



OLD TIMERS RC FLYERS FIELD MANUAL

PURPOSE: The purpose of this manual is to provide guidelines, procedures and regulations governing conduct and flying of all model aircraft at the club field. It is impossible to define all possible scenarios associated with model flying, therefore, unless specifics are provided herein, common sense judgment should be implemented with the goals of safety and preserving the flying site being paramount. All flyers using the Club field must have a valid AMA license (Exception is the AMA Pilot Introduction Program) and at all times comply the Clubs By-Laws, Field Manual and AMA Safety Code. A flyer is defined as anyone who has control of a model aircraft whether under any form of supervision or not, this includes a “buddy box”.

AIRCRAFT: Only fixed-wing aircraft that are radio controlled are permitted. Experimental aircraft judged by a member of the executive committee to be unsafe are also not permitted.

FLYING: No engine may be started prior to 9 am on Monday thru Saturday and 10 am on Sundays and State /Federal holidays. No flying will be permitted beyond one half (1/2) hour after sunset. Flying is not permitted during field maintenance times. It is the member’s responsibility to identify any/all farming activities in the area and ensure that you **DO NOT FLY NEAR/OVER THE FARMERS ACTIVITIES**. All flyers using gasoline for fuel are required to have a fully charged fire extinguisher as part of their support equipment. Additionally, all electric flyers must comply with AMA battery charging and safety recommendations. Note: Battery fires should be extinguished using sand provided at the first aide station. Any/all incidents should be reported to the executive committee.

NON-MEMBER FLYING: The distance they reside from the flying field categorizes Non-member flyers. Non-member flyers must pay \$5.00 per day and possess a current AMA license. A senior member must accompany the non-member at all times. It is the responsibility of the senior member to ensure that the non-member flyer complies with the By-Laws, Field Manual and AMA guidelines, including frequency control. **A non-member flyer may not be a “terminated” member of the club** or a local summer resident.

Guest Flyer - Is an individual who resides within a 100-mile radius of the field. A senior member of the club can invite guests. A member may have two (2) guests in a calendar year. Conversely, a guest flyer can only fly twice a year.

Visitor Flyer- Is an individual who is a transient who resides beyond a 100-mile radius of the field. A senior member will be assigned as a sponsor for the visitor flyer. Before flying, the sponsor and guest/visitor shall notify a Club officer.

Guest Flyers should be encouraged to join the club. The Executive Committee may grant exceptions to the above non-member flyers on a per case basis.

MUFFLERS: All engines above .051 cu. in. displacement must be fitted with a muffler. Only closed end type mufflers are permitted. Modified flow-thru mufflers are not permitted. Excessive running or “breaking in” is not permitted at the club-flying site. Compliance with AMA recommended noise levels is suggested.

PARKING: No vehicles are permitted on the prepared flying field. Vehicles are to park east of the table, refer to Figure 2 for parking areas details.

FLIGHT LINES: A flight line has been established based on the prevailing wind direction and pilot stations have been marked. Refer to Figure 2 for the authorized flight line. Only pilots shall be permitted in the pit area (refer to Figure (2)). No landing, take-offs or flying is permitted in the direction of a pilot station, pits, spectator or parking areas regardless of the wind direction. No cell phones are permitted on the flight line.

AIRCRAFT POSITIONING: All aircraft shall be pointed with engine away from the spectator area when the engine is started and running. No aircraft shall be taxied within the pit or pilot station areas. No more than four (4) aircraft shall be in the air at any one time. Aircraft should not be pitted directly in back of pilot stations.

PILOT POSITIONING: All flying shall be done from the pilot stations (refer to Figure 2).

TAKEOFF AND LANDING: Landing aircraft have the right of way. Non-powered (i.e., gliders and dead stick) aircraft have landing priority. All takeoffs and landings will be in accordance with Figure (2), note location of Flight Line. Models should be cleared off the active runway in a timely manner. All landings/take-offs/touch and go's will be announced. Flying is **not** permitted east of the field over the pit area, spectator area, cars and houses. At no time should flight maneuvers be performed over the aforementioned areas. All take-offs, including hand launches will be from the active runway, **not** from the pilot stations. On-field hand launches are allowed but immediately following the launch, the flyer must return to his/her designated pilot station.

FREQUENCY CONTROL: In addition to good sportsmanship, the following additive pin control system will be used. Each flyer must have a frequency pin made in accordance with the "paddle" specifications detailed in Figure 1 for the frequency he/she is using. NOTE: THIS INCLUDES PARK FLYERS FREQUENCIES AND THOSE USING 2.4GHZ EQUIPMENT

- a. Prior to turning on a transmitter, check the frequency pin rack to ensure the frequency is not already in use. If your frequency is clear, attach your paddle to the rack and then your transmitter may be turned on. In the case of 2.4Ghz, ensure you do not exceed number of aircraft in the air at one time.
- b. When not in use, transmitters will be impounded on the table with a double check to make sure they are turned off and the antenna collapsed. After flying remove your pin from the rack to show that the frequency is now available.
- c. All 72Mhz transmitters must be "GOLD" certified.
- e. Utilization of any/all Frequency Scanners is encouraged.

CONDUCT: The consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of drugs is not permitted at the flying site. No models are to be flown or operated by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs. There is no trash disposal service available, therefore, you bring it in, and you take it out. Members should police the area for trash when leaving the field. It is the responsibility of all flyers to comply with all AMA guidelines and recommendations. Parties, picnics, or other social gatherings (other than model flying) are prohibited unless authorized by the Executive Committee. Additional conduct issues are contained in the Clubs By-Laws.

ENFORCEMENT: It is the responsibility of the entire membership to abide by and, in turn, enforce these rules. Contest Directors, at any official event, may alter and/or modify the rules herein with Executive committee approval. The field rules are applicable regardless of the number of flyers at the field and time of day.

CHANGES: This manual may be changed, except those guidelines promulgated by AMA, at any regular meeting by the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATION (S): Recommend you do not fly alone for safety reasons; that at least one individual (other than the flier) is capable of driving a motor vehicle. Recommend you carry a cell phone in the event of an emergency. Note that the field latitude and longitude information is located on the first aide station. Lastly, recommend that you have your club identification card with you at the flying site.

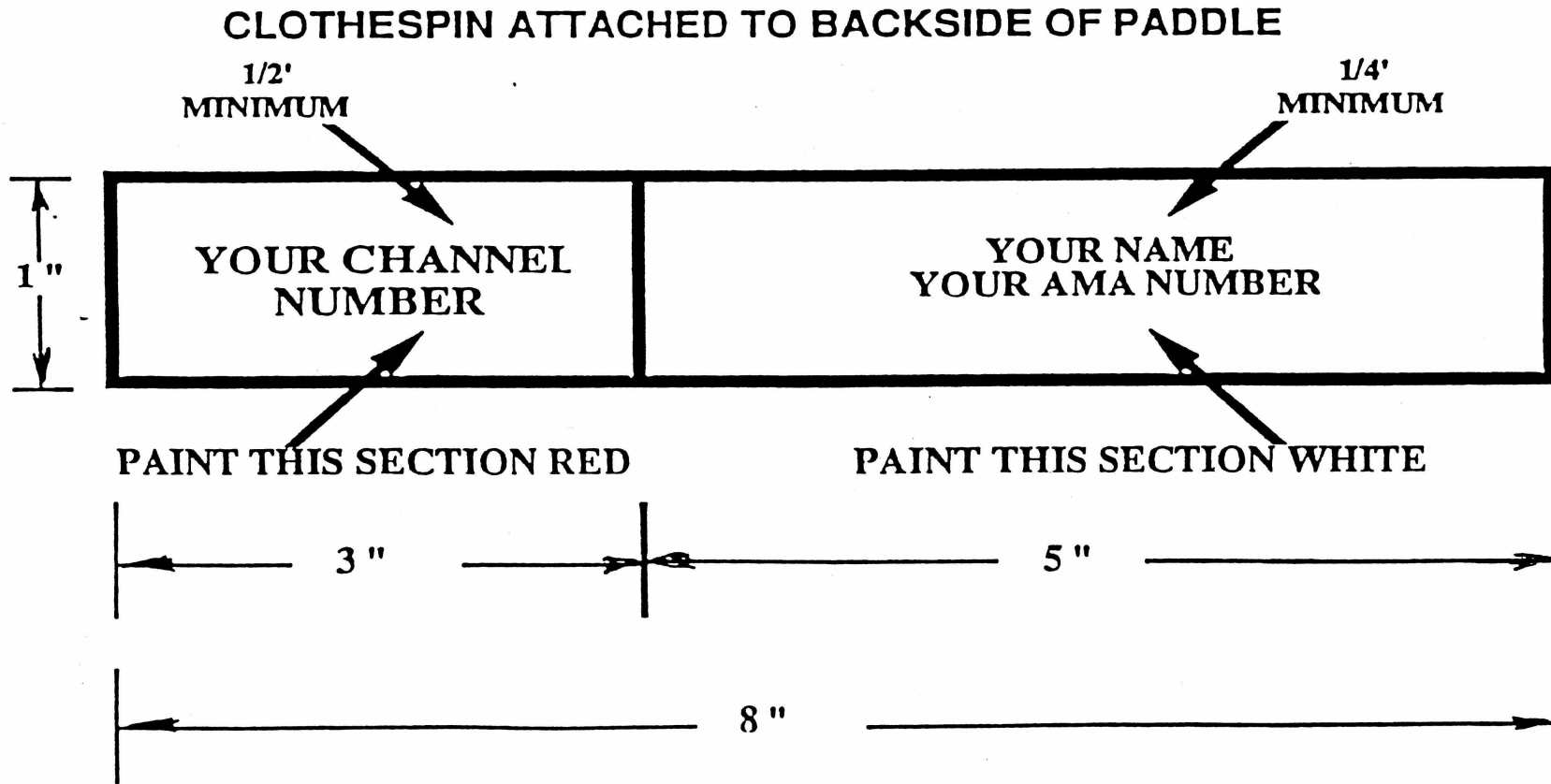
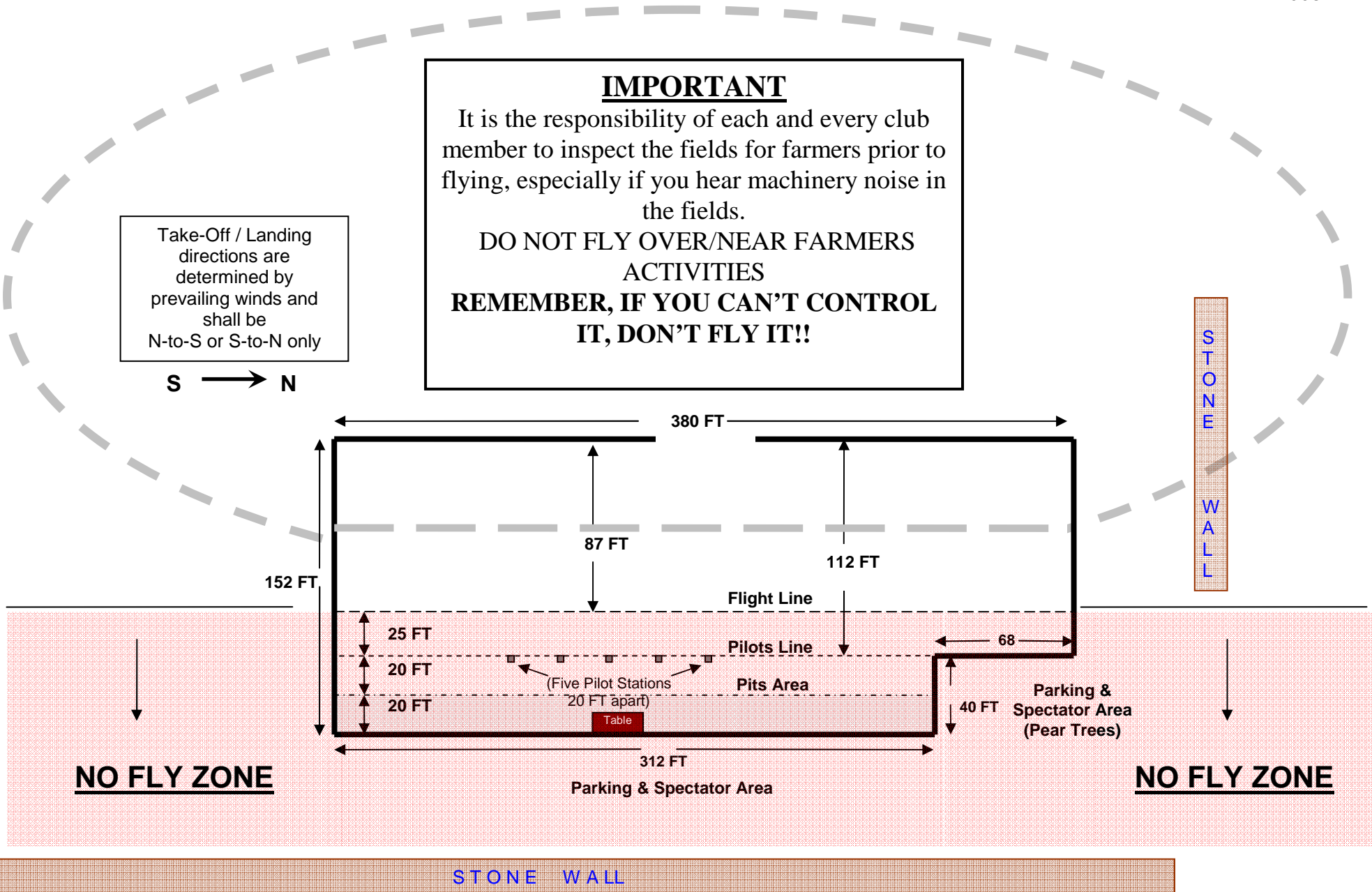


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