

RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE EASTERN SHORE AEROMODELERS CLUB

The rules and by-laws listed below were passed and adopted by a majority of the members present at the *October 2006* meeting held in Hurlock MD. Results were printed in the *November 2006* Ignitor Newsletter. Copies of these rules were distributed to members at the November 2006 club meeting.

Field Rules

1. All pilots must have current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). AMA Rules are in effect.
2. All pilots must have proof of current membership in the Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club. Three visits as a guest will be allowed before you are asked to join the club that makes this flying site possible.
3. Aircraft must be safe and comply with all AMA rules
4. No engine start -up before 9:30 AM or flying before 10:00 AM any aircraft with an engine. Electric motor powered aircraft may be flown anytime.
5. Visitors and New Members to fly solo, must show proficiency and be certified or adjudged by a EASC Instructor as a Pilot
6. No more than four aircraft are permitted to fly at one time. During an R/C Combat round or Race, up to six pilots may fly at one time provided that all pilots agree to the exception. Second exception: up to two electric sail planes may fly one at either end of pits providing they fly only over the designated areas and in the same patterns.
7. Safety Officer(s) or any member(s) observing any violation of the AMA or Club field Rules will verbally warn the offender(s).
8. Parking on the entrance road is prohibited.
9. Flying over / behind the pit area is prohibited. Flyers will be alert for, and yield right of way to full size aircraft in the area.
10. Flight boundaries: No flying over or near the homes at either end of the runways. (see rule # II)
11. All flying must be done from one of the designated flight stations.
12. No taxiing into the pit area. Avoid taxiing towards people. Engine test runs and break-ins should be done at home or behind the pits.
13. The flying pattern is determined by wind direction. All aircraft within the traffic pattern must fly in the same direction.
14. You must impound your transmitters upon arrival at the field.
15. Frequency board must be used by all pilots to indicate the channels in use; the pilot must replace their frequency clip with their AMA card. The pin with your channel number must be displayed. The "clothes pin" frequency monitoring system will be employed when more than one flyer is present. When in use, strict adherence will be required. Place the clothes pin back on the appropriate channel on the board after landing. **Transmitters must not be turned on without a frequency clip.**
16. If any member or guest violates rules nine, ten or fifteen and it causes damage to another's aircraft, it is the responsibility of that individual to make restitution which is agreeable to both parties. If an agreement cannot be reached, then a decision by the Club executive board will be binding.

17. All two-cycle engines over 0.0519 c.i.d. shall be muffled.
18. Preparations for flight and field repairs are not to be undertaken on the runway and must be done in the pit area.
19. Planes may be restarted on the runway if it will not endanger incoming or outgoing aircraft.
20. Takeoff, landings and low passes over the runway will be in accordance with the traffic direction arrow.
21. No alcohol to be consumed while flying or on the flight line.
22. Obscene or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
23. Common courtesies towards others are expected. Pick up after yourself. Let's keep it clean! See rule #19.
24. Call out your intentions: "Taking off!", "Landing!", "Low Pass!", "Dead Stick!", "Man Out On The Runway!" Also, respond to the calls of other pilots.
25. All children must remain under supervision at all times.
26. Pilots only, and their specifically invited guests are allowed past the high green fence.
27. Instruction of new pilots shall be by qualified club instructors only. The club shall keep a list of those members qualified to instruct. Pilots must not fly solo until they have been certified as a PILOT and have the confidence and skills necessary to do so safely. If in doubt, ask for an experienced helper.
28. Those wishing flying instruction are to call the current Instruction Coordinator who will furnish the requestor a listing of instructor names and contact information. It will be up to the person wishing instruction to arrange a date and time to meet with an instructor.
29. The current Instruction Coordinator is listed on the Club's Newsletter and website; <http://www.esac.com/>
30. Enjoy yourself while you are here. That is our club's purpose.
31. Each and every member has the right and the duty to enforce these rules to prevent injury and to protect property owners. Enforcement is not the sole responsibility of the club's officers or instructors, it is to be equally shared by all members.
32. Above all, SAFETY FOR LIFE AND PROPERTY must be maintained.
33. Last member to leave the field must close the frequency pin area and close and lock all doors.
34. All transmitters and receivers must comply with 1991 A.M.A. Narrow Band requirements. Transmitters must have "Gold Stickers" attached. Receivers must be Dual Conversion Narrow Band or listed as approved by the A.M.A.

EXCEPTIONS

1. During special events such as a Fun Fly, non-club members will be allowed to fly as long as they comply with all other rules.
2. Non-Certified pilots will be allowed to fly on a Buddy Box with an EASC Instructor
3. Non-Certified, Non-AMA members will be allowed to fly on a Buddy Box with an EASC Intro Pilot Instructor

MEMBERSHIP

1. Every member in good standing will be afforded all the benefits and privileges of the Club.
2. Rules for membership:
 - a. Prospective members should attend at least one flying session and one scheduled monthly meeting to acquaint himself / herself with the Club before applying for membership into the Club.
 - b. Annual Club Dues will be evaluated annually at the October Club Meeting. A vote shall be taken at the November Club Meeting approving the dues for the following year.
 - c. Membership categories will be: Individual -- for AMA Open Members; Family -- for families who have more than one AMA members; Junior / Senior - for AMA members younger than 18 years old or older than 64 years old.
 - d. All dues are payable in advance by December 31 of each year. Members who do not pay their dues by February are dropped from Club membership.
 - e. Every member must hold a current A.M.A. membership and present proof of same upon request.

OFFICERS

1. The Club shall be operated by its officers, namely: the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Governance of the Corporation shall be through the Board of Directors.
2. Term of office shall be one year and run consecutive with the calendar year.
3. Nominations for officers will be held at the October meeting. Elections shall be held at the November Club meeting. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers and others selected by the current Board Members
4. Candidates for Office must have been Club members for at least one year.

NEWSLETTER

1. A monthly newsletter will be prepared by the Editor and will be sent to all members. It will reflect the current news of the Club and may include other interesting articles. The newsletter is the official media of the Club, and every member is encouraged to submit articles for publication.

BY- LAW CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

1. The affirmative vote of the majority of members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting is required to adapt a new By-law, to amend an existing By-law or to repeal an existing By-law. Notice of pending By-law changes will be printed in the newsletter preceding the Club meeting for membership consideration, if deemed important enough by the President. Passed By-laws will remain in effect for at least six months. A.M.A. rules of flying will take precedence over Club rules. Some of the rules listed above may be a duplicate of the A.M.A. rules.