

Mon Valley Radio Control Club

Field Rules

Effective 08-02-2019

1. All fliers at the MVRC field must have current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) full membership and be either a member of MVRC or an authorized guest of a member.
2. Guests with a current AMA card may fly only two times per calendar year. Otherwise nonmembers must obtain a permit from park offices in Greensburg to fly. A fee may apply.
3. Fliers will obey all AMA, Westmoreland County, and MVRC rules. Know and follow the AMA Safety Code before flying. Fliers are also expected to be in compliance with FAA regulations regarding small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs) as defined and enforced.
4. Fliers with non-2.4 GHz flight control transmitters shall use the frequency control board by placing their MVRC card (or a copy) on the pin associated with their transmitter frequency before turning on the transmitter. If sharing a frequency, fliers are expected to communicate and cooperate to avoid frequency conflicts.
5. While flying, fliers must display their current membership card either on the frequency control board, on their person, or transmitter.
6. Fliers using non-FCC approved equipment subject to FCC regulations, e.g. amateur band radios and First-Person View (FPV) transmitters, should have current FCC license in possession.
7. Fliers are to conduct flights from between the flight safety line and pit area with respect and consideration of other active fliers.
8. Announce vocally "takeoffs", "landings", and "on the field".
9. Unless hand launching, take off from and land on the runway. Do not take off from the pits or from behind other pilots.
10. Flying is to be restricted to designated flight area as documented. In particular, never fly over pilots, pit area, spectators, vehicles, the main park area, ball fields, or private homes.
11. Be aware, in all cases, full-scale aircraft *MUST* be avoided. Use of a spotter is encouraged, especially for beginners. Flying alone is not advised because of low flying full-scale aircraft.
12. Be courteous and considerate of other members. Examples of this include but are not limited to:
 - Do not allow thrust blast or exhaust to disturb other pilots or models.
 - Avoid back-to-back flying if others are waiting to fly.
 - Announce extreme performance/ speed/ risk flying prior to flight.
 - For helicopters and multirotors, there shall be no spinning blades behind the flight line.
 - Be responsible for keeping the airfield and facility clean and in order.
13. Flying is disallowed during mowing operations either on the airfield or the surrounding grass areas. Mowing operations are conducted subject to weather and volunteer availability. Thus, mowing crew personnel have the authority to suspend flying to mow. Other members present can expedite field mowing ops by clearing pit area of fixtures, airplanes, pop-up shades, etc.
14. FPV operations shall comply with AMA document #550 "Unmanned Aircraft Operation Utilizing First-Person View".

These rules are not intended to replace common sense and common courtesy as they apply to all activities/ operations at the Club Field.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD INVALIDATE AMA INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOU AND THE CLUB, COULD CAUSE REVOCATION OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, OR COULD EVEN CAUSE THE CLUB TO LOSE FLYING PRIVILEGES AT THE PARK. WE MUST ALL BE DILIGENT IN FOLLOWING AND ENFORCING THESE RULES!