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IRCC FIELD RULES

- 1) Flying is restricted to current IRCC club members and their guests. Sponsoring club members must be present and are responsible for their guests. A “Guest” is defined as a current AMA member and who has not been a member of the Imperial Radio Control Club within the previous six months. A guest will be permitted to fly up to **two days** per calendar year. Any person who had been denied club membership or any previous member who was removed from the club shall not be allowed to fly as a guest.
- 2) When flying on the 72 MHz frequency, the member/guest **must** place his/her club card or AMA card on the frequency board over the corresponding channel.
- 3) On arrival at the field, all 72 MHz. transmitters or modules must be turned off. **DO NOT TURN ON** until the Frequency Board has been checked.
- 4) The AMA Safety Code must be observed at all times.
- 5) All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.
- 6) Flight ready aircraft should be placed on the start-up benches adjacent to the main shelter/building or in grass area south of the east/west taxiway and must be restrained by some means when starting. Ideally, a flying buddy should assist you with this unless you are using one of the “start-up” stands. All aircraft (including electrics) should only be started in this area. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should an engine/motor be started under the shelter(s) or in any area that could pose a threat to the safety of the operator or others around them. Engine test runs and break-in shall be done as far away from the main shelter/building as not to be a noise nuisance to the other members. If a member is annoyed by the proximity of the engine test run/break-in, the member conducting the test run must relocate their aircraft to a more suitable location to perform the testing/break-in that is not causing noise problems with the member in attendance.
- 7) Flying must be conducted north of the East/West runway. Do not fly north of the IRCC fence line beyond the trees; this is a Seven Wetlands Bird Sanctuary. Do not fly south (behind you) of the main runway. Observe the no-fly areas and help protect our flying site. Helicopter & Heli “3D” flights should be flown at the

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southwest portion of the field. These flight operations are limited to one flight at any one time, and may in no way interfere with normal runway flight operations. Pylon testing, practice and races will be conducted in the location designated for their operations or on the main runway.

8) All flying should be performed with the pilot positioned on any of the designated pads or at least 25' south of the main runway. Pilots should always announce their intentions - Take off, Landing, Touch & Go, On the Runway, etc. to the other pilots on the flight line. **Under no circumstances** should a pilot or individual be on the runway or open flying area until **ALL** pilots on the flight line acknowledge that they have heard the intention and give the OK!

9) Test flights and solo flights are permissible when such a request is made to other pilots at the field and they are agreeable.

10) Low speed and high speed passes shall be made only parallel to the East-West runway and, when other pilots are present, at least 25 feet north of the main runway.

11) There will be no taxiing into the pit area from the flight line. **ALL** aircraft, regardless of power systems, will be shut down prior to crossing the **yellow** lines.

12) Always point the nose of the aircraft with an engine running toward the infield, not toward the spectators. This courtesy will also keep you from blasting your buddies aircraft and flight box.

13) Only designated Introductory Pilot Instructors may fly others that do not possess valid AMA and membership credentials.

14) Flight instructors and club officers are responsible for enforcing all flight, field and safety rules. They are required to call infractions to the attention of the violator. Any member may do so if neither an instructor nor club officer is present. However, it is expected that all such incidents will be handled "tactfully and with discretion". Remember, we are trying to maintain safety, not alienate anyone.

15) Sailplane flying has been safely and seamlessly integrated into flying activities at IRCC since the 1970's. Sailplane launching requires that launch lines be oriented in a predominantly east/west manner. The field provides the needed space in that direction. North /South is not possible.

- a. No sailplane launch lines will cross or infringe on the paved runway.
- b. All sailplane launch activities will be set up well to the North of the runway at a distance that will minimize or eliminate any interaction between powered

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aircraft and tow lines.

- c. Sailplane pilots will give deference to powered aircraft that are in takeoff or landing mode by delaying launch.
- d. No sailplane will be launched if appears that the powered plane remains in a flight pattern in the area that the launch will likely fly through.
- e. Prior to setting out launch equipment, sailplane pilots will advise all present that he will be doing so.
- f. The nature of sailplane flying places its activities later in the day, typically when powered aircraft flying is at a minimum or nonexistent.
- g. Sailplane / thermal flying is naturally limited to days when weather is conducive to creation of natural convective lift .
- h. Equipment is delivered and or picked up by vehicle to its place of use usually in close proximity to the fences on the extreme east or west side of the field . No vehicles remain there, they are promptly returned to the parking area.
- i. Sailplane pilots will employ an audible indication that a launch will commence.

The launch phase will normally take no more than 30-40 seconds.

16) Mowing of the field takes precedence over flying. If the person mowing feels it is unsafe to fly while out in the field, he has the authority to close the field.

17) No littering.

18) The last member to leave the field at any time will close and lock the gate. If any guests are present they must leave at that time as well.

19) During times of pandemic, unless directed by state officials to quarantine and shut down operations, members of the IRCC shall suspend all guest and visitors and upon entry to the IRCC keep the gate closed at all times. The first member to arrive for the day shall unlock the gate and it shall remain unlocked, however every member shall ensure the gate is kept closed (and unlocked) during day-time operation and the last member to leave for the day shall ensure the gate is locked. Members of the IRCC shall assess their own personal risk during the pandemic and assess whether they wish to fly at the IRCC or not. If a member chooses not to participate, that is OK, however, the IRCC will conduct flying operations if allowed by state officials.

20) The IRCC generator use shall be approved by an IRCC club officer for use. Official use is limited to the following:

A. The generator is authorized to be used during oppressively hot months to operate the fans during meetings.

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- B. The generator is authorized to be used 8 hours a day during any official sanctioned flying event.
- C. The generator is authorized to be run for official maintenance activity.
- D. Personal use of the IRCC generator for their personal activities are not allowed. Members shall use the solar powered stations for power, charge at home ahead of flying or invest in a personal generator.

21) If all else fails and you are not sure what to do, courtesy and common sense should prevail.