

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB

## OFFICIAL FIELD RULES

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The following field rules are for the purpose of making the Club flying field a safe and pleasant place for members and their guests to enjoy flying RC Model Aircraft. Please familiarize yourself with these rules and have a good day flying with your friends.

### No Sunday flying before 1 pm except electric-powered craft.

**Section I.** The operation of Radio Controlled airplanes and gliders is limited to Club members and their guests with:

- Current AMA membership. #
- Have passed and possess a Trust Certificate.
- Have a FAA drone registration number that is affixed to his plane/planes.
- Prospective members and/or guests who wish to fly must demonstrate to a Club Check Pilot their ability to fly without endangering persons or property. If further assistance is needed, a Club Instructor will serve as a coach until the individual is proficient to fly unassisted as determined by the Instructor or a Club Check Pilot.

**Section II.** If not operating on 2.4 MHz, before turning on the transmitter, the proper frequency pin must be posted on the frequency board located on the south side of the pit area. After the member has finished his flying session, he shall remove his pin from the board.

**Section III.** The flying area is the FRIA area in the attached illustration. Low flying over the runway should be kept North of the runway centerline, except practice approaches, take-offs, and landing. Low flying over the pit area, parking area, or flight line is strictly prohibited. Members are to avoid flying over the houses southwest of the hangar. No one is allowed in the Pilot area on the end of the ramp except the pilot and his spotter/coach, if required. There will be no standing on the runway. Only go on the runway to promptly retrieve your dead aircraft, and then only after advising all actively flying pilots of your intentions. No one is allowed to enter the runway to hand or ground launch a plane when other flyers are in the air. No more than three powered airplanes in the air at one time -- except gliders (powered gliders are still considered gliders). When more than one aircraft is flying, the pilot is to have a spotter with him at all times; and announce all actions such as "taking off left to right".

Hand launch may be made from the runway when there are no flyers in the air or from the end of the ramp when there are flyers in the air.

Electric aircraft ONLY may take off from the end of the hanger ramp next to the runway and only when this area is clear. The pilot should announce his intention to take off from the ramp.

**Section IV.** Do NOT TAXI into the pit area after landing; stop taxiing once reaching the concrete and carry the aircraft from there. The PIT is designated as that area for model setup/starting which is on the east side of the hanger ramp. Pilots may only taxi to the runway from the pit area when there is no one in the pilot area or on the field. If someone is in the pilot area the plane should be guided by hand to the edge of the runway. Never taxi behind anyone!

**Section V.** When recovering a lost or downed aircraft from the surrounding fields and woods, take care to avoid damaging any of the property such as fences, gates, etc. If a plane goes down near a private home, the member must first seek permission from the property owner before entering to recover his plane. If possible, ask another member to accompany you to recover your plane from the private property. Respect the property owner's rights apologize for the intrusion and be courteous. If there has been any damage to the property, offer restitution to the owner -- your AMA or your homeowner's insurance should cover any responsibility you have for damages. The plane is your property, and you have a right to recover it; if you are denied your property by the owner, your recourse is to contact the County Sheriff's office at 931-484-6176.

**Section VI.** Vehicles are to be parked only on the gravel area on the west side of the hanger ramp area and south of the entrance road preferably on the gravel.

**Section VII.** Any Club member or guest who brings children to the field is responsible for the conduct and containment of their guests. The club member's responsibility includes, but is not limited to, full financial compensation to the site owner and/or any club member whose property is damaged, whether intentionally or unintentionally, by their guest(s). Safety is the Club's first concern. Any minor guest, other than a recognized "Junior Member" of the Club, is not to be in the Pit, on the field, or on the runway area where models are started or running.

**Section VIII.** The field and hangar ramp area must be kept clean at all times. Each member is responsible for removing trash, broken airplanes, and personal refuse upon leaving the field for the day.

**Section IX.** The entrance gate to the field is secured by a combination lock. All members are given the combination and it should normally be closed and locked by the last member to leave. In the event the owner has left the gate unsecured, the first member to arrive shall communicate that information to the other members so that the gate will be left as it was found.

**Section X.** If a stranger comes to the field, greet the individual and determine if he is a member or a visitor. If the person is a visitor and is interested in or is already an RC Pilot, tell him about the Club and direct him to the Secretary, President, or Vice President for further information.