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1. **Operational Altitude Restraints:** The Sky Streakers RC Club is authorized to fly aircraft up to an **absolute altitude ceiling of 700 feet AGL (above ground level)** Any operation above 700 feet AGL: enters controlled airspace and is strictly prohibited under our current authorization.

2. The *Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code* is a basic document for ALL AMA chartered clubs. Every member should be familiar with and adhere to the Safety Code.

3. Flying members and guest pilots must have current AMA membership. The information is to be posted on the exterior of the aircraft in the manner prescribed by the AMA and the FAA..

4. Aircraft should be properly restrained before engines are started. The use of a motor kill switch is recommended for electric aircraft.

5. Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area.

6. Only four (4) aircraft are allowed in the air at the same time. Only three (3) on trainer night.

7. When flying, a designated pilot box should be used.

8. Only pilots, assistants, or trainees are allowed in the pilot boxes during flights.

9. Flying over the pit area is prohibited. Note: The pit area is considered to be that area which is inside an imaginary horizontal and vertical plane which is aligned with the outer edge of the pilot boxes (flight line) and extends to the right and to the left to the end of the runway in each direction.

10. Pilots will announce takeoffs, landings, on the field, and emergencies.

11. All radios used at the field will be in good working condition and of the type approved by AMA and FCC.

12. Flying using First-person view (FPV) equipment is not allowed.

FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES

1. The shelter and picnic tables within the shelter may not be used as a pit area or to work on aircraft.

2. Members and guests will take all trash and cigarette butts home with them.

3. Only one guest can fly at a time and this must be on the member’s flight time, for whom, he/she is a guest.

4. Guests may fly on three (3) separate occasions as a guest, then must join the club or be a spectator.

5. No combustion engine starts before 9:00 AM.

6. No flying beyond the far side of the Bog.

7. The main gate shall remain closed at all times except for special events such as Fun Flys, contests, etc.

8. Effective engine mufflers will be used on all engines. The maximum sound level shall be 98 decibels measured three (3) yards from the centerline of the aircraft with the model standing on concrete or macadam, and 96 decibels if on earth or short grass. The sound meter will be placed on a stand one-foot high.

9. All members must wear both their current membership and AMA badges, in a safe but visible way, while flying. However, all fliers using 72 MHz transmitters shall place their AMA cards in the appropriate slot in the Frequency Board prior to picking up a Frequency Pin and must wear their current membership badge in a safe but visible way, while flying.

10. Drinking and flying is prohibited by the AMA Safety Code. It will void any personal or AMA insurance that you have. The use of alcohol or drugs while flying will not be tolerated by The Sky Streakers R/C Club, Inc. Your membership can be terminated by the board of directors if you violate this rule. Good judgment and respect for minors/families at the flying field should always be observed. Even after all flying is completed, good judgment should be observed to avoid excessive drinking and related behavior.

11. Foul or offensive language shall be prohibited at all times.

Training Rules:

1. All **"FLYING SITE SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RULES"** apply to students in training.

2. **The AMA** (Academy of Model Aeronautics - http://www.modelaircraft.org) and the **Sky Streakers**:

2a. The AMA: The AMA provides needed insurance coverage. Students may receive one introductory flight with an instructor. If they wish to continue learning to fly they must either join the AMA or become enrolled in the AMA's "Introductory Pilot Program" which allows them to have 60 contiguous days of free AMA sponsored flight insurance.

2b. The Sky Streakers: The club's training program allows persons to receive hands on flying instruction for a 30 day period using your airplane or one of the club owned trainers at no charge or obligation to join the club.

During the 30 day Introductory Pilot Program, students are welcome to fly with an instructor using the club's trainers and equipment.

After the 30 day introductory period, students should bring their own trainer airplane, with transmitter, and fuel or batteries, (Club buddy boxes may be used.) and students would be expected to join the club.

3. Each student plane will be subjected to a first time safety check by a club instructor before it is allowed to fly.

4. Takeoff, flying, and landing patterns will be dictated by the wind direction and/or the instructor.

5. “Wings” (permission to fly unattended) will be awarded after a student has demonstrated safe and proficient flying and performed a solo flight for an instructor.

6. Pilots who have their wings may only fly on trainer night with the permission of the head instructor or the senior instructor present.