

New Member Orientation

Nest-RC 2021

This is a list of items that a new member of the NeST-RC Aviation Club will find helpful when they join.

Communications From the Club

The primary method of communication to members of the club is through email blasts to the club distribution list: members@nest-rc.org. If you want to receive notices of club meetings, NOTAMs (Notice To Airmen), and other important club information, you need to keep your email address up to date with the club secretary and make sure your Spam filter will let such email through.

You should also keep your phone number and emergency contact information up to date.

Membership Qualifications

1. Members must remain in good standing with the AMA.
2. Be current in membership dues.
3. Help, as able, with field maintenance. Field maintenance requires cutting the grass, spraying weeds, and maintaining the runway fabric and retainer pins. We also need to spread mulch from time to time. Please help with these and other tasks as you can.

Safety First

Our hobby can be dangerous. It is important to follow safety procedures to keep this danger to a minimum.

1. Read and follow the Safety Guidelines posted at the field.
2. Maintain positive control of aircraft and fly within the field guidelines:
 - Red Flight lines separate the pilot and spectator areas from the flight area. No aircraft are to fly beyond the flight area demarked by these red flight lines.
 - The Yellow Flight lines demark an area between the flight area and the pilot area. Do not taxi aircraft from the flight area into the pilot area.
3. Announce take-offs and landings when other pilots are present.
4. Do not enter the flight area except to retrieve an aircraft or for other valid purpose.
5. Announce yourself, before entering the flight area. Also, announce when you have left the flight area.
6. Do not taxi aircraft in the pilot area.
7. Landing aircraft have priority over aircraft taking off.
8. Helicopters and quad-copters should fly away from fixed wing aircraft. If planes are flying on the NS runway, they should use the EW runway, and vice-versa. If there are planes on both runways, it is OK to ask if planes can consolidate, so that you can fly a helicopter or quad-copter.
9. If more than one aircraft is flying on the field, they should all adhere to a mutually agreed flight pattern. In general, the flight pattern should be a regular oval or rectangular figure to the west or south of the pilot areas.
10. Only pilots and student pilots should be in the pilot area. All spectators should remain behind the safety fence, in the visitors area.

Etiquette and Customary Rules

1. Members should display club identification.
2. No tobacco or alcohol use on the NeST flying site. Keep language clean!
3. No gas, nitro, or glow powered flight before 9 AM.
4. Flying guests must be in the AMA or a student pilot in the AMA Intro Pilot Program.
5. Non-electric aircraft should have noise abatement devices (mufflers).
6. Dogs and other pets are generally better off at home, rather than at the field. If you do bring an animal, it must be on a leash at all times.
7. Small children must be under direct supervision at all times.
8. The last club member to leave the field should make sure that all cabinets are locked, the anemometer is turned off, and that the gate is locked behind them.