## **Field Safety and Courtesy Rules**

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- 1. **AMA Rules:** This field is governed by AMA Rules and Safety Codes. AMA membership is required. These safety rules are the minimum safety requirements for flying at this field. Safety is paramount, and is every member's responsibility.
- 2. Member Privileges: Flying is restricted to members and member accompanied guests only. Guests while flying must be under the direct supervision of the accompanying member. See the club bylaws for membership requirements and dues schedule.
- 3. Field Hours: NeST-RC field is open from dawn to dusk daily, however there should be no liquid-fuel aircraft (or loud electrics) flying before 9:00 am (due to fire station noise abatement).



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- Restricted Areas: Spectators are welcome (and encouraged). 4. **Taildraggers** However, only pilots, helpers, and spectators accompanied by a club member are allowed in pit area and on flight line. When 2 or more members with aircraft are present in the pit and/or pilot line areas, each member is to limit their non-member quests to a maximum of 2 persons in the pit/pilot areas. There are no restrictions to the number of guests in the spectator area.
- **Children:** Individuals under 10 years of age are not permitted beyond the spectator area. 5. Students under 16 years of age must be under the direct supervision of a parent or acting guardian at all times.
- Frequency Control: NeST-RC does not provide any "radio frequency control" mechanism. 6. Since almost all members and guests are now using 2.4GHz radio equipment, the need for such a system is no longer pressing. Any member(s) still using AM or FM radio equipment should ensure that there are no conflicts with any other members at the field while they are flying.
- 7. **Flight traffic:** When two or more aircraft are being flown at the same time:
  - i) A traffic pattern will be flown in the active runway vicinity for takeoffs and landings to avoid midair collisions.
  - ii) Takeoff rolls will start in the vicinity the midfield taxiway to protect other pilots on the flight line.
  - iii) 3D maneuvers (hovering, torque rolls, etc.) are prohibited over the runway and in the traffic pattern.
- 8. Safety Zones: Absolutely no intentional flying is to occur east of the red safety line along the eastern edge of runway 17/35, or north of the red safety line along the northern edge of runway 9/27 (when it exists). Intentionally flying over the flight line, pits, parking or spectators areas or any occupied area is strictly prohibited, and is grounds for disciplinary action.

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- 9. **Flight Line Courtesy/Safety:** When other pilots are present on the flight line, announce takeoffs, landings and emergencies in a loud, clear voice. Once aircraft have cleared the runway, a loud announcement of "clear" should be made so others flying know the runway is clear. Dead sticks need to be called out in a loud manner when they occur so that others flying have opportunity to get out of the way, or get off the runway.
- 10. **Taxi Zones:** When two or more members with aircraft occupy the pit area, there will be no taxi operations in the pit area (except on the taxiways). Aircraft can be started on the start stands or started on the ground in the pit area, but in either case, must be carried to the taxiway to taxi for takeoff. Aircraft that are too large to be carried while the engine is running will be started just short of a taxiway. After landing and well clear of the runway, all aircraft must be taxied to and shutdown on a taxiway as it is approaching the pit area. Taxi into the pit area is not allowed.
- 11. **Fire Safety:** All pilots of gasoline-powered aircraft must supply a fire extinguisher and must have it with them in the starting area. The club fire extinguishers attached to the setup tables satisfy this requirement.
- 12. **Helicopter Area:** Hovering flight for helicopters will be in the helicopter/3D area on the southeast corner of the field. Takeoffs and landings are not permitted from/to the fabric runways. All forward flight of helicopters and electrics will be the same as fixed wing aircraft (over the active runway).
- 13. **Gliders:** Gliders will be expected to fly same as pattern as powered aircraft (Active runway). No hi-start or winch launches over the active runway while powered aircraft are in the air.
- 14. **Turbine Engines:** No liquid-fuel turbine engines are allowed on the fabric runways or taxiways. They are permitted to take-off and land on the grassy areas adjacent to the runways. There are no restrictions for electric ducted-fan jets.
- 15. **Pets:** All pets will be on a leash and must remain in the spectator/parking areas. No pets are allowed in pit area or on the flight line.
- 16. **Crash Debris:** Should a crash occur, remove all debris from the field. If a crash occurs in the farm field, our agreement allows us permission to retrieve the aircraft, and the same agreement states that we will remove all debris from the farmer's property. Please do not fill trash barrels or fire department dumpster with aircraft debris.
- 17. **Runway Damage:** If damage is sustained to the runway fabric during a crash or prop strike, mark it with a piece of the colored duct tape that is inside the locker cabinet so that it may be repaired later.
- 18. **Flammables:** Firearms (except by members of law enforcement), fireworks, model rockets, explosive devices and other flammables are not allowed at the flying field. This rule is mandated by our site owner, and violation jeopardizes our site status.
- 19. **No Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property, not even in the spectator or parking area. Members will courteously inform spectators of this, should the need arise.
- 20. **No Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere on the property, not even in the spectator or parking area. Members will courteously inform spectators of this, should the need arise. Any member attempting to fly an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol will be suspended from the club, pending disciplinary review by the safety team. Any member

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in possession of and/or being under the influence of any non-prescribed controlled substances while at the flying field will be immediately expelled from the club and removed from the premises (by law enforcement, if necessary).

- 21. The club's relationship with the land owner is coveted and fragile. It is the responsibility of every member to ensure that all interaction with the land owner is cordial, polite and demonstrates a spirit of humility, courtesy and kindness. We have worked very hard to acquire this site. Any member exhibiting behavior or action that threatens our relationship with the land owner will be subject to immediate expulsion. Any spectator exhibiting such behavior will be escorted off of the premises (by law enforcement, if necessary). Any visitor could be a representative of our land owner; therefore, club members should treat all visitors with cordial respect.
- 22. Because the site property belongs to the Noblesville Fire Department, we (NeST-RC) always defer to any department-sanctioned use of the property. This includes, but may not be limited to, training (which we have been told will be limited to weekdays). Should a member arrive at the NeST-RC field and find that the fire department has placed the "closed" sign on our driveway entrance, the member should not disturb the firemen, and the member should leave the premises (do not enter the NeST-RC field), returning at a later time. This is the agreement that we have with the fire department. Entering the field during training exercises when the fire department has closed our entrance may jeopardize our site status. This is a small inconvenience, considering that we have been granted use of the property rent-free.

These rules are subject to adjustment during club sanctioned events.