



# Hamilton County R/C Flyers

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## HAMILTON COUNTY R/C FLYERS RULES & ETIQUETTE

The purpose of this reiteration and clarification of Club rules and policies is to insure that all Members understand the absolute necessity of compliance to insure the continued availability and safety of a flying field for the enjoyment of our hobby. Flying fields in Central Indiana are becoming increasingly more difficult to retain and we cannot lose ours through the carelessness and lack of consideration by a few. It is every Member's responsibility to help keep our flying field.

These rules are in addition to those laid out in the following:

Club By Laws [HamCtyByLaws.pdf](#)

HCRFC Constitution [HamCtyRC\\_Const.pdf](#)

### General Items

- This private facility is for the exclusive use of Hamilton County R/C Flyers Club and its members.
- AMA and Hamilton County R/C Flyers Club memberships are required for flying.
- Each new member or guest must pass an orientation session with a designated Club member.
- Every new member must prove his or her flying ability to be approved for solo flight. Beginners are encouraged to seek the aid of an experienced Club member frequently.
- A non-member of the Club may fly as a guest of a current Club member two times, or at the discretion of the Operations Committee.
- All persons flying at the Club field must operate their equipment in accordance with all current AMA safety codes and Club rules and policies.

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### Field Rules

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Sport Flying

- All flying must be to the South and East of the active runway.
- Flying West of the active runway for a distance greater than 100 yards is prohibited. If you cannot judge 100 yards, just don't fly to the West.
- Flying North of 256th street is prohibited except for a final Northeast landing approach.
- Flying over the pit area, parking lot, or North of the flight line is prohibited. Aerobatics, stunts, passes, etc., will be performed South of the active runway. They are not allowed directly over the runway.
- Starting and running engines in the pit area is prohibited. Planes must be moved to the starting area (South of the Frequency Board) for start-up.
- If a pet is brought to the field, it must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Children must be supervised and are not permitted in active areas unless directly involved in flying.
- Frequency Board etiquette will be enforced. Membership cards must be displayed on the appropriate frequency number while actively operating any transmitter.
- When two or more pilots are flying, an oval race-course pattern will be used and established by the first pilot in the air.
- Take-offs and landings shall be "called". Any people on the runways shall be "called".
- No taxiing into or out of the pit area permitted.
- Engine break-in must take place in a designated area. (Area to be designated.)
- Tents and awnings can be used discreetly and shall be anchored for safety.
- Flying of "glow/gas powered" aircraft is allowed Monday-Saturday, 9:00am to dusk and Sundays, 10:00am to 6:00pm only. NO EXCEPTIONS. (Electric and non-powered aircraft can be flown at any time.)
- Current Club sound restrictions apply at all times (98 db @ 3 meters). Final sound level compliance of any engine is at the discretion of the Field Marshall or Operations Committee member. Any engine deemed too loud will be grounded until corrections are made and approved.
- The maximum number of airplanes in the air at one time is four.
- Aircraft shall be restrained when being started or run at the flight line. This may be by a helper or mechanical restraint.
- No one may fly while field maintenance is in progress.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the flying field.
- Take-off and landings must be done in the direction of the runway. Cross-runway take-offs and landings are prohibited.
- Take all necessary precautions to keep fuel from spilling on the grass.
- Remove all debris (rubber bands, broken props, paper towel, etc.) from the pit area, flight line and field after you are done flying.
- The Field Marshall's responsibility is to interpret the Club rules and it is every Member's responsibility to insure compliance. The Field Marshall's determinations are final.

Combat Flying

- Wings will have a maximum wing span of 64’’\*
- Maximum engine displacement is .28\*
- Engines will be tethered to the planes’ fuselage with stranded wire
- Pilots and assistants are required to wear helmets in the start up and flying areas
- All engines will be started in the regular starting area, with planes secured in a starting stand.
- All take off launches will begin at the flight line-always away from other flyers.
- Maximum numbers of flyers in the air at one time will be 8.
- Engaged combat will take place over the field south of the tall grass area in the defined combat arena.
- Club combat “rounds” will end when the first plane is out of fuel.
- In the event of a mid-air resulting in at least one plane being disabled, all pilots shall land immediately.
- In the event of a mid-air where all involved planes remain running and controllable, all involved planes must disengage from combat and verify proper operation. If the plane remains safely flyable, it may re-engage. Under no circumstances should any pilot engage with such a plane until it has been determined safely flyable and re-entered the combat arena.
- Adequate flight time should be given to combaters and non-combaters alike. Each “group” will be aware of flight duration and frequency. Common courtesy and awareness should be at the forefront at all times.
- All interclub combat will follow the above stated rules

\*These rules could be slightly altered if we have competitions with OTHER club members who may follow RCCA rules, which allow different wing materials/sizes and different engine sizes.

Thank you in advance for your help and in the compliance with these Club rules. Our only goal is to preserve our flying field and make it a safe place for everyone to enjoy his or her hobby.

Cordially,  
The Operations Committee

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