

MARKS Field Safety and General Site Rules

The following is listing of basic field safety regulations that are to be observed and followed at MARKS Field. Remember that most rules are just good field etiquette. All MARKS members, as guided by the Presidential Appointed Safety Committee, will enforce the following rules.

General Safety and Administration

- The AMA Aircraft Safety code must be followed.
- Only MARKS members in good standing may fly at Marks Field.
- Current AMA card must be in possession of the flyer, and presented to any MARKS member on request.
- Detailed reports of violations including names, dates, times, and violation will be reported in writing to the club President, Secretary, and safety officer.
- Any member having an alcohol violation, or three other violations will have their membership revoked. No refund of monies will occur as the result of a membership revocation.
- Any non-member violating any rule will be asked to leave and not return.

Organized Events

During organized air shows or sanctioned competitions:

- Guests will be permitted to fly if they are current AMA members, and are checked out by the Event Director, or Contest Director
- All flight operations will be under the direction of the Event Director, or Contest Director
- MARKS Field will be closed for all recreational flight

Visitors

- No visitors are allowed on the flight line unless they are covered under AMA insurance.
- No visitors are allowed beyond the spectator fence unless under the invitation of a MARKS member.
- Children are to be under direct supervision of an adult at all times.

Guest Flyers

Guest flyers are allowed to fly at MARKS field under the following conditions:

- Guest must be an AMA Member
- Guest is accompanied by a MARKS member in good standing
- Guest is limited to three occasions other than organized events per calendar year

Flight Operations

- All pilots not using 2.4 GHz, must practice frequency control, by using the pin board provided.
- Any flyer with an active transmitter that does not have the proper frequency pin attached is responsible for any damage caused to the flyer with the proper pin.
- Dead stick landings have priority.
- Flying over pits or spectator area is prohibited
- All planes being started must face the runway, be properly secured, and prop wash directed away from others. Start engines at low throttle, and stand behind engine when advancing throttle. Beware of prop wash on others, especially when spectators are at the field.
- Be aware of other pilots when flying, and respect their flying area. Some types of flying do not mix well. Be courteous and allow others a chance to fly.
- When a takeoff and landing direction has been established at the field all flyers will follow the same pattern except during emergencies.
- No flyer(s) will enter onto the field without announcing his/her intention to do so.
- Mid-air collisions are the responsibility of each pilot and no liability is assigned.
- Any active flyer causing damage to plane(s) on the ground is responsible for the repair or replacement of that plane(s).
- TAXING INTO PITS AND PILOT AREA IS PROHIBITED. You may taxi from your pit location to the nearest RUNWAY ACCESS AREA. Engines should never be revved up in the pit area when the airplane is pointed in the direction of other people including self. After landing kill engine before entering pit area.

New Pilots

- All new pilots must go through a safety orientation before taking control of his plane. Instructors are responsible for this orientation.
- Thursday afternoon (noon until dark) and Sunday (11 AM until 2 PM) during the summer months has been established as Club training day. If training is currently taking place that day, members are asked to give them preference. All pilots wanting to fly during this period should fly only under direction of the instructors.
- Flight instruction is to only be conducted by designated club instructors.
- Buddy box flight introduction for prospective new members who are not AMA members, will only be permitted once utilizing a member's equipment. Under no circumstances shall the prospective member's equipment be used.
- Introductory Pilot program members may only be instructed by a AMA registered Introductory Pilot instructor.

General Behavior

- Keep the field and parking areas clean.
- Pick up your trash, and deposit it in the correct barrel.
- Clean off the worktables when you are finished.
- Share the worktables.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the flying field.
- All vehicles must stay behind spectators fence, except on work days, or for loading during special events.
- The discharging of any firearm on MARKS field is forbidden, except by the property owner or his designate.
- Dogs are not permitted beyond the safety fence.
- Any dog mess must be cleaned immediately.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times in accordance with county law.
- Cigarette butts must be properly extinguished, and disposed of in the trash receptacles.
- Spitting on the field and in the pits is unacceptable behavior, due to many people working on their planes in the grass.