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FLYING SITE SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RULES

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The Safety Code for BCMA supplements the required “*Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code*” and Every member should be familiar with the Safety Code, and new members will receive instruction about this code.

It is expected that all members and invited guests will follow the “*Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code*” as well as these published Field and Safety and Operational Rules.

FLYING SITE SAFETY RULES

1. Deliberate flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
2. Consider the edge of the runway on the pit side an infinite line east to west so, **DO NOT fly below the red dotted line as shown in (Fig 1) on the map.**
3. Flight activities shall be conducted with respect to other flyers. Any hovering, aerobatics, high speed passes, touch-n-goes, etc. over the runway should be conducted in such a manner that does not restrict or burden other flyers in the air or waiting to take off or land and ***your intentions must be announced***. Pilots taking off, landing, and especially dead stick shall have the right of way over aircraft in flight.
4. Pilots must ***announce their intentions*** so that all pilots flying can hear you whenever you take-off, land, or enter the runway. If multiple planes are flying, wait for a response from the other pilots as they may need to land. Examples: "taking off left to right," "landing left to right," "dead stick," "on the field," "lost complete control," etc.



FLYING SITE SAFETY RULES

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5. Prior to each flying session, perform a "pre-flight" check, including the propeller and spinner for tightness, the motor mount is secure, hinges, clevis, pushrods, wing fasteners are secure, and all control surfaces are operating correctly.
6. When taking off, all aircraft shall be oriented so that the flight path travels away from the pits. Specifically, helicopter takeoffs shall originate from the center of the runway.
7. For landings, all aircraft, including helicopters, will approach from the ends of the runway only. Airplanes may taxi to the pits for recovery, but helicopters must be recovered from the runway.
8. If you fly any transmitter besides Spread Spektrum Technology (2.4GHz, 900MHz, 5.8GHz), i.e. transmitters using channelized frequencies (FM, AM or 10m Ham Band) must display frequency identification at the field.
9. Power taxiing is **not** allowed in the pit area. The *Pit Area* is defined as all flightline areas behind the black safety fence to include flight tables, picnic benches, driveway, porta potty and parking areas. Walk running aircraft to the runway. Electric motors should have their *throttle disabled (on a kill switch)* until you reach the runway.
10. Direction of flight is determined by the wind direction, etc.
11. Only pilots and assistants are allowed on the safety line.
12. Members and Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of children and guests.
13. Children should **not** be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the **direct** supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
14. All pets must remain safe inside the owner's automobile or be restrained on a leash. Owners of pets are responsible for any damage to the property caused by pets.
15. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited so any person under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medications will NOT be permitted to fly this includes operating any maintenance equipment.
16. No smoking in the pits or on the flightline.
17. No member shall open carry any weapon on Kingston Downs property.
18. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
19. It is strongly recommended that members do not fly alone.
20. Each person is responsible for his/her own trash. No trash bins are kept at the field.

FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES

1. **FLYING HOURS** at Kingston Downs are from Dawn to Dusk.
2. Members must abide by ALL Kingston Downs traffic rules and exhibit common sense while driving on the property. **All roads at Kingston Downs have a 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT**. No reckless or unsafe driving nor speeding will be tolerated.
3. At the request of the property owner, members are only allowed to travel from the gate, straight to the field and back. No wandering around on the property is allowed. Should you be anywhere not on the road between the field and the gate, you should expect to lose your membership and access to the property. Entrance starts from Hwy 411 on Biddy Road. Do not try to access property from other locations. Do not try to enter the main Kingston Down entrance.
4. Only members and invited guests may fly at Kingston Downs BCMA Field. As a member if you invite a guest, you must escort that guest from the gate to the field and back. Guests are not to be left alone traveling on the property. Pilots under the age of 16 **MUST** have an adult member present to fly. {This does not apply to special events that have been preapproved by the owner, in such events ***clarity will be provided by email.***
5. No flying while the field is being **mowed, worked on, or hay is being harvested** in the immediate vicinity of the runway or pits.
6. Mufflers are required on all models and will be operated at noise levels 96 dB or less measured from a 20 foot distance over a sod field.
7. Testing of engines is to be performed while restrained and/or safely secured to the flight tables.
8. The AMA Safety Code will be always be displayed under the canopy when the field is open for flying.
9. Fliers operating models must have their AMA membership card available for validation and to fly.
10. FAA requires each member to display their FAA registration numbers on the exterior of each aircraft.
11. FAA also requires each member successfully completing the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST).
12. Pilots shall make appropriate announcement when taking off, landing, or in emergency situations.
13. Compliance with these safety rules is the responsibility of each participant.
14. First Aid kits are at the field in the shed or under the canopy.
15. It's also recommended that all Members should equip their vehicle with a First Aid kit.
16. In the event of **SERIOUS** injury, **IMMEDIATELY CALL 911!** Then **a Member MUST** immediately go to the Gate to open it for the first responders.
17. During any Control Line Flying. All non-participants must be behind a partial cattle fence barrier.