

Lake County Modelers & Flyers Association

Baldwin Municipal Airport's Flying Site Operational Rules

1. At all times, full-scale aircraft have the right-of-way. Once it is apparent that a full-scale aircraft is landing, taking off or taxiing to a full-scale runway, all RC aircraft are to land. Once the full-scale aircraft has parked or taken off, RC flight may resume.
2. When operating RC aircraft off the full-scale runways or in the approaches to full-scale runways, a full-scale aircraft voice capable receiver radio must be present and tuned to AM 122.900 Mhz. This radio is to be monitored so that RC pilots have early indication of pending full-scale activity. If you need to borrow an aircraft radio, the Club has access to several. Please contact the Club President or Airport Manager (231-745-9241 or 231 745 7815) if you need to borrow a radio.
3. If for some reason an RC Pilot gets "trapped" in the air by a full-scale aircraft, the RC Pilot is to loiter in an area that is NOT in the full-scale aircraft's approach path. This rule not intended to be an excuse for Not landing.
4. Do NOT drive full-scale motorized vehicles on the runways. If a runway needs to be crossed by a vehicle, stop at least 25' before the runway and ensure no full-scale aircraft is approaching. If no full-scale aircraft is approaching, after stopping, you may cross the runway.
5. Do not drive across turf RC runways or onto the RC car track with full-scale vehicles.
6. When RC aircraft are being operated (i.e. motors and engines rotating and/or flying,) Spectators are to remain in designated spectator areas. While RC aircraft are in flight, if Spectators are not in the Pavilion, they may not exceed the imaginary line made by the south side of the Pavilion. When using the full-scale Main Runway and aircraft are operating, Spectators must remain in or south of designated spectator areas during events. During non-events on the full-scale Main Runway, Spectators must remain south of the imaginary line made by the south side of the asphalt Pit Row.
7. When using the Main Runway, a Spotter is recommended. A Spotter's primary task is to watch for full-scale aircraft activity and get the RC Pilot on the ground should a full-scale aircraft be approaching . The Spotter may also be doing other tasks for the Pilot but must have direct communications with the pilot. If a Spotter is not present, the RC Pilot must be monitoring a full-scale voice aircraft radio receiver on 122.900 Mhz.
8. When an Aircraft transceiver is operating on AM 122.900 Mhz and the operator is capable of properly using said radio to communicate with full-scale pilots, RC Aircraft may operate at elevations greater than 400' AGL.
9. Unless specific exemptions are authorized by the Airport Manager, the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code is to be followed at all times. An example of an exception may be the above rule allowing maximum elevation of 400' to be exceeded. All exceptions must be preapproved by the Airport Manager and recorded in these Operational Rules.
10. If more than one RC aircraft is in the air, a pattern of flight will be determined by the pilots. The pattern will be generally adhered to by all pilots, unless all pilots in the air agree to variations from the pattern.