

BELL-AIR R/C FLYERS CLUB

FLYING SITE RULES

AMA CHARTER #654 (FRIA Reference # 2023-CBO-02219-FRIA)

1. Ground Rules

- A. Persons flying must have a valid AMA card in their possession. Flying without a valid AMA membership or violation of AMA/FAA rules can result in termination of your club membership and flying privileges for up to one year at the discretion of the club's board members. Any non-US resident members must have an affiliate AMA membership and all FAA required certificates/licenses to fly legally in US airspace. See section 3 – Specialty Aircraft.
- B. All Club members are responsible for not only following Club and AMA/FAA rules but enforcing them as well. SAFETY MUST ALWAYS BE A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.
- C. Alcohol and or drug use is strictly prohibited on the flying field premises.
- D. There will be no smoking allowed any time in the pits/aircraft setup areas. During high fire danger times, smoking should only be done in your personal vehicle or out on the road.
- E. Guest policy allows an experienced pilot to fly without a club membership no more than 3 times per year. The guest must have a valid AMA card in their possession, must observe all Club and AMA/FAA rules and regulations, and fly only when their host is present.
- F. All student pilots must have valid AMA and fly with a club certified instructor until completion of flight training (soloed flight certification).
- G. Junior members must always have a parent or designated responsible adult with them during their time at our field.
- H. Small children must always be supervised and kept in the spectator area.

2. Operational Rules

- A. As of 10/30/2023, our flying field is an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). See image at document end for boundaries. Note: Any flying over the Red River, North and/or South Red River Road(s) is outside the FRIA boundary.
- B. Persons without valid AMA coverage must remain in the spectator area. The row of worktables used by the pilots to ready their aircraft is separated from the spectator area by a chain-link fence.
- C. All older 72 MHz transmitters must be narrow band, "gold stickered", meeting 1991 standards.
- D. Before a 72 MHz transmitter is turned on, it must display the correctly numbered frequency pin from the frequency board. This does not apply to newer transmitters operating at 2.4 GHz.
- E. If over 3 pilots are flying, the frequency board should be used requiring pilots to display their AMA cards and clipping a 2.4 GHz (or 72 MHz) frequency pin to their transmitters or person.
- F. Your name, AMA and FAA numbers must be displayed on the aircraft/drone in accordance with AMA and FAA rules. FAA numbers must be visible on the outside of the aircraft. (FAA # not required on aircraft under .55 lbs. (250 grams)).
- G. No aircraft of any type shall exceed the FAA 400 ft. elevation rule.
- H. When setting up and starting your nitro or gas aircraft, the prop should face towards the runway.
- I. Pilots and spotters must stand at one of the designated pilot stations. Spotters are required for all maiden flights, anytime there are more than 3 aircraft flying and any type of FPV flying with goggles or visors. Courtesy and right-of-way should be given to student pilots, pilots performing maiden flights and pilots retrieving aircraft from the flying field.
- J. There shall be no taxiing of aircraft into, through or out of the pits. Aircraft taxiing back to the pit area shall shut down the engine or motor even with the flight station. No takeoffs or landings are permitted on taxiways. Helicopters and quadcopters must take off and land no closer than the inside edge of the runway. This line extends the entire length of the field.

- K. Normal flight direction is into the wind while flying over the runway to ensure that all aircraft takeoff and land in the same direction. Helicopters, FPV and quadcopters shall enter the traffic pattern when landing. No straight in toward the flightline approaches.
- L. At a level LOUD enough for other flyers to hear, call out your intentions for taking off, touch-n-go and landing (especially “dead-sticks”), and walking onto the airfield/runway area.
- M. Flying over the spectator or parking areas is strictly prohibited, even in the case of dead stick landings.

3. Specialty Aircraft

- A. Aircraft weighing over 55 lbs. and up to 125 lbs. must comply with AMA’s Radio Control Large Model Airplane Program. See AMA document number 520-A for rules.
- B. Pilots of turbine powered aircraft must have a valid Turbine Waiver in their possession per the AMA Gas Turbine Program. See the appropriate AMA documents 510-D, A, S, B, C, R, F for requirements. Also, the fire danger rating level status at the field provided by the Lummi Fire Department (<https://lummiislandfire.com/>) must be in the Low or Moderate categories. No turbine flights are allowed at a High, Very High, or Extreme fire danger level.
- C. Pulse Jet powered models must comply with AMA safety documents 511 and 510-Q. Also, the fire danger level must be in the Low or Moderate level as mentioned above.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE SAFETY OFFICERS!

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