

Wachusett Barnstormers Flying Field Procedures & Safety Guidelines

It is the responsibility of all club members to abide by these guidelines. If you observe someone who isn't, please ask them to cooperate. They are designed to make our field the safest. This is an overview of the basic safety and field procedures.

ALL members should be thoroughly familiar with the Wachusett Barnstormers Safety Rules and Regulations

**There shall be no flying or running of engines at the field outside of these hours: 8:30 am - Dusk
(Except April 25-May 21 after 12:00 noon only for Turkey Season)**

1. All A.M.A. rules apply. You must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics to be a member of the Wachusett Barnstormers with flying privileges. Wachusett Barnstormers AMA Charter and By-laws provide for immediate suspension of membership of anyone in violation of A.M.A. rules.
2. Never, ever, turn on your transmitter, or test your equipment, at your vehicle, or in the parking lot.
3. Do not turn on your transmitter unless you have placed your frequency pin on the board.
4. Never remove someone else's pin without their permission.
5. When you turn on your transmitter, check to see if any airborne aircraft are affected. Be prepared to turn yours off again!
6. Remove your frequency pin when you are not using your system.
7. Never start a loose aircraft; get assistance. Use a safety hold down. Do not start at full throttle; partial is usually sufficient.
8. Do not point prop blast or exhaust at spectators or other pit personnel.
9. Do not turn your back to the flight area, especially if you are at a pilot station.
10. Do not taxi your aircraft in the pit area. Carry it or hold on to it.
11. Fly only from pilot stations (the rectangular areas of tall grass adjacent to the runway); not in an opening. Consider flying with a spotter.
12. Check control surface movement one last time before departing. Do not attempt to fly if anything is in doubt! Return to the pit area.
13. Announce your intentions loud & clear: "taking off", "landing left", "landing right", "on the field", "dead stick", etc.
14. Take off & depart into the wind. If in doubt ask another pilot which direction is "active". Enter the pattern on the downwind leg.
15. Police your area. Put trash (broken props, rubber bands, cigarette butts, etc.) into barrels. We use the field only with permission from the Mass. DFW.
16. Those who are not piloting an aircraft should refrain from disturbing, or distracting those who are.
17. No spectators or pets are allowed in the pit area.
18. Talk to the spectators and answer their questions. If you are not comfortable in doing so, find someone who will. They are the future growth of the sport and our club. Everyone is a potential new member. Politely request that they remain on the outside of the pit area.
19. Above all else, conduct yourself in a considerate and mature manner. Make club officers aware of those who don't, as they are detrimental to our image.