

Desert Hawks RC Club Complex, Sterling Field Rules

Note: The term “VEHICLE” pertains to airplanes, jets, helicopters, drones, cars trucks, buggies anything operated by Remote Control. The term Sterling Field pertains to all areas inside the gate. The term “OPERATOR” pertains to anyone operating a Remote Control vehicle.

The potential risk of accidents to people and equipment, is of utmost concern for our club. The following rules are currently in effect and govern all activities at Sterling Field:

1. CLUB REQUIREMENTS:

AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc.) or MAAC 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 EVERYONE operating at Sterling Field (exception see Guests). Violators will be escorted off the property.
- c. All members operating a vehicle at Sterling Field must wear their club badge.

2. GENERAL ITEMS

- a. Illegal Drugs & Alcoholic beverages are not tolerated anywhere on Sterling Field. This is a DHRCC ZERO Tolerance policy.
- 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 near the entrance to SARA Park, by the race track or hauling directly to the Mohave County Land Fill.

2. GUESTS

- a. A GUEST is allowed one free visit without being a member of AMA. This visit will be for the sole purposed of determining if the facility meets their expectations. During this visit they may operate a vehicle as long as they are closely supervised by a current club member.
- b. Guests of club members with a current AMA card may operate an RC vehicle 3 times for free during each calendar year. After the three (3) free-gratis visits, if they do not join DHRCC, 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).
- c. ALL Guests must sign in at the Bulletin Board so proper accounting is maintained.
- d. There is no daily field user fee during the open time on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- e. Sponsoring members are responsible for assuring that their guest's conduct is in accordance with the field rules and safety rules.
- f. Non-AMA members and guests found operating an RC vehicle after their "ONE TIME Free Visit" will be asked to cease operation and leave Sterling Field.

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.
- d. The Runway is off limits to any vehicle other than "Aircraft".
- e. Call out intentions to: enter the runway, take off, land, touch and go landings, emergency landings.

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/her assisting other operators.
- b. DHRCC acknowledges there are certain risks in model operation where a variety of circumstances may result in loss or damage of one or more vehicles. DHRCC recognizes a "No-Fault" policy governing accidents with the following exceptions:

Operators 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.

1. Operators 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 operator that is pinned up on that channel.
2. If a or b above is in effect then financial responsibility will be the repair and/or replacement of any equipment damaged. Repairs must be agreeable between all parties involved.
3. The monetary value of damage to vehicles 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 DHRCC current Board of Directors.
4. 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

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

7. CLOSING NOTES

Continued misuse of the DHRCC Field Rules will result in disciplinary action as indicated in the bylaws.

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 VEHICLE.