

# **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

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## **Noise Policy for Northampton Park**

The intent of this policy is to promote long-term use of our field by reducing the negative impacts of our activities on our neighbors. We firmly believe that enjoyable flying can continue with reasonable attention to this policy

Model flying at this public park is a privilege, not a right.....therefore please refrain from any activity which may result in loss of our privilege to use this model flying field.

- do not fly noisy aircraft
- do not fly outside the boundaries of the field
- do not fly higher than the altitude limit of 400 feet
- do fly in a safe and courteous manner

### **THE NORMAL NOISE LEVEL FOR A FULL-THROTTLE FLY-BY AT 50 FEET IS EXPECTED TO BE 76DBA OR LESS**

All engines with displacement greater than .09 cubic inch must have an effective muffler. No open, flow through, or stack type mufflers are permitted.

All gasoline engines 50cc or larger must have a canister muffler or noise reduction equipment which will meet the sound requirements of this policy.

A Field Monitoring committee exists to identify activities at the site that may be offensive to the neighbors and to suggest appropriate solutions. If you or any other flyer is concerned about the noise of your airplane, please consult with a committee member.

The committee will use a decibel meter to gather sound measurements of an aircraft in the air. A subjective evaluation of the sound will also be noted by the committee members. The Committee will advise members with objectionably loud aircraft of ways to reduce the noise generated. Methods include lower engine speeds, better mufflers, alternative props (such as APC, Mejzlik, others), quieter engine selection, etc.

### **AIRCRAFT DETERMINED TO BE TOO NOISY SHOULD NOT BE FLOWN AT NORTHAMPTON**

The Field Monitoring Committee members are:

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The committee welcomes your comments about the policy or any test results you participated in.

**FIELD RULES**  
*(Updated October 2005)*  
**COMMON TO ALL FIELDS**

1. A current AMA or MAAC license is required
2. Model flying must be in accordance with the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code
3. Only people essential to flight operations are permitted in the pit area
4. Channel numbered clothespin must be in your possession and your license must be displayed on the frequency board before operating your transmitter
5. Transmitters must be impounded when not in use
6. Maximum of four planes in the air at one time
7. No taxiing within the pit area
8. Flight operations must be from designated pilot stations or control point
9. All engines (with displacement greater than .09 cubic inch) must have an effective muffler. **SEE NOISE RECOMMENDATIONS**
10. Carry-in/carry-out.
11. For safety reasons, it is strongly recommended that you do not fly alone

**BLACK CREEK PARK ADDITIONAL RULES**

1. **“GLIDERS AND ELECTRIC POWERED AIRPLANES ONLY”**
2. No models powered by internal combustion engines allowed
3. No flying over playgrounds or populated areas
4. Check radio frequency with other pilots before operating transmitter

**NORTHAMPTON PARK**

1. **“RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT ONLY”**
2. Flying hours are 10 am to sunset
3. An observer for full-scale aircraft is required
4. Do not fly higher than approximately 400 feet
5. Do not fly west of northwest boundary wind sock except when taking off or landing
6. Engine testing is to be performed in the designated area
7. Tuesday evenings from 4 PM till sunset are reserved for training (May through September)

Rule enforcement assistance: RCCR Pres. Bill Stauber- (723-1122), PARKS DEPT.- (637-2345)

Russ Schiolino @ Home- (293-1795)

(It would be helpful to obtain the name and AMA# of those who do not cooperate)

**HASMAN FIELD**

1. **RCCR members only**
2. A special pass, issued by RCCR, is required
3. No restrictions on flying hours
4. Keep vehicles off all runways.

# RCCR Turbine Policy

(approved 6/13/2007)

In addition to all existing RCCR field rules and the AMA Safety Code, the following rules apply specifically to flying turbine-powered models:

## General

- The operator must possess a valid AMA turbine wavier and log book for examination, with a minimum of five turbine-powered flights recorded.
- The RCCR Turbine Committee reserves the right to revoke any person's turbine operation privileges at any time, given sufficient cause.

Due to the restricted airspace at Northampton Park, the following rules apply to the operation of turbine-powered aircraft at Northampton Park ONLY:

- Maiden or test flights of turbine powered aircraft are not permitted.
- Two practice flights must be performed at an alternate field with boundaries set to simulate conditions at Northampton. A non-member may perform these flights at an alternate RCCR field as a guest. A single demo flight then must be performed at Northampton Park. Pilots taking their wavier test at Northampton are excluded from this requirement.
- All practice and demonstration flights must be witnessed by at least two RCCR turbine committee members.
- AMA Wavier test and subsequent supervised flights may be done at Northampton Park providing the administering pilot has met RCCR requirements, and a buddy box system is used.
- Pilots that have been cleared to fly turbines at Northampton Park will be issued a pass indicating such.

## Procedural

- Extreme care should be taken to minimize damage to the grass runway surface.
- A blast deflector must be used during startup and static engine runs.
- When the aircraft is in the runway area, it must maintain constant forward momentum while the engine is running to prevent damage to the grass.
- Any high-speed pass shall occur at the far side of the runway or beyond.
- A dedicated spotter must be present for the operator of a turbine aircraft at all fields.