

Desert Hawks RC Club, Sterling Field, 2018 Safety Rules

Note: The term “MODEL” 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 Model.

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

1. CLUB REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Desert Hawks Sterling Field operates under the guide lines and protection of the AMA's prevailing National Model Aircraft Safety Code. (Copy in “Model Aviation” magazine and on this Bulletin Board) These DHRCC Safety Rules are specific to Sterling Field and are in addition to the AMA Safety Code.
- b. Current AMA/MAAC membership is required for EVERYONE operating at Sterling Field. Any operator on Sterling Field not showing proper ID will be asked to cease operation and show proof of current membership.
- c. All members operating a model at Sterling Field must wear their Club Identification.

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. This visit will be for the sole purposed of determining if the facility meets their expectations. During this visit they may operate a model providing they are closely supervised and sponsored by a current club member.
- b. Frequent guests of club members with a current AMA card may operate an RC model 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 be signed in at the Bulletin Board so proper accounting is maintained.
- d. There is no daily field user fee during the open time on Saturday and Sunday 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 DHRCC Safety Rules and the AMA Safety Code.

4. FIELD AIRSPACE ALLOCATION:

- a. Deliberately flying airplanes on the south side of the active runway is prohibited.
- b. Pilots should avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles and occupied structures.
- c. The Runway is off limits to any model other than "Aircraft".
- d. 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 models. 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 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 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 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 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 and an Incident Form Completed (forms are by the bulletin board).

6. NOISE ABATEMENT

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

7. CLOSING NOTES

Continued disregard for the DHRCC Field Safety Rules and the AMA Safety Code will result in disciplinary action as indicated in the bylaws.

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