

EDMONTON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

FIELD RULES

1.0 RULES/AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE

- 1.1** Members of the ERCS Board have the authority to enforce these rules.
- 1.2** The Board is empowered to take actions ranging from a letter of reprimand, suspension of flight privileges, to expulsion from the club. Board actions will be taken on an individual incident and severity basis.
- 1.3** All members are obliged to advise the offender of an infraction. It is a rule violation not to report a violation.
- 1.4** Field rules are necessary in order to ensure the continued availability of a flying field. The rules are fair and reasonable and are designed to protect the best interests of all club members. These rules apply to all members and their guests.
- 1.5** Persons who break the rules are showing a lack of concern and consideration for other members, as well as risking embarrassment and legal liability to themselves.
- 1.6** All members are responsible to be familiar with the rules and to ensure their guests are informed.

2.0 QUALIFICATIONS TO FLY

- 2.1** ALL persons flying at the field must have a current and valid MAAC membership card, as well as a current ERCS pilot endorsement.
- 2.2** Only ERCS members may use the field. Guests who have a valid MAAC or AMA (American Modelers Association) membership may be allowed to fly under the sponsorship and supervision of an ERCS member. Limited to two visits per year (contests and events exempt).
- 2.3** Inexperienced pilots must be accompanied by a "WINGS" instructor in all flights until they have passed the basic "WINGS PROGRAM" test.
- 2.4** All members must carry their E.R.C.S. and M.A.A.C. membership cards with them to the field. These cards should be prominently displayed on field equipment box or transmitter.

3.0 FREQUENCY CONTROL

- 3.1** All persons shall observe the rules of the frequency control system.
- 3.2** Properly numbered frequency flags and ribbons must be displayed on all transmitters at the field.
- 3.3** Anyone causing a crash through interference with a person who rightfully has the frequency will be held responsible for the damage caused and must replace, repair, or pay for the damage. The ERCS Board will decide responsibility in all such cases. The Board's decision is final.

3.4 FREQUENCY CONTROL BOARD

To use this FREQUENCY CONTROL BOARD each member and visitor must have a separate identification pin for each transmitter. This I.D. pin shall be 1 1/8" high by 4" long. On it the owners name, MAAC number and Frequency number shall be clearly marked. This I.D. pin shall be attached to the frequency board when your transmitter is turned on. The best way to accomplish this is with a clothespin attached to the back of the I.D. tag

1. When it is your turn to fly your I.D. pin must be clipped onto the frequency control board and centered on your frequency. If another pin already on the board does not allow this you may not turn on your transmitter until the other pin has been removed by its owner.
2. The fact that the pins overlap partially onto the adjacent frequency is intentional. This provides protection against adjacent channel interference common to most makes of radio receiver manufactured prior to 1992. Overlap of adjacent tags is allowed with the consent of the two flyers. A ground check with both radios operating should be performed to ensure no interference.
3. When your flight is over your I.D. tag must be removed from the board. Remember you are preventing THREE frequencies from being used when your tag is on the board.
4. Maximum flight time allowed per flight is twelve (12) minutes. This means that your frequency I.D. pin should be on the board for no longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

4.0 ENGINES AND MUFFLERS

- 4.1 All engines must be equipped with a muffler which effectively muffles the sound of the engines. A muffler violation must be reported to the ERCS Board which is empowered to suspend membership privileges for up to one year. At the Castledowns field the maximum allowable noise level is 97 decibels measured 3 meters away and 1 meter above ground level. At the Clover Bar field a maximum noise level of 97 decibels is recommended.
- 4.2 Engines may be started in the pit area in preparation for flight. Extended engine running in the pit area is not allowed.
- 4.3 Engines not mounted in an aircraft shall not be run in the pit area.

5.0 IN-FLIGHT RULES

- 5.1 No aircraft under any circumstances is to be flown above 400 feet (130 meters) nor more than 1/2 mile (800 meters) in any direction from the field.
- 5.2 No aircraft shall be flown over the following areas:
 - Pit and pilot standing areas;
 - Parking and public observation areas;
 - Any other area that could cause damage or injury to property or persons.
- 5.3 NORTH / SOUTH RUNWAYS
 - .1 When wind conditions dictate the NORTH SOUTH runways may be used for take off and landings only.
 - .2 After a North or South take off the pilot must move to one of the pilot stations

- 5.4 After take off all flying and maneuvers (including touch and goes) must be North of the East West flight line in an East or West direction.
- 5.5 When flying all pilots must occupy one of the 5 pilot stations.
- 5.6 The maximum number of aircraft flying at one time is FIVE.
- 5.7 Aircraft are not to be flown directly at or toward the pit or observation areas at any time.
- 5.8 All aircraft must be restrained (either by a helper or mechanical restraint) during starting and preparation for flight.
- 5.9 Landing aircraft have the right of way but it is up to the landing pilot to warn of his approach.
- 5.10 Aircraft must be carried to and from the pilot line. Larger aircraft may be taxied to and from the pilot line but must be physically held by the pilot or helper until they are in front of the safety fence.

UNRESTRAINED TAXIING BEHIND THE PILOT LINE IS NOT PERMITTED.

6.0 PARKING - SPECTATORS

- 6.1 All vehicles are restricted to designated parking areas. No parking is permitted on entrance roadway or on flight approach routes.
- 6.2 Unsupervised children and spectators are not permitted on the flying field forward of the fence line.

NOTE: A MEMBER WHO IS FLYING CANNOT BE SUPERVISING HIS CHILDREN.

- 6.3 Animals must be leashed and are not allowed on the flying field or in the pit area.
- 6.4 Trees, shrubs and fences must not be damaged.

7.0 GENERAL

- 7.1 All pilots must take full safety precautions whenever flying or preparing to fly.
- 7.2 All members are responsible to see that litter is immediately cleaned up, including crashed planes, and all areas kept clean.
- 7.3 U Control and Free Flight are not permitted at the field.
- 7.4 No flying before 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays at the Castledowns field.
- 7.5 Rules may be modified to suit club sanctioned events.
- 7.6 No modification may be made to the field or facilities without approval of the board.

