

## HILL TOP FLYERS CLUB RULES

1. Model pilots should fly from behind the fence line and maintain a distance that allows other pilots to **hear your spoken intentions**.
2. **Do not** taxi in the pit area. Always keep one hand on the model while transiting between pit area and runway.
3. **Do not** overfly the pit area behind the fence line.
4. All take-off rolls may begin anywhere on the runway. However, the pilot must control the speed and/or rotation to ensure that the model does not leave the ground until it has passed the end of the fence line that defines the end of the pit area unless take off is away from fence line. This line extends from the outside edge of the two end tables in the pit area. No restrictions on touch and go.
5. **As a courtesy to your fellow modelers, announce your intentions/status when approaching the runway for take-off or landing, when you are "dead stick", when personnel are on the runway, or when you do not have control of the model.**
6. In the event you witness a safety issue or any issue with another club member, contact the Safety Officer or other Club Officer and report the issue. **Do not** attempt to resolve the issue yourself by confronting another member or by posting your issue on social media. If you feel your issue is not resolved then you can request a meeting with the board to discuss.
7. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed on flying site. No persons under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances are allowed on the flying site. This rule extends to members, their families, guest, and spectators.
8. Gate access is limited to members only. You may leave the gate open while at the field the last member to leave must close the gate. No non-member can stay at the field unless a member is present. Do not provide the gate code to anyone including those that may be members. They will need to contact a officer to verify membership before giving that information.
9. As allowed by AMA, Hill Top Flyers RC Club has a very liberal policy regarding visitors with AMA membership, new pilots and demo flights for non-pilots.
  - 9.1 VISITING PILOTS: Prospective club members may be invited to fly as a guest of a Hill Top club member. The club member must be present at all times while the visitor is flying. This invitation will be in effect for a period of 2 flying sessions or 30 elapsed days whichever occurs first. At the end of this period, membership is required in order to use this flying site. The inviting club member will record the visitor's name,

address, phone number, AMA number and start date. This information will be forwarded to the club secretary who will maintain the visitor database. At the discretion of an officer of the club, the invitation to fly as a guest can be revoked for any of the following.

- Not demonstrating competence necessary for the safe operation of the model
- Non-compliance with AMA and Hill Top Flyers safety rules
- Flying at the site when no other club members are present

The guest policy is for an individual guest, and the guest cannot extend the privilege to other AMA or non-AMA members.

9.2 INTRODUCTORY FLIGHTS: Potential newcomers to the R/C hobby can participate in introductory-flights without being AMA members and still be covered by the AMA insurance. The flights must be registered with the AMA and be under the control of a club Introductory Pilot. The introductory flight should be conducted with a "buddy box".

10. FLIGHT TRAINING: Flight training is strongly recommended to all new R/C pilots. In order to qualify for flight training, the student must be a member in good standing of AMA and Hill Top Flyers. The club will not appoint instructor pilots for student training. A list of club members that have volunteered to be instructor pilots will be available to the student. The student should make his own contacts within the club membership for instructor pilots. Until the student has "soloed", the student pilot should not fly at the club site when spectators or other members are present unless assisted by an experienced pilot. In order to "solo" the student must demonstrate to his instructor or an officer of the club or their designate, his ability to conduct a safe flight.
11. TURBINES – In order to fly a turbine at Hilltop you MUST have your Turbine Certification with the AMA. You will need to also be checked out by the current President or Current Turbine Administrator to make sure you are following and understand the rules. Turbine Pilots are required to have a spotter when flying. Do Not start the Turbine on the runway in case of hot start. You Must have the appropriate Fire Extinguisher next to your starting location. No flying Turbines before 10 am except during events.