

South County R/C Club

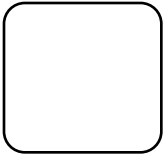
Safety/Flight Rules

1. All fliers using a club flying site must display a current club membership card.
2. Field safety rules require the presence of at least one individual (other than the flier/operator) who is capable of operating a motor vehicle.
3. All A.M.A. Safety and Operating Rules apply during any flying session.
4. Only club members identified as instructors are permitted to teach students.
5. Any executive committee member or field marshal shall have the authority to ground an aircraft considered unsafe or too loud (over 98db at 9 feet). Also, a grounding will be enforced if it is deemed that the aircraft cannot be flown safely by that pilot within the designated boundaries. The grounding will stay in effect until the problem or problems have been corrected.
6. Any Executive Committee member or Field Marshal shall have the authority to ask and individual to leave the flying site due to improper conduct.
7. Repeated safety violations or improper conduct shall be the cause for a complaint being brought before the Executive Committee for disciplinary consideration.
8. All transmitters must conform to existing A.M.A. 1991 frequency standards.
9. To ensure standardization, it is required that:
 - a. all fliers must supply their own frequency pins.
 - b. when securing a frequency for use, you will affix your frequency pin to a club supplied device to signify that a particular frequency is in use.
 - c. When your flight is finished, remove your pin to show that the frequency is now available.
10. Any aircraft that has never been flown is subject to a one-time safety inspection by a field marshal, instructor, or executive committee member.
11. Aircraft brought to the field must be ready to fly with a minimum of adjustment. Engine running must be kept a minimum at the field. If the aircraft requires extensive tuning, take it home to make repairs or adjustments.
12. Do not taxi within or towards the pit area. Also, aircraft must not be left unattended in the pit area while the motor/engine is running.
13. Communication between pilots is a necessary prerequisite to safe flying. Pilots shall stand no further than ten feet from each other at the center of the flight line. The flight line shall be as close to the center of the pit area as possible.

14. The initial turn, after take off, must be away from the flight line and pits. This turn should also establish the direction of the flight pattern. The prevailing pattern shall have its approach and climb-out leg oriented so as to be parallel with the flight line. All maneuvers shall be performed either away from or parallel to the flight line. No maneuvers are allowed that fly over the pit area, spectators, or the road.
15. Pilots must announce their intention to take off, land, or do a touch and go. A pilot may also request that another pilot cease aerobatic maneuvers over the runway while he/she is taking off or landing. Pilots with a new plane may that all planes be grounded during an initial shakedown flight. We have, as a club, generally extended this courtesy.
16. All fliers using gasoline for fuel are required to have fully charged fire extinguishers as part of their field support equipment.
17. The consumption of alcohol beverages is not allowed at any site operated by the South County R/C Club.

The most important rule is that of common sense. We should all be trying to keep the flying sites we have as safe as possible and in operation for as long as possible.

Novice Training Guidelines



SOUTH COUNTY R/C CLUB (SCRCC)

NOVICE TRAINING GUIDELINE (FIXED WING)

PURPOSE - The purpose of this guideline or Training Guide is to outline a procedure which will enable the South County RC Club (SCRCC) to safely instruct Novice Fixed Win R/C flyers at their Adams Field, Exeter R.I. flying site and to provide a uniform approach to this training. For the purposes of this Training Guide, all newcomers will be considered novices until passing the SCRCC Novice Flight Exam.

I. Definitions

Safety Committee - The Safety Committee consists of the appointed chairperson, all club officers, and all certified SCRCC instructors. The Executive Committee appoints the Safety Committee chairperson.

Novice - A member of the club who has not satisfactorily passed the SCRCC Novice Flight Examination. The novice shall only fly under the supervision of a SCRCC certified instructor. No Exceptions to this policy are allowed under any circumstances.

Instructor - A pilot who has demonstrated significant R/C/ flight proficiency and sound R/C flight fundamentals. Being an instructor is completely voluntary and he/she will not be compensated in any manner.

II. Procedure

Prerequisites for Training - In order to receive flight instruction from the SCRCC, the following conditions must be met:

- A. The novice must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and this club (SCRCC), in good standing or a sponsored guest of an SCRCC member (in good standing) approved by the SCRCC Executive Committee.
- B. Training performed at the SCRCC flying site (Adams Field), or under the direction of SCRCC leadership at any site, will be without fee or charge of any kind.

III. R/C EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. It is strongly recommended that novices use R/C equipment that includes systems, which allow a second transmitter (buddy box) to be slaved to the main (master) R/C transmitter through a training cord. By simply flipping a switch the instructor can transfer control of the model airplane between the master and slave transmitters. The training system or "buddy box" greatly increases the safety involved in the training process.

IV. PRE-FLIGHT INSPECTION

- A. Novices shall submit all new or crash damaged repaired models to a member of the Safety Committee for a maiden flight inspection prior to any flight preparations. Its is recommended that pilots ask another pilot or instructor to do a maiden flight check on their new or repaired model to double check its flight worthiness.
- B. Any model that does not pass the maiden flight inspection in the opinion of the Safety Committee member performing the inspection will not be allowed to fly at the flying site until the non-conformance's are corrected. The Safety Committee Chairman whose decision is final will settle and disputes.
- C. Pre-flight checks are strongly recommended.

V. FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

- A. Only SCRSS certified instructors shall perform flight instruction; NO EXCEPTIONS will be made under any circumstances.
- B. Novices with “buddy-box” capable systems, may be trained at any time open flying is allowed at the field.
- C. The use of “non-buddy box” systems will be discouraged.
- D. Novices without “buddy box” systems will be trained at the discretion of the instructor.
- E. Novices must understand that instructors are not infallible. Training under the guidance of an instructor using a buddy box system is the safest way to learn, but accidents do occur. Neither the club, nor the instructor can be held responsible for damage incurred to their model during training sessions.
- F. Novices must satisfactory complete the Novice Flight Exam prior to obtaining PILOT status

VI. SCRCC CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

- A. A pilot who has demonstrated significant R/C flight proficiency, sound R/C flight fundamentals and has been nominated by other instructors or executive board members of the safety officer.
- B. Being an Instructor is completely voluntary and will not be compensated in any manner.
- C. Instructors must be aware of the limits of their ability and may exercise their right of refusing to instruct for any reason they deem appropriate.

SCRCC Novice Flight Exam

SCRCC NOVICE FLIGHT EXAM

1. Execute three complete takeoffs and three complete landings in either a left hand or right hand traffic pattern, depending on the wind conditions and the location of the spectator area.
2. Execute three consecutive passes, both upwind and downwind parallel to the runway in a reasonable straight line and at a constant altitude.
3. Execute a simulated dead stick landing on the runway or reasonably close to the runway, but away from the spectator area.
4. Execute two complete loops parallel to the runway in a reasonably formed manner away from the spectator area.

EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE OBSERVED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE AS TO THEIR ACCEPTABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE MANEUVERS. UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION, WILL RECEIVE THEIR WINGS, ATTAINING PILOT STATUS TO FLY SOLO WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR.

Candidate Name: _____ AMA# _____

Observed By: _____ Date: _____

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NOTE: AFTER COMPLETING THIS FORM, TURN IT IN TO ANY CLUB OFFICER FOR PROCESSING.