

PCRC FIELD & FLIGHT SAFETY GUIDELINES

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1. Never turn on a transmitter at or near the field without the proper frequency pin, including 2.4 GHz radios.
2. If you are a relatively inexperienced flyer, have your new models thoroughly checked by an experienced modeler before its first flight.
3. Always respect a spinning propeller as it can do much damage to your anatomy.
4. Never lean over or wear loose clothing (including a transmitter neck strap) around running engines.
5. Use of the restraining posts at the field are recommended at all times.
6. Sun visor or sunglasses are recommended on bright sunny days.
7. If other flyers are on the flight line, always loudly announce your intentions whether taking off or landing.
8. Never take your eyes off your model when it is in the air.
9. Dead-stick landings are emergency landings.
 - a. If you have a dead-stick plane to land, announce loudly to warn others you are dead-stick and landing.
 - b. Those flying should clear the area.
10. Always note the wind direction prior to take-off and landing - take off and land into the wind.
11. All pilots should remain on the same side of the runway while flying.
12. Never fly over the pit area, shelter, sheds or parking lot.
13. Don't fly directly over your head as depth perception is greatly reduced.
14. If your plane acts erratically at any time, land and investigate the problem immediately.
15. Always use mufflers on your engines.
16. Never use broken, repaired, nicked or unbalanced propellers.
17. Paint the tips of your propellers to better define the arc of rotation.
18. Spectators are to remain out of the flight area.
19. Flybys or aerobatics should be performed beyond the runway area.
20. Clean up after yourself – pickup paper and debris.
21. Models are not to be flown higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level (per AMA Guidelines, as we are within 3 miles of the Winchester Regional Airport).
22. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a powered model in flight.