

## **CMAC AIRFIELD SAFETY AND OPERATING RULES**

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The following safety and operational rules are in addition to and have been adopted from the AMA Safety Handbook in effect at the time-of-flight activity. The AMA Safety Handbook can be found on the AMA website (modelaircraft.org). CMAC Safety and Operating Rules can be found on the club website (cmacrc.org). All RC pilots are required to read the AMA Safety Handbook.

***All pilots flying at the CMAC (Manatee) Flying Field agree to abide by the safety and operating rules of the CMAC RC Flying Club and AMA.***

1. All persons flying RC model aircraft, helicopters, drones or quadcopters must have in their possession when actively flying at the field a current CMAC club membership card, AMA card, FAA registration number and The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) safety card.
2. On Manatee Field only ELECTRIC aircraft, helicopters, drones or quadcopters are allowed. Ducted Fan Jets over 80mm and 9 Lbs., Gas, Nitro, Turbine, etc. are strictly prohibited.
3. All flyers shall observe the 400-foot ceiling in accordance with the FAA and give way to full-scale manned aircraft. Please note that the Southeast portion of the field is in the Marco Island Airport Overlay (APO) at 350-354 feet AGL.
4. Manatee Flying Field is a registered FAA – Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) authorized field. Aircraft are not required to be equipped with remote ID when flying at the site.
5. Per the property owner and our lease agreement flying outside of the flight box and over the surrounding residential areas are strictly forbidden. Aircraft shall not be flown behind the flight line over spectators, parking area, or pit area for ANY reason. Should your aircraft drift or have problems call for a spotter to help you safely return to the authorized flight box.
6. Noise at the flying field shall be in accordance with Collier County Noise Ordinance Sec. 54-92 to maintain good relations with surrounding communities.
7. Flying hours are from 8am to dusk. The last person leaving the field MUST lock the gate on their way out.
8. There is a strict “NO Alcohol/Drugs Allowed at Any Time” at the airfield and any weapons are to be left in your vehicle. Dogs are to be kept on the leash at all times and away from flying activity.
9. Landing aircraft will have the right of way. Dead stick will have first priority.

10. All RC flying shall follow the established take-off and landing patterns as directed by wind conditions. Take-offs or landings towards the flight line, the pits or taxiway regardless of wind direction is prohibited.
11. During routine field maintenance and grass cutting the airfield will be closed to flying.
12. Spectators are not allowed in the pit areas or on the flying field.
13. Pilots must maintain a position behind the flight line (white) fence while flying. An exception will be allowed for designated assistants performing a hand launch for the pilot.
14. If walking out to the runway/field is necessary while others are flying (to recover a disabled aircraft) LOUDLY announce to those flying your intentions and VERIFY you have been heard and are cleared to proceed.
15. During flight operations all pilots shall announce their intentions to land, take-off, taxiing, dead stick, clear, etc.
16. Please note 3D flying is limited to the center of the field/flight box. 3D flying over the runway or close to the flight line is prohibited. 3D pilots must give way to planes flying the pattern.
17. Building interior safety. While being maintained or repaired under the building roof, all aircraft are to be disconnected from power unless the propellers have been removed. All live testing of power systems is to be performed outside of the building and properly restrained.
18. Each member is responsible for the removal and proper disposal of their own trash, broken aircraft, batteries, etc.
19. All flying at the Manatee airfield will be under the supervision of the Club Safety Officer. In his absence, the ranking individual present at the field at any given time shall be acting Safety Officer, based on this order: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The duties of the Safety Officer will be to enforce the rules herein. The Safety Officer has the authority to restrict any pilot engaging in unsafe flying. Those members who do not comply will be asked to leave the field for the day.
20. All club members **MUST** conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner at all times. Club members causing malicious destruction, damage to the field, heated and escalated arguments that will tarnish the club image and put the club in jeopardy of losing the flying field lease shall be fined, flight privileges revoked, or club termination. The appropriate action for the infraction will be at the sole discretion of the Club Officers and Board of Directors. Refusal to abide by the decision of the Officers and Board will lead to immediate club termination.