



Vista View Flyers Club Rules

The Broward County Parks Department and Vista View Flyers Club jointly welcome you to the Vista View Park flying site. Flying at Vista View Park is granted by the Broward County Board of Commissioners subject to Compliance with the official AMA safety code and the Broward County Parks safety rules, regulations and posted signs which have been adopted by Vista View Flyers Club.

1. You must apply and be approved for a Vista View Flyers Club membership to fly at this Vista View Park site per our contract with the county and our insurance agreement. This field is privately funded, maintained and overseen with the cooperation of the park staff.
2. Before flying at this field all pilots must have the Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Coverage provided by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). A current valid Open AMA membership card needs to be presented for membership. Park flyer AMA cards will not be accepted.
3. The official AMA safety code, Vista View Park rules and Vista View Flyers Club rules are in effect at all times when flying at Vista View Park.
4. You must wear your Vista View Flyers Membership ID in a visible location at all times when at the Vista View field.
5. All 72MHz and 27MHz flight frequencies are obtained by the pilot placing a frequency reservation card or your AMA card in the proper slot on the frequency control board. All 72MHz and 27MHz transmitters must display a frequency channel flag as per AMA guidelines. If you fly 2.4GHz you don't need to post anything on the frequency board but you still need to wear your Vista View Flyers Membership ID.
6. All aircraft flown at Vista View Park must be silent powered aircraft. Examples of these are electric aircraft and helicopters as well as assisted and unassisted gliders. No internal combustion engine powered aircraft are allowed.
7. A maximum of eight aircraft are allowed to be airborne at any one time. Five of these can be powered aircraft flown in the designated power aircraft area. Three of these can be gliders flown in the designated glider area. For details on the designated flying zone please consult the map posted on the bulletin board at the flying site.
8. Deliberate flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
9. Direction of flight is determined by the wind direction.
10. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
11. Pilots must fly from the flight line pads except during take-offs and landings. No one should be forward of the flight line unless they have take-off or landing clearance. Unless special clearance is given only one pilot may take-off or land at one time. Landing aircraft have runway right-of-way. Dead stick landings have first priority. Pilots must announce their intentions to establish clearance and enter the fly zone (pilots shall make appropriate announcement when taking off, landing, or emergency situations.)
12. Spectators are not permitted in the fly zone; only pilots and designated pit crew.
13. All posted regulations must be observed.
14. Keep the area clean from all trash and debris.
15. No alcohol is permitted.
16. No planes are to be worked on while sitting at the picnic tables.
17. Common sense will apply at all times. Safety, being paramount, is everyone's responsibility.
18. Be aware that Vista View Park is a multi-purpose park. At times horses, pedestrians and paragliders main enter our fly-zone. If this were to happen stay high or land immediately; whichever is safest.
19. No aggressive action towards an individual or individuals (physical or verbal, deliberate destruction of others property, etc.) will be tolerated. This will result in immediate loss of all flying privileges and being asked to leave the park permanently.
20. The above rules are additions to the Vista View Park General Rules. All rules of the flying field and Vista View Park are to be observed while at the flying field. Any violations of these safety regulations can subject the offender to removal from the flying site and from the park. Vista View Flyers Club officers and Park officers have the right to deny anyone the right to fly if they deem any rules are being violated, please respect this authority.

2010 Official Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

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GENERAL

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and any additional rules specific to the flying site.

1. Model aircraft will not be flown:
 - (a) In a careless or reckless manner.
 - (b) At a location where model aircraft activities are prohibited.
2. Model aircraft pilots will:
 - (a) Yield the right of way to all man carrying aircraft.
 - (b) See and avoid all aircraft and a spotter must be used when appropriate. (AMA Document #540-D-See and Avoid Guidance.)
 - (c) Not fly higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level within three (3) miles of an airport, without notifying the airport operator.
 - (d) Not interfere with operations and traffic patterns at any airport, heliport or seaplane base except where there is a mixed use agreement.
 - (e) Not exceed a takeoff weight, including fuel, of 55 pounds unless in compliance with the AMA Large Model Aircraft program. (AMA Document 520-A)
 - (f) Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors).
 - (g) Not operate aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts except for helicopters operated under the provisions of AMA Document #555.
 - (h) Not operate model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug which could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
 - (i) Not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode or burn, or any device which propels a projectile or drops any object that creates a hazard to persons or property. Exceptions:
 - Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight.
 - Rocket motors (using solid propellant) up to a G-series size may be used provided they remain attached to the model during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code but may not be launched from model aircraft.
 - Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Team AMA Program Document (AMA Document #718).
 - (j) Not operate a turbine-powered aircraft, unless in compliance with the AMA turbine regulations. (AMA Document #510-A).
3. Model aircraft will not be flown in AMA sanctioned events, air shows or model demonstrations unless:
 - (a) The aircraft, control system and pilot skills have successfully demonstrated all maneuvers intended or anticipated prior to the specific event.
 - (b) An inexperienced pilot is assisted by an experienced pilot.
4. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

RADIO CONTROL (RC)

1. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
2. A successful radio equipment ground-range check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations will be completed before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
3. At all flying sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place (AMA Document #706-Recommended Field Layout):
 - (a) Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
 - (b) At air shows or demonstrations, a straight safety line must be established.
 - (c) An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
 - (d) Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
4. RC model aircraft must use the radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
5. RC model aircraft will not operate within three (3) miles of any pre-existing flying site without a frequency-management agreement (AMA Documents #922-Testing for RF Interference; #923- Frequency Management Agreement)
6. With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations, excluding takeoff and landing, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flight line.
7. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
8. RC flying requires a lighting system providing the pilot with a clear view of the model's attitude and orientation at all times.
9. The pilot of a RC model aircraft shall:
 - (a) Maintain control during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
 - (b) Fly using the assistance of a camera or First-Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #550.

Broward County Parks and Recreation Division

For your Safety

The following partial list of park rules and regulations is provided to help ensure that your visit with us is as safe and enjoyable as possible. A comprehensive list is posted at each park for your convenience. If the park has camping, specific camping regulations are available at the park office. Please be responsible for the safety of yourself and your family.

- Possession and/or discharge of firearms, weapons, fireworks, rockets, and/or explosives within any park (except at the Markham Park Target Range) is strictly prohibited.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages, excluding beer and wine, in the parks is prohibited.
- Beer and wine may also be prohibited in designated areas (specifically in all neighborhood parks). Permits may be required for the possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Please refrain from bringing glass containers into any park.
- Vehicles are allowed only on authorized roads and parking areas. All State of Florida laws are enforced including speed limits. Illegally parked and abandoned vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Please do not feed any wild animals or birds. This is against the law and is also unsafe for you and for them.
- Removing any plants and/or animals is prohibited. Please respect all park facilities and animal and plant life. Take only photographs, leave only footprints.
- Releasing, abandoning, or harming wildlife or domestic animals is prohibited.
- Swimming is only permitted in designated areas of some parks and only when lifeguards are on duty. Please do not allow your family or pets to wade or swim in any unsupervised lakes or waterways.
- Fishing permitted in designated areas of some parks. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission laws enforced. A fishing license may be required (for ages 16 and up). Catch and release encouraged.
- Grills or fire rings are provided for cooking only in most parks. Ground fires within established fire rings are only allowed with park management approval. No grill cooking allowed at Fern Forest or Secret Woods.
- You can bring your pet to most parks (sorry, no pets allowed in Nature Centers). For the safety of your pet and others, make sure your pet is always on a leash no longer than six feet in length. Pets are not allowed on athletic fields, near designated swimming areas nor in certain designated areas of some parks. Owners must clean up after their pets.
- Bicyclists and skateboarders are asked to use only roadways and designated paths in parks that allow bicycles. Dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles and go-carts are not allowed in any park.
- If the park allows horses, horse riders must remain on trails and paths designated for horses.
- Any person violating the existing rules and regulations or, in the opinion of a park official, is constituting a public nuisance or potential hazard to persons or property, or exhibiting disorderly conduct, shall be served notice by the park official and expelled from park property without refund of fees. Such violations are also subject to prosecution in accordance with Florida Statute 125.69.
- In accordance with Broward County Code Chapter 25 ½, please keep your parks and waterways clean and litter-free.
- Vendors must comply with our insurance requirements.