

**Desert Hawks RC Club
Jim Sterling Memorial RC Complex
2022 Safety Rules**

Note: The term “MODEL” pertains to airplanes, jets, helicopters, drones, cars, trucks, buggies, anything operated by Remote Control (RC). The term “OPERATOR” pertains to anyone operating a RC Model. The potential risk of accidents to people and equipment is of utmost concern for our Club. The following Desert Hawks RC Club (DHRCC) Safety Rules are currently in effect and govern all activities at Jim Sterling Memorial RC Complex (JSMC).

1. CLUB REQUIREMENTS:

a. Desert Hawks RC Club operates under the guidelines and protection of the AMA’s prevailing National Model Aircraft Safety Code. (Copy in “Model Aviation” magazine and on this Bulletin Board). These DHRCC Safety Rules are specific to the JSMC and are in addition to the AMA Safety Code.

b. Current Desert Hawks RC Club Membership and AMA membership is required for EVERYONE operating a model at JSMC (see “Guests” Section 3 for exceptions). Any operator on JSMC not showing proper ID will be asked to cease operation and show proof of current membership.

c. All members operating a model on the JSMC must wear their Club Identification and carry proof of AMA Membership.

2. GENERAL ITEMS:

a. Illegal Drugs & Alcoholic beverages are not tolerated anywhere on JSMC. This is a DHRCC **ZERO** Tolerance policy.

b. The last member leaving the complex is responsible for locking the gate on the way out.

c. All solid waste/trash will be placed in the appropriate containers. Large items should be placed in the dumpster beside the restrooms.

d. Junior Members (under 19) must be accompanied by a Regular Member when operating an RC model on JSMC.

3. GUESTS:

a. A GUEST is allowed two free visits. These visits will be for the sole purpose of determining if the facility meets their expectations. During the visits, they may operate a model provided they are closely supervised and sponsored by a Regular Club Member in good standing.

b. ALL Guests must be signed in at the Bulletin Board.

c. Sponsoring members are responsible for assuring that their guest’s conduct is in accordance with the DHRCC Safety Rules and the AMA Safety Code.

4. FIELD AIRSPACE ALLOCATION:

a. Deliberately flying airplanes on the south side of the active runway (over the pits) is prohibited.

b. Pilots should avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles and occupied structures.

c. The runway is off limits to any model other than “Aircraft”.

d. Call out intentions to enter the runway, take off, land, touch and go landings, emergency landings.

e. Our operating altitude maximum is 700’ AGL

- f. Pilots flying FPV must have a spotter.
- g. Low High-speed passes directly over the runway is prohibited. This type flying should be over the dirt on the far side of the runway.
- h. Anytime there are more than 3 aircraft in operation at a time a spotter is highly recommended.
- i. Direction of flight when there is no wind shall be left to right or counter clockwise. If there is a question the first pilot in the air sets the direction of flight.
- j. ARMING: No model will be armed in the pits unless there is a visible mechanical disconnect in a battery lead.

5. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- a. A volunteer instructor is not responsible for damage to aircraft or equipment that arises during or as a result of his/her assisting other operators.
- b. DHRCC acknowledges there are certain risks in model operation where a variety of circumstances may result in loss or damage of one or more models. DHRCC recognizes a “No-Fault” policy governing accidents with the following exceptions:
 - 1) Operators operating equipment in a flagrantly unsafe manner, under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance will be financially responsible for all damages they cause.
 - 2) Operators who turn on their FM transmitter without having the channel pin in their possession will assume all financial responsibility for all damage caused by the operator that is pinned up on that channel.
 - 3) If 5a or 5 b above is in effect then financial responsibility will be the repair and/or replacement of any equipment damaged. Repairs must be agreeable between all parties involved.
 - 4) The monetary value of damage to models should be determined by the parties involved. If satisfactory assessment of such damage cannot be reached in this manner, all parties agree to be bound by an evaluation made by the DHRCC current Board of Directors.
 - 5) Any accident involving personal injury or damage to property, other than the models, must be immediately reported to a Club Officer and an Incident Form Completed (forms are by the bulletin board).

6. NOISE ABATEMENT:

All aircraft engines will comply with AMA noise guidelines. “No Exceptions”

7. CLOSING NOTES:

Continued disregard for the DHRCC Safety Rules and the AMA Safety Code will result in disciplinary action as indicated in the Club By-Laws.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE SAFETY RULES, PLEASE CONSULT WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE CLUB’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE A MODEL.

Let’s Have Fun!