

GREEN VALLEY RC FLYERS
FICO Field Rules
August 10, 2015 - Revised

1. All flyers must have in their possession a current AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) card or MAAC (Model Aeronautics of Canada) card-**NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. All flyers must comply with both Green Valley RC Flyers RC Field Rules and current AMA National Model Safety Code posted on bulletin board or at www.modelaircraft.org.
3. Use only a start-up table to start engines or plug in battery to electrics. For oversize gas engine airplanes, utilize the space immediately North or South of the Safety Fence, parallel w/tables. Never start an engine or plug in electric's battery East of start-up tables or in parking areas.
4. **No taxiing in the pit area-taxi from center space between Safety Fences, or from parallel starting location North or South of Safety Fence.**
5. **Flyers must stand @ a flight station @ the Safety Fence and notify any other pilots of taking off or landing.**
6. **All takeoffs and landings must be on the runway parallel to the Safety Fence** (except glider tug).
7. Flying alone is strongly discouraged, no matter the pilot's experience. Another person should be available for emergency. If pilot is alone, quietly stand by the pilot and enjoy the flight.
8. Aircraft attempting to land have the right-of-way over all other aircraft. An aircraft with a dead engine always has the right-of-way and pilot should call out loudly "**dead stick**" to warn others.
9. Always call out loudly "**on the field**" anytime going west of Safety Fence, only if traffic is clear & **quickly walk perpendicular** to the fence, retrieve airplane and call out "**clear**" upon returning.
10. Except for take-off and landing, all flying will be **in the zone, West** of the far edge of the runway, **East** of the Pecan trees, **South of the no-fly zone-no flying over the runway.** Exceptions are **called out** low passes and/or touch-and-go's, over or on the runway.
11. Pilots should conform to the traffic pattern at all times, established by direction of wind-sock.
12. Always **abort** any take-off (by shutting down the engine or motor) if there appears to be **any** possibility the aircraft involved will cross East behind Safety Fence and/or into any spectator/parking area.
13. **Absolutely no intentional flying over start-up/pits, spectator or parking areas.**
14. Never stand alongside or in front of an engine or motor at any throttle setting other than idle.
15. Any unsafe flying will be determined by GVRC Safety Officers. Pilot will be informed if found in violation and GVRC Bylaws/AMA procedures will be followed for any action required.
16. All vehicles must be parked in the designated area East of the Spectator Fence-No **vehicles in the pit area.**
17. Spectators are not allowed in active pilot area and must remain in the area East of the Spectator Fence.
18. Please help us keep the field clean. As we have limited facilities, trash and discarded items especially broken aircraft, should be taken home by owner; if **you pack it in, pack it home.**
19. Engine testing & long runs (3 minutes max) should be conducted at engine test table at far Northeast corner of field.
20. Towed Glider Operations will be conducted from Northeast corner of FICO Field:
 - a. When traffic pattern is busy, glider operations will sequence w/normal RC traffic-regular RC traffic will then accommodate glider sequencing
 - b. As traffic allows, glider tow plane pilot will sound a **single blast of air horn before taking off.**
 - c. As traffic allows, glider tow plane pilot will sound a **twin blast of air horn when landing.**
 - d. If workers are present in the composting operation North of the field, glider operations must be suspended, or moved closer to North end of the safety fence.
21. Pilots utilizing 72 MHz radios must adhere to frequency control via the **pin-up board.**
22. No helicopter or multi-rotor aircraft flying at the FICO Flying Field.