

## **Desert Hawks R/C Club Flying Field Rules:**

Because of the ever increasing number of participants, the potential risk to people and equipment, a few common sense field rules are necessary. The following safety rules are currently in effect and govern all flying activities at Sterling Field:

### **1. PILOT REQUIREMENTS:**

AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc.) AFFILIATION:

- a. Desert Hawks Sterling field operates under the guide lines and protection of the AMA's prevailing Field Safety Rules. (Copy in "Model Aviation" magazine)
- b. Current AMA/MAAC membership is required for all pilots flying at Sterling Field.

### **2. GENERAL ITEMS**

- a. Illegal Drugs & Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden at the flying field.
- b. The last member leaving Sterling Field is responsible for locking the gate on the way out.
- c. All solid waste/trash will be removed from the field and disposed of either by placing it in the dumpsters by the race track or hauling directly to the Mohave County Land Fill.

### **3. GUEST AND GUEST PILOTS**

- a. Guests of club members may fly 3 times for free during each calendar year. After the three (3) free-gratis flying visits, if they do not join Desert Hawks R/C Club, they will be charged a daily "DHRCC Sterling Field Maintenance Fee". The fee is \$5.00/day for weekdays (Monday through Friday), and \$10.00/day for weekend days. (Saturday & Sunday)

There is no daily field user fee during the open fly time on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- b. Sponsoring members are responsible for assuring that their guest's conduct is in accordance with the field rules and safety rules.

### **4. FIELD AIRSPACE ALLOCATION:**

- a. Deliberately flying airplanes on the south side of the active runway is prohibited.
- b. Flying any aircraft over or across the field entrance driveway is prohibited.
- c. Flying helicopters beyond the rope fence on the east side of the helicopter pad is prohibited.

### **5. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- a. A volunteer instructor is not responsible for damage to aircraft or equipment that arises during or as a result of his assisting other flyers.
- b. Desert Hawks acknowledges there are certain risks in model aviation where a variety of circumstances may result in loss or damage of one or more models. The Desert Hawks recognizes a "No-Fault" policy governing accidents with the following exceptions:

1. Pilots operating equipment in a flagrantly unsafe manner, under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance will be financially responsible for any and all damages they cause.
2. Pilots who turn on their FM transmitter without having the channel pin in their possession will assume all financial responsibility for any and all damage caused by the pilot that is pinned up on that channel.
3. If a or b above is in effect then financial responsibility will be the repair and/or replacement of any airplane, motor, radio or equipment the airplane damaged when it crashed. Repairs must be agreeable between all parties involved.
4. The monetary value of damage to models should be determined by the parties involved. If satisfactory assessment of such damage cannot be reached in this manner, all parties agree to be bound by an evaluation made by the Club's current Board of Directors.
5. Any accident involving personal injury or damage to property, other than the models, must be immediately reported to a Club Officer or current member of the Board of Directors.

## **6. NOISE ABATEMENT**

- a. All aircraft engines larger than .060 cu. in. must have effective mufflers. "No Exceptions"

## **7. CLOSING NOTES**

- a. Remember, continued misuse of the Field Rules will result in disciplinary action as indicated in the by-laws.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE RULES, PLEASE CONSULT WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE CLUB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE A MODEL.