

OFMC Contest and Event Policy

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All pilots should dedicate themselves to running their flight operations in the safest possible manner. All radio controlled model airplanes have the capacity to cause personal injury and property damage, if ill attended to.

OFMC's official policy is to put Safety as the top priority at every event and contest. Further, every pilot should put safety first, every time he or she goes to the flying field, just as full scale pilots do.

The following safety guidelines will be in addition to, and a compliment of, the current AMA Safety Rules and See and Avoid Policy.

All CD's should brief the safety rules of our field at every pilot meeting. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that these rules apply not only during the contest but after hours as well. Further, it is OFMC's position that any flying performed by model airplanes, during, or after event hours must occur on the north side of our established Flight Line. Additionally, no flying should be allowed above, the runway or to the south of it, or through the pit area, whether a simple pass, torque rolling, or any other intentional maneuver. OFMC further believes that any deliberate failure to comply with either AMA safety rules or our safety rules should result in the offending pilot's immediate disqualification from any OFMC event.

With respect to the trend of ever-dangerous 3D or Freestyle maneuvers being performed by pilots at our field, OFMC, in the strongest possible terms, does not, and will not, tolerate, condone or endorse dangerous maneuvers performed with planes or helicopters such as, but not limited to: tail touches of the ground, touching the model while in flight, hovering (or flying) directly over the pilot or other spectators, or any flying at any time on the spectator side of the flight line. It is OFMC's firm position that these types of maneuvers exceed the margin of safety necessary for flight operations by a wide margin and are exceptionally dangerous. It is also OFMC's firm position that, in the performance of these types of maneuvers, the slightest mechanical or system failure leaves little margin for error and can lead to severe bodily injury or property damage.

In summary, AMA Safety Rules, See and Avoid Policy and OFMC's Field Safety Rules will apply and be enforced at all times, at events and under normal field use. The intent is to insure that we have the best possible Safety practices at our field and therefore keep our hobby enjoyable for all participants and spectators.

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