



Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

All club operations including any special events, shall be conducted in accordance with the current AMA National Model Aircraft Code along with the Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "PCF" or the "Club") club rules. Adherence and enforcement of the previously stated rules and regulations is the responsibility of each PCF member and all guests of PCF. Continued violations of club rules may result in those actions being escalated to the PCF Board, for their review. The penalty for continued rule violations is outlined in the club's bylaws which include the suspension of flying privileges through the revocation of the offender's club share subsequent due process. The current AMA National Model Aircraft Code is available on the AMA website. Pebble Creek Flyers Inc. club rules, bylaws and site diagrams are all viewable on the PCF website at <https://www.pebblecreekflyers.com>.

The AMA Safety Handbook is a compilation of AMA documents and programs as they pertain to safe model operation. Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc. expects all members and guests to adhere to the guidelines and recommendation as outlined in the handbook unless otherwise specified. Visit <https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf> to ensure you have the most recent version of this safety handbook.

PCF's general field rules, expected field etiquette and specific aircraft starting, taxiing and flight rules as they pertain to all pilots, fixed wing aircraft, helicopters and drones being flown at the PCF flying site are detailed below:

1.1 GENERAL CLUB RULES & FIELD ETIQUETTE

1. Hours of operation of fixed wing aircraft, helicopters and drones.

- Electric powered aircraft from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
- Glow, Gas and Turbine aircraft 9:00 AM to DUSK.
- Night flying requires onboard lighting systems
- Night Drone flying is only permitted under lights in designated drone racing area.

2. All aircraft shall be identified with information such as the aircrafts owner's AMA number, first and last name, street address and telephone number.

3. All spectators and their vehicles shall remain behind the Spectator Fence as shown on the site diagrams posted on the board in "Warming Hut".

4. Flying while the grass is being cut or rolled is prohibited.

5. Only aircraft equipped with sound dampening systems will be allowed to be run, taxied or flown at the PCF flying site.

6. PCF members or PCF guests having aircraft powered by gas turbines shall be allowed to operate at the PCF site only after providing proof of current turbine waiver.



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7. All aircraft weighing over 55 pounds ready to fly must have a current AMA Experimental Permit prior to being allowed to fly at the PCF site.

8. All club members or the guests of PCF shall be responsible for collecting their own litter. **CLEANUP before leaving the field!**

9. Cigarette, cigar or pipe smoking is permitted in areas which are not otherwise specifically posted as being a prohibited smoking area.

10. If you are the last person to leave the field, it is expected that you will close and lock the swing gate which is located on the driveway at the entrance to the property.

11. Properly stowing PCF accessories such as flight stands, tables and chairs is the responsibility of those persons using that equipment. If you use a wheeled airplane stand, it is expected that you place it back in its proper storage location, under the sunshade, when you are through using it.

12. Vehicles arriving or leaving the PCF flying site shall do so in an orderly manner at a reasonable rate of speed. PCF members and their guests are reminded to please use caution when entering or exiting the PCF site. Persons should slow to a stop and look both ways when crossing the railroad tracks and paved bicycle path. Additionally, PCF members and their guests are reminded to use caution when crossing the site access bridge.

1.2 AUTHORIZED PILOTS

1. Authorized pilots include club members, their guests and those persons invited to participate in special events hosted by PCF. Guests of PCF shall be accompanied by a club member and shall review the PCF club rules and regulations prior to flying. It is understood that each person flying at the PCF field shall have a current AMA membership and be prepared to present their membership card upon request.

2. Introductory Flights demonstrations where individuals are allowed temporary control of an aircraft by means of a "buddy box" connected transmitter are not required to have an AMA membership. The pilot who is providing the flight demonstration must have a current open AMA membership. For new pilots requiring extended training it is recommended to contact a club member holding an "Intro Pilot Designation".

1.3 FREQUENCY CONTROL

1. Frequency control is not necessary for those persons operating aircraft on the 2.4 GHz frequency band.

2. Frequency control for those persons operating aircraft on 72-75MHz frequency band radio systems shall adhere to the following:

A. All transmitters must display the channel number of operation.

B. The frequency control board, located west of "Warming Hut" must be always used. The pilot must obtain proper frequency pin from the control board and attach to antenna of their transmitter.



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C. When the pilot has landed and parked their aircraft and ONLY when the transmitter has been turned off, the frequency pin should be placed back on the frequency control board. Passing the frequency pin to another pilot on the same frequency is allowed.

2.0 FLIGHT OPERATIONS – SAFETY

The following rules, regulations and procedures pertain to all powered and non-powered, fixed and rotary wing aircraft to be flown by PCF members or guests of PCF. PCF site is an AMA Chartered Site and a designated FRIA Zone. No Remote ID required to fly.

2.1 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PITTING TAXIING & STARTING

1. All pitting, engine starting, engine re-starting and the arming of electric powered aircraft shall be confined to the pit areas between Pilot Fence and spectator fence as shown on site diagram posted in "Warming Hut". Pilots shall never taxi into or out of the pit area under any circumstance. All aircraft regardless of their power source shall be shut down at the flight line and carried or towed back to the pit area. Under no circumstance shall anyone be allowed to start gasoline or glow engines or arm electric powered aircraft under the sunshade or on the picnic tables.
2. When starting gasoline or glow engines or arming electric powered aircraft must be restrained by the pilot, mechanically or by an assistant. Extended engine testing and break in for extended periods of time shall take place on the grassy area immediately west of the shed. Under no circumstance shall a pilot ever leave a gasoline or glow engine running or an electric aircraft armed and unattended.

2.2 AIRCRAFT FLIGHT

The PCF flight lines are delineated on the primary runway East-West and the secondary runway North-South by orange plastic buckets. Refer to the PCF site diagrams located in the "Warming Hut".

1. Pilots prior to taking off or landing shall announce their intention.
2. The first pilot "up" in the air shall establish the direction of the flight pattern i.e. left or right. Subsequent pilots taking off shall follow the same flight pattern as established by the first pilot up in the air is flying.
3. There shall be no more than five (5) aircraft flying at the same time. This is the total combined number of allowable aircraft flying on the primary (east-west runway) or the secondary (north-south runway) or a combination of both runways.
4. Pilots with planes in the air shall stand behind the Pilot Fence unless flying solo.
5. Pilots having to go onto the field outside of the Pilot Fence to retrieve an aircraft while the flight zone is active with other planes shall announce their intention to do so by



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shouting "ON THE FIELD". After retrieving an aircraft announce: "CLEAR" to indicate the hazard is removed.

6. Due to the diverse mix of pilots and types of radio-controlled aircraft present at the PCF flying site at any one time, it may be necessary to actively operate simultaneously both the primary East-West runway and the secondary North-South runway. Details of this practice should be worked out with pilots flying at the same time.

7. Pilots shall at no time intentionally fly behind either the primary or secondary flight lines. Again, if a pilot or a PCF guest is un-sure as to where the flight lines are, they are urged to review the field diagrams which have been posted in "Warming Hut".

8. FPV flight is permitted on the main runways with the flight path restricted not to exceed the PCF property. A spotter is always required and should be familiar with the control system to take control if needed. FPV operation is required to stay within the flight zones, following the same rules as any aircraft. Drone pilots wanting to fly during fixed wing operation MUST get approval from the pilots. FPV flight operations are not permitted while the FDV RACE Area is in use.

3.1 FPV RACE Flying Area Field Rules

1. Follow all AMA rules
2. Follow all PCF rules
3. Only fly within the boundaries of the FPV flying area. Do not fly over road, building, people etc.
4. Confirm your video channel and power availability with all pilots before plugging in.

DO NOT "PLUGIN" WHILE PILOTS ARE ACTIVELY FLYING WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE PILOT(S) FLYING.

5. No flying while anyone is on the course.