

Resolution #2019-99
To Rescind Resolution 2013-28

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

There is hereby established a radio controlled (RC) Airplane Park located adjacent to the Valley Grande Sports Complex to promote development of model aviation as a recreational activity.

Section 2.

The intent of this resolution is to establish the safety rules and regulations of the radio controlled (RC) Airplane Park as follows:

GENERAL:

A model aircraft is a non-human carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with these safety rules and any additional rules specific to the flying site.

1. All pilots shall be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and participate in the AMA Liability Protection insurance.
2. All pilots shall show proof of AMA membership to the City Clerk's office and will be issued a permit to fly on the City of Valley Grande's radio controlled Airplane Park.
3. All pilots must be 19 years of age or older to receive a permit to fly on the City of Valley Grande's radio controlled Airplane Park. Anyone under 19 years of age must be accompanied by a pilot with the proper permits. A signed release will be required by the minor's parent or legal guardian before being allowed to fly at the Airplane Park. It will be the responsibility of the permitted pilot to obtain the required release and submit it to City Hall.
4. All aircraft shall be identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. In addition, all aircraft will have the pilot's FAA registration number displayed on the exterior of the aircraft in compliance with the latest FAA regulations.
5. Model aircraft shall not be flown in a reckless manner or while the pilot is under the influence of alcohol or any drug which could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
6. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles, or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
7. No flying will be allowed during other functions being held at the Valley Grande Sports Complex.
8. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with the following Valley Grande sight safety rules and the Academy of Model Aeronautic National Model Aircraft Safety Code which is hereby attached to this resolution. Pilots flying while utilizing First Person View (FPV) shall have a spotter who maintains unaided visual line of sight with the model at all times and shall otherwise be in compliance with AMA Doc#550. Pilots flying while utilizing failsafe, stabilization, autopilot, ground-station, and cameras/sensors shall be in compliance with AMA Doc #560.

9. Compliance to the safety rules and operational rules is the responsibility of each participant. Any infraction of these rules will result in the pilot's loss of flight privileges and permit.

FLYING SIGHT SAFETY RULES:

1. A safety line must be established in front of which all flying takes place. Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
2. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
3. An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
4. Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area.
5. Children should not be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the direct supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
6. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
7. Models will fly only in pre-designated areas and will yield right-of-way to full size aircraft.
8. Electrically powered models will only be armed (battery connected to ESC) and unarmed (battery disconnected to the ESC) when the model is on the runway. Models will be pointed away from the Flying Field pavilion area and pit area prior to arming. No armed models are permitted under the Flying Field pavilion at any time. Glow and gas-powered models will be cranked in the front of the Flying Field pavilion.
9. Prior to flying any model at the Valley Grande Remote Controlled Flight Field, pilots shall test their model's fail-safe settings to ensure that they are properly set. If the fail-safe test is performed at the Flight Field, the test will be performed as follows:
 - a. The model shall be on the runway, pointed away from the Flight Field pavilion, pit area and spectators.
 - b. The model's prop must be removed, or the model restrained by a helper or by a starting stand, and;
 - c. Running the model at approximately 20-25% throttle and cutting off the transmitter to ensure that the throttle goes to 0%
10. Pilots are encouraged to set up and use their transmitter's Throttle Cut for each model they fly.

FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES:

1. No flying before 7:00 am Monday – Saturday or before 12:30 pm on Sundays. No flying after sunset.
2. Mufflers are required on all models with liquid fuel (gas or glow) engines.
3. Fliers operating models must display AMA membership cards and City of Valley Grande permit for easy identification.

4. When more than one person is on the flight line or in the vicinity of the flight line, pilots shall make appropriate announcement when going onto the runway, taking off, landing, or in emergency situations.

Section 3.

Each and every provision of this resolution is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this resolution would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 4.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attest:

Janet Frasier, City Clerk