

Fritz Field North Area Rules. (As of 9/2020)

GENERAL

Everyone responsible for picking up trash / maintaining the area. Report any toxic spills to the Field Marshal, Club officer

All participants and spectators must park in the designated parking areas. Where there is not a clearly designated area, park 25ft away from the runway.

No spectators allowed beyond the designated areas unless accompanied by an AMA member or NMFI club member.

Pets. Person bringing them responsible for cleaning up after them. Must be on a leash. Cannot be closer to the runway or starting area, than the covered pit area.

Last member leaving the park must lock the main gate.

Grass cutting/Field maintenance (by NMFI and or County workers). NO flying permitted while this activity is happening.

No Alcoholic beverages consumed at the park. No flying while intoxicated.

SUGGESTED

Do not fly alone. Have someone else there in case of an incident.

Make sure someone at the field has a cell phone, so that 911 can be reached if an emergency exists.

REQUIREMENTS

All pilots must be a current member of the AMA and NFMI, and should registered with FAA. Have in your possession at our club fields your current valid AMA card and NFMI membership card.

All pilots must abide by the current AMA Safety Code, FAA Rules and Regulations and NFMI rules. These are posted at the field.

Contest or Event Director of an AMA sanctioned event or NFMI event may make adjustments to these rules if necessary, for the safety of participants and spectators, at their sole discretion. In the case of a scheduled event the Contest or Event Director has complete control of the park, including but not limited to which aircraft can fly and where and when.

All **pilots flying**, must put a card in the box at field entrance (at time of leaving field), to include AMA # , DATE, time of entry, time of exit. Non-flying members or spectators not required.

Novices will obtain experienced assistance for flying.

EQUIPMENT

Radios. Must be 2.4ghz or 72ghz. If using 72 your channel must be posted on the frequency board in the pits on the north field. Sailplane operations at the South field are required to according frequency sharing in case of conflict with Northfield flyers.

Noise.

a. All internal combustion engines must be equipped with a non-modified muffler(s) in good working order. Prop "ripping" is strictly forbidden.

b. A 75db sound limit is STRICTLY ENFORCED and WILL NOT EXCEED this limit when measured from a location at the western fence/property line. Pilots are responsible for testing their own equipment prior to flight. Any sound complaint received about an excessively loud plane, (above 75db at the western property line), will be reviewed by N.F.M.I. Executive Council within 7 calendar days. Outcome of this is a violation, has severe consequences. See Escambia County Model Park "Fritz Field" Specific Rules for more information.

Throttle cut. ALL planes must have this setup. EVEN electric models.

Electric powered aircraft. It is strongly suggested to have an external arming/disarming plug.

PREFLIGHT

Testing / Breaking. Extensive ground testing and run-up of nitro or gas engines should be performed as far away from other people as possible. Avoid directing prop blast at people or other models. Engine testing / breaking in. please do this off to the side away from all other activity as to not enoy others.

Engine starting. **ABSOLUTLY** No starting or running on tables or stands under the covered areas of the pilot areas. Start combustion engines at the flight line or in the area between the flight line and pit area. Electric's must also be armed in this area.

All models (INCLUDING ELECTRIC) need to be restrained by, a person holding the model on the ground, a plane restraint anchored in the ground, or on a starting stand, when starting combustion engines, or for electric when arming the motor (plugging in the battery without an external arming switch disconnected is arming)

FLYING

See FLYING Field Diagram for Allowed areas to fly.

All members share responsibility at all times for ensuring that everyone flies in a safe, responsible and considerate manner. If you do not feel like bringing an issue up to the pilot directly, report it to a club officer or Field Marshal, even if it is later.

Designated flying hours are 7:30 for Electric, and 8:15am for Nitro and Gas powered models, until Sunset. 7 days a week. Fritz field is CLOSED to all operations for EASTER, CHRISTMAS and THANKSGIVING days.

Taxiing. See Field diagram for proper place to taxi from. Use approved taxiways, or carry your plane to the runway. Plane must be held until reaching the flight line.

No taxing into the grass area behind the flight line, period. Stop your engine and pickup or pull your aircraft.

Takeoff. Must be done on the blacktop runways or in the grass south of that. All aircraft: including hand launch models, must take off from the active runway.

Flying. Must be done from designated pilot stations.

Fly standing at the active flight line (facing the blacktop runway). At either the East / West runway or the North / South runway. Only 1 runway ACTIVE (in use) at any given time. This can be the East/West OR the North/South runway. The first pilot to fly can determine the "ACTIVE" runway and fly at that one only, along with other pilots at the same time. IF NO pilots are flying the "ACTIVE" runway can change, by the first pilot up starting to fly at the other runway.

No flying behind the flight line at ANY time.

Landing. All models including hand launch, On the blacktop runways or in the grass on other side of blacktop runway away from the active flight line.

No flying of any kind is allowed over the pits, parking area, or north & west of the east/west blacktop runway and west of the north/south blacktop runway. A "No-Fly Zone" is designated on Field Diagram posted.

Pilots shall clearly call out "Take-Off" / "Landing" or "On the Field" as appropriate to avoid possible conflicts. Pilots should minimize the time spent "on the field". Only those necessary to deal with the situation should be "on the field". Landing aircraft take precedence of all other activity. Emergency circumstance take precedence over all (dead stick, or lost communication with plane).

NO Flying outside the Property boundaries. No taking off from a runway at Fritz field and leaving the property boundaries for ANY reason. And No flying into Fritz Field from any other place and landing at Fritz Field.

For safety, it's suggested that all pilots fly with a spotter, but no more than 2 per pilot. If flying FPV a spotter is REQUIRED, no exceptions.

Only four models in the air at a time.

POST FLIGHT

All combustion engines must be stopped at the flight line, and electrics must be disconnected from the battery at the flight line.

PLANE Maintenance

When working on Electric planes on Carport tables either the battery must be removed from plane, or Prop taken off the aircraft, or 1 of the 3 wires disconnected from the motor.