

AUSTIN SILENT FLYERS --- Field Rules 2004

Our flying fields are on public property so safety is our biggest concern. The **Austin Silent Flyers** uses this field through the support of the **Travis County Parks And Recreation Department**. Flying **safely is absolutely critical** to insure continued access to the field by all RC flyers. By obeying a few rules and using common sense and courtesy, everyone will achieve maximum enjoyment and safety of their flying.

- Current AMA membership is required to fly at this field. You must have your membership card in your possession to fly at ASF.
- Liability insurance is required and provided by AMA membership.
- AMA Safety Code must be observed at all times.

- **ASF** is a club for quiet flying of radio controlled (RC) gliders, and electric motor launched RC gliders. Electric RC aircraft are also welcome. Piston engine powered models are NOT allowed here. Follow any and all established traffic pattern rules to provide separation for different types of aircraft operations.
- **Frequency Control** measures are in force at all times to prevent crashes caused by frequency conflicts. NEVER turn on your transmitter unless your frequency pin is the only one in the "flying" clip for your channel, on the active frequency board. Announce your frequency before tuning-on, and know the other flyers using the same frequency. Coordinate carefully with them and respect their rights to equal "air" time.

- If no frequency board is present, it is the responsibility of the members to determine which frequencies are present at the field and to coordinate the alternate use of frequencies so every flyer will have an equal opportunity to fly. At contests, frequency pins are provided. On other days you should bring your own frequency pin (cloths pin with name and frequency on it).

There are public facilities directly north of our field. Avoid flying over these areas when activities are taking place. We do not want to lose the privilege of using this field and flying site.

- If you know of anyone that is not an active AMA member and they are in control of an airplane, inform the individual of the rules. If further action becomes necessary contact one of the club officers or in an emergency, call the police at 911.
- **"The Shootdown Rule"**- If you cause an already airborne plane to crash due to your turning on of your radio. You purchase that pilots' airplane that was lost.
- Sailplanes always have the right of way over powered aircraft.

- Airplanes that are launching and landing have the right-of-way. While in flight, avoid the path of launching or landing aircraft.
- If you join a pilot flying in a thermal, always circle in the same direction as the original plane to avoid a mid-air collision.
- All flyers will perform an airworthiness check of the aircraft prior to launching and conduct a visual inspection following loss of control, hard landing, or other incident that may might cause damage to the aircraft or equipment.
- All flyers will perform a range check, visual control check, and check of radio gear before launching.
- Avoid flying aircraft over spectators, the roadway, parking, and pit areas or the immediate winch/launching areas. Pilots will avoid flying directly overhead or nearby other flyers or spectators – so as to impose a hazard.
- Always be aware of other people crossing the field. Clear the area and announce when “launching” and “landing!”
- Winches are only to be operated by qualified persons. Do not operate a winch until someone checks you out and you are fully comfortable with its operation.
- There are public power lines at the north end of field. Always maintain adequate altitude and separation to provide a safe clearance and a safe approach for landing.
- Do not fly over the soccer field at ANY altitude when in use.
- Absolutely no drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the field or in open containers in cars.
- Driving onto the fields is not permitted for any reason except for setting up winches. If the terrain is wet you could damage the field - use common sense.
- Park your cars in a group, not scattered up and down the field.
- No offensive language or loud music.
- Be courteous to observers and other pilots.
- Please do not litter or leave any trash at the field.
- No model rocketry or kite flying allowed with out club permission.

Use common sense at all times: No pilot may conduct flying in a wreck less manner that might endanger others. Flyers should not exceed an altitude where visual contact is lost or "attitude orientation" of the aircraft is compromised. Please utilize current-dated batteries with ample capacity matching the flight times and loads anticipated for each type/class of aircraft.