

HOTMAC Field Conduct and Safety Rules

1. All fliers must familiarize themselves with the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code and HOTMAC Field Conduct and Safety Rules before flying at the HOTMAC facilities.
2. All fliers will comply with the **HOTMAC Frequency Use and Control** procedure.
3. Don't crowd your plane next to another flier. There is plenty of space in the pits – use it.
4. Never run up your engine or motor with the prop wash blowing into the pit area or toward another flier or plane.
5. If you must run up your engine for a long period, move to a remote location in the grassy area away from the pits to avoid bothering others.
6. Shut down the engines of propeller driven aircraft immediately after exiting the runway and returning to the pit area.
7. Do not allow small children in the pit area unattended. The pit area is primarily for fliers and members. No tricycles, bicycles, roller skates or in-line skates are allowed in the pit area.
8. No horseplay in the pit area.
9. Do not use the parking lot for motorized R/C vehicles. Use the roadway between the bathrooms and the parking lot.
10. Always tell other flight line pilots when you are going onto or across the runway for any reason. (i.e. retrieving a plane, placing or holding a plane for take-off) When you come off, tell them you are “clear”. Pilots will announce to other fliers when you will be performing “touch and go”, “landing” or “dead-stick”. A “dead stick” always has the right-of-way. A “landing” has the right of way over someone who is taking off.
11. It is recommended that all fliers use a “spotter” when flying.
12. DO NOT stand on the runway when flying. Stay behind the flight line safety fence located in proximity with other pilots and spotters.
13. Hazardous flying is not allowed and may result in the suspension of your club privileges. Hazardous flying includes, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO flying over the spectator area, the pit area, taxiway or the parking lot. When in doubt about what type of flying conduct is allowed, speak to a club officer, director, instructor or the Safety Officer.
14. Abusive language will not be condoned on club property.
15. In accordance with the current Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code, consumption of alcoholic beverages prior to, during, or participation in model operation is prohibited. This is necessary for safety and to maintain the club's AMA charter and AMA liability insurance.

HOTMAC Frequency Use and Control

1. This procedure applies to all radios except for systems that operate on 2.4 GHz.
2. Model aircraft radios operate on many different frequencies, but will not work correctly when two (2) transmitters are on the same frequency. HOTMAC has a frequency control system to prevent that interference.
3. A frequency control board is permanently mounted at the field with numbered spaces for every legal channel. Every flyer must have their transmitter clearly labeled at all times with the channel on which they are operating. The flier places their HOTMAC membership card in the corresponding numbered slot of their transmitter channel prior to turning on their transmitter. Invited guests shall use their current AMA membership card. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL YOU TURN ON YOUR RADIO WITHOUT PLACING YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD IN THE PROPER SLOT!**
4. Do not move or remove another flier's identification from a slot in the control board without their permission. If you remove another flier's card, return it to the owner. Do not place any identification cards in frequency slots that are not being used, even temporarily.
5. In the event of a fun fly, fly-in competition or other special event, special frequency control arrangements may be adopted. In the event of such activities, please check in with the Contest Director or event coordinator.
6. Other fliers may be waiting for your frequency. When you have completed your flight, remove your identification from the frequency board slot after turning off your radio. Your allotted time on the frequency begins the moment you place your identification in the frequency slot. The allotted time for any frequency is 15 minutes if others are waiting to use the same frequency.