



Benton County Flying Tigers R/C

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Remote Control Aircraft Flying Club

BCFT – Benton County Flying Tigers Model Airplane Club Field Safety Rules -- 2024

In addition to these Safety and Operating Rules, all club members/pilots shall abide by the current AMA rules and guidelines

1. All pilots **MUST** be a current member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and have in their possession a currently valid AMA card or a receipt for payment of membership dues issued by the AMA. Minor Members will fly with their parent present only.
2. First Aid Kit and Emergency numbers are located in the First Aid lock box. The combination is the same as the entry gate combination. See the Safety Officer if you have any questions.
3. ALL PILOTS USING 72 MHz RADIOS MUST seek out and coordinate with any other 72MHz flyer the use of shared channels. The responsibility is totally on the 72MHz pilots.
4. Full-scale aircraft always have the right-of-way over models and it is our responsibility to **“See and Avoid”** all full-scale aircraft. Therefore, ALL PILOTS MUST WATCH FOR FULL-SCALE TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES! Keep blue sky between you and the full-scale airplane at all times.
5. All model aircraft will be pointed toward the runways and away from any spectator area during engine start or run-up.
6. There will be a maximum of four (4) aircraft flying at any one time, except under certain PRE-ARRANGED group launches, such as "foam constructed combat". During events a spotter is recommended. During normal flying it is strongly recommended to use a spotter
7. Under no circumstances shall a model aircraft be flown over other pilots, the Pit Area, Spectator Area, Vehicle Parking Area, the roads adjacent to the entrance, nor flown in a reckless manner that could be dangerous to people or property.
8. Except for special events, all aircraft performing “Hovering and other 3D type maneuvers” are restricted to the CENTER OF THE ACTIVE runway OR confined to an area at least fifty (50) feet BEYOND THE ACTIVE runway. Helicopters may fly in the normal traffic pattern over the main runway when not hovering or flying “3D” type maneuvers.
9. With the exception of taxiing directly to the runway after engine start, NO aircraft will be taxied, hovered, landed or launched in or from the Pit Area! Aircraft may be hand-launched from the pilot area immediately adjacent to a runway. Immediately after landing and clearing the runway, the pilot will stop the aircraft engine and push, pull or carry his aircraft back into the Pit Area. Pilots are NOT ALLOWED to taxi their aircraft into the pit area following a flight!



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10. The Active Runway is Off Limits to everyone except when aircraft retrieval on or beyond the runway is necessary. Any person retrieving an aircraft or placing an aircraft for takeoff must first insure that all pilots who are currently flying an aircraft know that they are going onto the runway! This may be accomplished by shouting: "ON THE RUNWAY!" and wait for the active pilots to acknowledge before walking onto a runway. Make the retrieval as quickly as possible and when you are clear of the runway shout, "CLEAR!"
11. Nonclub members, spectators, and children are not allowed into the Pit Area or Pilot Flying area unless supervised by a BCFT member or an Instructor/Pilot." ALL club members are responsible for ensuring this Pit and Flight area restriction is observed.
12. A "Student Pilot" shall NOT be allowed to fly an aircraft unattended at BCFT Field until he/she has demonstrated flight proficiency and knowledge of these Rules to a club instructor
13. Engines cannot be run without any type of header, muffler, or pipe.
14. No drinking of alcoholic beverages at any time during or after flying. Drugs are not allowed. You will lose your membership over this action.
15. Pets are allowed in the pit area or pilot area during regular nonevent flying. ALL pets MUST remain on a leash or in a confined area at all times during Fun Flies.

The club will not be responsible for items left at the field by members or visitors.

NOTE: Failure to comply with these rules may result in revocation of membership after review of the incident by the Safety Officer reported to the Board of Directors.