

BALSA BANDITS FIELD RULES

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Flying Times

- Gas models: 9AM to sunset
- Electric models: sunrise to sunset

Aircraft Aloft

- Engine powered aircraft: 3 maximum
- 1/2a sized engine powered aircraft: 6 maximum
- Gliders & electrics: no limit

Sound Levels

- All aircraft must pass a noise check performed by the field marshal.
- May not exceed 98 dB at full throttle, 3 meters from exhaust, perpendicular to longitudinal axis of aircraft.
- The field marshal reserves the right to sound check any aircraft at any time

Flight Zone Boundaries

North: To the parking lot
South: To the dam
East: To the park road
West: Unlimited
Other: Flying over pit area prohibited

Flight Rules

- All pilots must fly from the designated area reserved only for pilots, instructors, and spotters.
- There shall be no flying over the pits, spectator area, parking lot, or any area where people are congregated.
- Student and new pilots must fly with another pilot or instructor until they have been signed-off by an instructor.
- Student and new pilots must demonstrate proficiency at take-offs, landings, and general airmanship in order to be signed off for solo flight.
- Low-level 3D flying, gas or electric, must be done South of the pit area or in front of the pit area.

Ground Rules

- Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only and may not be driven on the field.
- All pilots must have a current AMA membership.
- All transmitters must display frequency identification in accordance with current AMA standards.
- All transmitters will use only frequencies approved by the AMA for that activity.
- Prior to turning on any transmitter, club members must place a marker on the frequency control board. The marker must include the club member's name and AMA number.
- Extended running of engines, for break-in purpose, is not allowed in the pits and is only allowed in the designated break-in area.
- Spectators are welcome, but must remain in the designated areas to the east of the pits.

Model Requirements

- All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.
- Plastic or metal spinners or prop nuts are required (No exposed prop shaft threads are allowed).
- No metal props, no knife-edged wings, etc. are allowed

Other Field Activities

- Club members are permitted to engage in other activities such as flying model rockets and kites, running radio controlled cars, etc., as long as they do not interfere with the flying of model airplanes. Model airplane flying always takes precedence over other modeling activities. If a club member is engaged in some alternate modeling activity and another club member indicates that they wish to fly, the first member must terminate their activity.
- All model rockets flown at the field will be flown in accordance with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) safety rules.

