



Field Rules

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NOTICE: Turbine powered aircraft of any kind are prohibited.

Use of the field:

Flying field and facilities are for use by Members and Member Guests only. Spectators are welcome. Persons not engaged in flight activities must stay outside the Pit and Flight-Line areas.

Youth Members:

Fly-A-Ways considers members under 16 years old to be Youth Members. Youth Members must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult Fly-A-Ways member while at the field. The responsible adult member may be the Youth Member's parent, guardian or other adult member at least 18 years of age.

Hours of Operation:

7am to 10pm daily except during duck season (mid-October through January). Noon to 10pm daily during duck season. Do not enter the field prior to noon during duck season. Observe special closings as posted.

Basic Rules & Regulations:

All members and guests must abide by the current **AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code** and additional rules & field use regulations contained in this **Field Rules** document. An FAA Drone License (Part 107) does not exempt you from AMA and Fly-A-Ways rules.

Current Full or Youth AMA membership is required to fly. (Fly-A-Ways does not accept Park Flyer Memberships.) Your AMA card must be posted on the pin board and your name must appear on the Fly-A-Ways roster before flying. It is the member's responsibility to assure their guests are AMA members and they have their current AMA card posted on the pin board. *If your AMA card is not posted on the pin board or your name is not on the roster, it will be assumed you are not an AMA or Fly-A-Ways member and you will be requested to leave.*

When you post your AMA card on the pinboard, you may wish to take a "pin" to remind you to go back and get your card. Cards should not be left posted when you are not at the field.

CAP Cadets participating in the AMA Civil Air Patrol Model Aircraft and Remote Control (MARC) Flying Program, and student pilots enrolled in the AMA Introductory Pilot Program and under the instruction of an AMA registered Intro Pilot, are exempt from the requirement to post an AMA card.

Flight Regulations & Flight Zone:

All aircraft flight (other than micro-models and heli-hover practice flown within the designated Micro-Flight area) is restricted to a Flight Zone bounded by the north (far) edge of the grass runway, the tree line at Dairy Creek to the west, the top of the rise to the east and no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ the distance to Highway 26 to the north. Do not fly over the grass or geotex runways. Keep the runways clear for take-offs and landings, and other maneuvers such as touch & go's that require use of the runways.

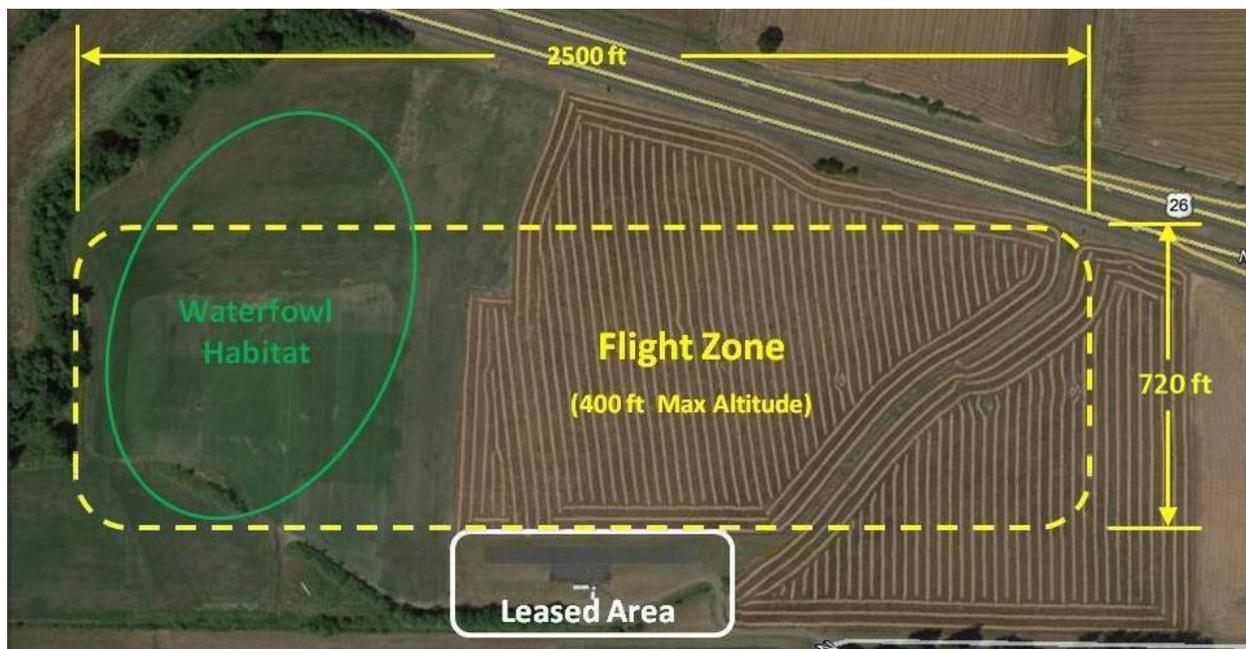
A maximum of 5 aircraft total are allowed in the air at any one time. Do not put your model in the air if 5 aircraft are already flying unless all pilots agree to more aircraft flying.

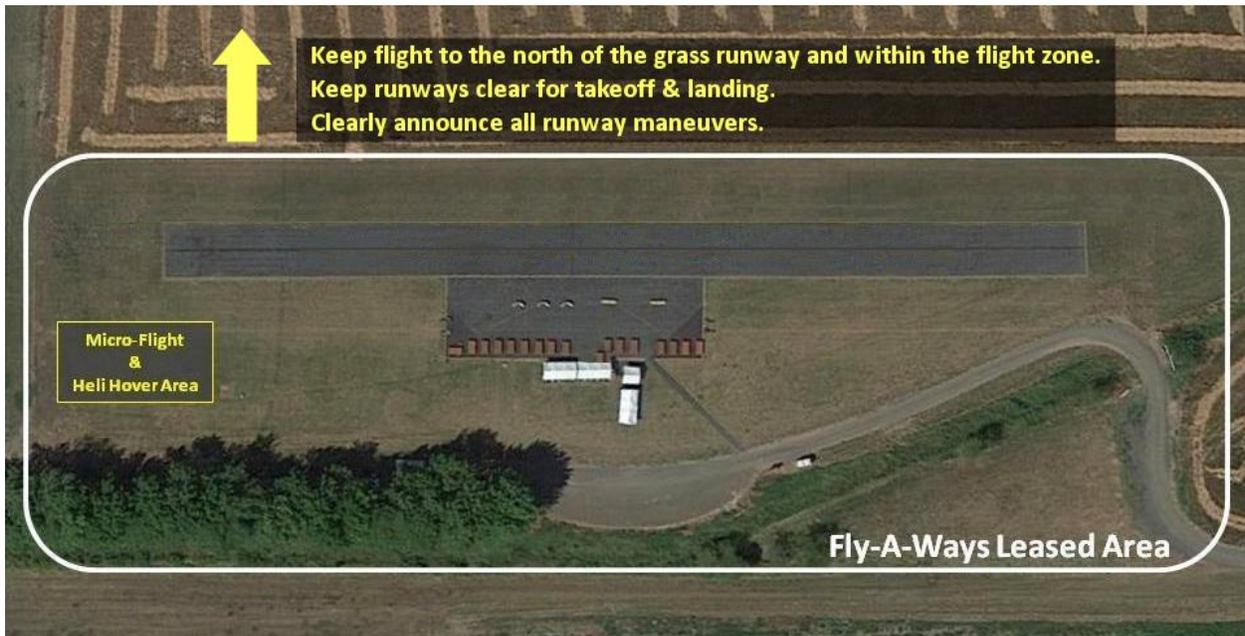
General flight of fixed wing "micro-models", small quad-copters, and helicopters smaller than 15 inch total main rotor diameter, and hover only practice of any size helicopter, is allowed over the designated "Micro-Flight & Heli Hover" area in the southwest corner of the field. Models being flown in this area do not count against the "5 aircraft maximum" rule for the main flight zone. (This flight area consists of the airspace directly above the Micro-Flight geotext.)

Maximum flight altitude shall be limited to no more than 400 feet.

During duck hunting season (mid-October thru January), an effort should be made to avoid the Waterfowl Habitat to the west. Never "buzz" or otherwise intentionally confront the birds.

At no time is it permissible to fly over roads, pit area, persons or equipment engaged in farming activities, or otherwise outside of the defined flight boundaries.





While the Flight Zone is defined above to be north of the grass runway, the exact southern line is somewhat variable based on the size and type of aircraft. Larger, or noisier aircraft should be kept further north of the grass runway, and when performing 3D or aggressive maneuvers, those maneuvers should not happen in front of other pilots. For example, another pilot should never be trying to control his plane while a quarter-scale plane hovers just north of the grass runway in front of him – keep such activities further out, and not in front of other pilots, so the aircraft doesn't impede the view or feel imposing or distracting.

Conversely, smaller aircraft may be difficult to see when flown only north of the grass runway, so smaller vehicles may approach as closely as the north edge of the geotex runway. If you still can't see them there, consider the Micro-Flight area.

Currently we have not precisely defined larger and smaller but most people have a pretty good sense of whether an aircraft is large or imposing, based on size, weight, noise, and speed. Because of its compact layout, proximity to several full-size airports, and a major highway, Fly-A-Ways is not an ideal location for unlimited flying of very large RC aircraft.

Flight Protocol:

Perform a range check on your radio before flying.

Perform a pre-flight check on your model before each flight. Check for security of flight control surfaces and correct directional movement of flight control surfaces.

Start glo and gas engines with the model restrained on a start-up bench or with a tail trap. (The tail traps consist of pairs of holes and pins that drop into them. These are on each side of the pits near the runway, a bit north of the start-up benches.)

Direct prop blast away from the pit and spectator areas. Starting and taxiing in any area south of the southern end of the pits, Or in any area where people or structures are in front of the aircraft are strictly prohibited.

Fly from a designated pilot station.

Communicate with other pilots. Announce loudly what you intend to do whenever you require use of the runway. Announce loudly “COMING OUT” when you intend to enter the runway. Announce loudly your direction and intent to take off, such as “TAKING OFF FROM THE LEFT”. The same pertains to “touch & go” or “fly-by” maneuvers and landings. Announce loudly “CLEAR” when you have landed and your model is off the runway. Should you have to walk onto the runway to place or retrieve an aircraft, announce your intentions and wait for confirmation from other pilots, then loudly announce “ON THE RUNWAY” when you enter the runway. When you clear the runway loudly announce “CLEAR”.

Many pilots follow the flight pattern when multiple aircraft are flying. The “flight pattern” is to fly in an oval with the upwind direction close in to the runway and the down wind direction further away from the runway. Flying the pattern is not a requirement but keeping the general direction of flight the same for all pilots reduces the risk of mid-air accidents.

Runway priority is given to dead-stick landings first, followed by landings, then take offs.

General Regulations & Policies:

Speed Limit:

Maximum speed is 10 mph.

Club Boundaries:

All members and guests must stay within the area leased by the club. The club boundaries are the edge of the farmed crop to the west, the north (far) edge of the grass runway, the drainage ditch to the east, and the tree line to the south. Venturing outside this area is allowed only to retrieve a downed aircraft.

Aircraft Retrieval & Crop Damage:

The “*guideline*” is for only one or two people to go into the crop area to retrieve a downed aircraft. If a plane goes down in the crop, immediately take a bearing sight on its location to allow you to find it with a minimum amount of searching. Use caution when searching the crop areas to avoid damage to the crop or irrigation system. *Under no circumstance is it permissible to drive a vehicle into the crop area* (regardless of time of year or condition of crop or field). Any members and/or guests determined to have caused crop or property damage will be held responsible for payment of any applicable “excess damage fees” as defined in the site lease.

Aircraft & Field Noise Abatement:

Noise levels shall not exceed AMA sound/noise abatement recommendations. Current AMA recommendation for any model aircraft is 96 dB maximum at a distance of 20 feet maximum

(9.8 feet preferred) in any orientation/direction to the model. All glo or gas powered models require the use of a muffler. Large fixed wing models such as IMAC style aircraft should use 3bladed propellers. In the event of any complaint about excessive noise, Fly-A-Ways will work in a proactive manner to identify the cause of the objectionable noise and reduce the noise to an acceptable level.

Pet Policy:

Fly-A-Ways has a “no-pet” policy. Please leave your pet at home. Exceptions may be made for multi-day invitational events.

Camping policy:

Overnight camping policy at Fly-A-Ways is established by our lease. Overnight camping is allowed ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLUB SPONSORED EVENT and is restricted to the day before, the day(s) of, and the day after such event. Thirty days written notice to Landlord is required so as not to conflict with any nearby farming activities.

Trash:

Fly-A-Ways does not have trash collection. Please take your trash home with you. This includes cigarette butts.

Smoking:

No smoking in the pits or anywhere over geotex covered areas. Hot cigarette ash can burn holes in the geotex.

Guests:

Guests are allowed flying privileges under the basic rules and regulations detailed on page 1. The guest MUST be hosted by a Fly-A-Ways member. A guest must join Fly-A-Ways after 3 visits to the field for continued flying privileges. Hosts are responsible if their guests violate Fly-A-Ways or AMA rules.

Violation of Rules:

Violation of AMA Safety Code and/or Fly-A-Ways Field Rules can result in disciplinary action. Members flying without current AMA or intentionally flying outside of the designated flight zone are subject to immediate expulsion from the club without possibility of future reinstatement. Guests flying without AMA or intentionally flying outside of the designated flight zone are subject to immediate expulsion from the field with no possibility of future club membership or guest privileges.

Field Security:

The access to the field is gated and locked. It is the responsibility of every club member to ensure that the access to the leased property is locked when no club members are present. If you are the last member to leave the field, it is imperative that you make sure the gate is closed and locked. The lock combination will be provided via email once your membership is accepted.

Emergency:

In case of an emergency call 911. Give the type of emergency and location. Instruct emergency responders to go to the Fly-A-Ways radio controlled flying site at 11127 NW Dersham Rd (North Plains) at the first curve west of the Harrison Cemetery. If possible, have someone go to the junction of the access road and Dersham Road to guide responders.

Using GPS coordinates could slow response so use them only if requested. The coordinates are:

Latitude: 45° 36' 14" N Longitude: 123° 2' 32" W (Source: Google Earth)

If no cell phone is available, the North Plains Fire Station is located at 31370 NW Commercial Street.