc.

Takeoffs and landings shall be made in the direction of the traffic indicator arrow. Except as noted, cross runway takeoffs are not permitted. Taking off across the runway is permitted for hand launching, drones or helicopters. When flying a helicopter or a drone in form other pilots of needing extra time for take offs and landings.

Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area, to flight line tables or the flight line. Pilots are responsible for pre-flight check of their aircraft and equipment prior to flight. Pilots are responsible to properly dispose of and secure the safety of a damaged or unusable batteries of any type NOT at the field and to catch run-off when fueling.