Field Safety and Courtesy Rules

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- 1. **AMA Rules:** This field is governed by AMA Rules and Safety Codes. AMA membership is required. These safety rules are the minimum safety requirements for flying at this field. Safety is paramount, and is every member's responsibility.
- 2. Member Privileges: Flying is restricted to members and member accompanied guests only. Guests, while flying must be under the direct supervision of the accompanying member. See the club bylaws for membership requirements and dues schedule.
- 3. Field Hours: NeST-RC field is open from dawn to dusk daily, however there should be no liquid-fuel aircraft flying before 8:00 am due to residential noise abatement concerns.



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- **Restricted Areas:** Spectators are welcome (and encouraged). 4. However, only pilots, helpers, and spectators accompanied by a club member are allowed in pit area and on flight line. When 2 or more members with aircraft are present in the pit and/or pilot line areas, each member is to limit their non-member quests to a maximum of 2 persons in the pit/pilot areas. There are no restrictions to the number of guests in the spectator area.
- 5. **Children:** Individuals under 10 years of age are not permitted beyond the spectator area. Students under 16 years of age must be under the direct supervision of a parent or acting guardian at all times.
- 6. Frequency Control: NeST-RC does not provide any "radio frequency control" mechanism. Since almost all members and guests are now using 2.4GHz radio equipment, the need for such a system is no longer pressing. Any member(s) still using AM or FM radio equipment should ensure that there are no conflicts with any other members at the field while they are flying.
- 7. Flight traffic: When two or more aircraft are being flown at the same time:
 - A traffic pattern will be flown in the runway vicinity for takeoffs and landings to avoid midair collisions.
 - ii) Takeoff rolls will start in the vicinity the midfield taxiway to protect other pilots on the flight line.
 - iii) 3D maneuvers (hovering, torque rolls, etc.) are prohibited over the runway and in the traffic pattern.
- 8. Safety Zones: Absolutely no intentional flying is to occur south of the hold short line. Intentionally flying over the flight line, pits, parking or spectators areas or any occupied area is strictly prohibited, and is grounds for disciplinary action.
- Flight Line Courtesy/Safety: When other pilots are present on the flight line, announce 9. takeoffs, landings and emergencies in a loud, clear voice. Once aircraft have cleared the runway, a loud announcement of "clear" should be made so others flying know the runway is

clear. Dead sticks need to be called out in a loud manner when they occur so that others flying have opportunity to get out of the way, or get off the runway.

- 10. **Taxi Zones:** When two or more members with aircraft occupy the pit area, there will be no taxi operations in the pit area. Aircraft can be started on the start stands or started on the ground in the pit area, but in either case, must be carried to the hold short line to taxi for takeoff. Aircraft that are too large to be carried while the engine is running will be started at the hold short line. After landing and well clear of the runway, all aircraft must be taxied to and shutdown before crossing the hold short line.as it is approaching the pit area. Taxi into the pit area is not allowed.
- 11. **Fire Safety:** All pilots of gasoline-powered aircraft must supply a fire extinguisher and must have it with them in the starting area.
- 12. **Helicopter Flight:** Acrobatic and forward flight for helicopters will be restricted to north side of the geotextile runway. All forward flight of helicopters will be the same traffic pattern as fixed wing aircraft. Generally, it's better if fixed wing aircraft let the helicopters fly solo but it's up to the pilot's discretion.
- 13. **Gliders:** Gliders will be expected to fly same as pattern as powered aircraft. No hi-start or winch launches over the runway while powered aircraft are in the air.
- 14. **Turbine Engines:** No gas-burning turbine engines are allowed on the fabric runways or taxiways. They are permitted to take-off and land on the grassy areas adjacent to the runways.
- 15. **Pets:** All pets will be on a leash and must remain in the spectator/parking areas. No pets are allowed in pit area or on the flight line.
- 16. **Crash Debris:** Should a crash occur, remove all debris from the field. If a crash occurs in the farm field, our agreement allows us permission to retrieve the aircraft, and the same agreement states that we will remove all debris from the farmers property.
- 17. **Runway Damage:** If damage is sustained to the runway fabric during a crash or prop strike, mark it with a piece of the colored duct tape that is inside the locker cabinet so that it may be repaired later.
- 18. **Flammables:** Fireworks, model rockets, explosive devices and other flammables are not allowed at the flying field.
- 19. **No Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property, not even in the spectator or parking area. Members will courteously inform spectators of this, should the need arise.
- 20. **No Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere on the property, not even in the spectator or parking area. Members will courteously inform spectators of this, should the need arise. Any member attempting to fly an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol will be suspended from the club, pending disciplinary review by the safety team. Any member in possession of and/or being under the influence of any non-prescribed controlled substances while at the flying field will be immediately expelled from the club and removed from the premises.
- 21. The club's relationship with the land owner and Mrs. Boden (The farm house south of our field is coveted and of utmost importance. It is the responsibility of every member to ensure

that **all interaction** with the them is cordial, polite and demonstrates a spirit of humility, courtesy and kindness. We have worked very hard to acquire this site. Any member exhibiting behavior or action that threatens our relationship with the land owner or Mrs. Boden will be subject to immediate expulsion. Any spectator exhibiting such behavior will be escorted off of the premises. Any visitor could be a representative of our land owner; therefore, club members should treat **all visitors** with cordial respect.

These rules are subject to adjustment during club sanctioned events.