

## Field Procedures & Safety Guidelines

Board of Directors Meeting – Approved Jun. 24, 2026

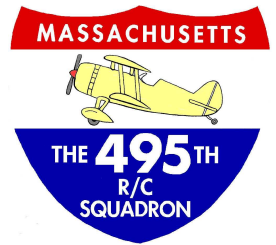
Field Marshals – Lew Sanderson & Jerry Pacelli

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If you observe someone who isn't, please ask them to cooperate. The following guidelines  
were designed to make our field the best and safest:*

1. All AMA safety rules apply.
2. When the tenant farmer or his workers are present Ogonowski field **IS CLOSED**.
3. AMA membership is required and pilots must be SOLO certified by a 495th RC Squadron instructor:
  - Members are required to use a current club-issued membership card
  - Members must have a current AMA membership card available for inspection, a copy is not valid
  - **Guests are not currently permitted to fly at the Ogonowski field as of 9/24/2025**
  - Prospective members learning to fly must complete training with a qualified instructor and receive club-issued membership card before they can fly solo.
  - Experienced pilots joining the 495<sup>th</sup> RC Squadron must meet with a qualified instructor before they are allowed to fly solo. This is important in order to: 1) Confirm pilot basic flying skills, 2) Go over field layout and limitations and 3) Receive club-issue membership card
  - Under no circumstances should ANYONE fly without a club-issued membership card
4. **Gas and Nitro** Engines cannot be started before 10:00am Monday through Saturday and 12:00pm on Sunday:
  - All aircraft shall be started/armed on the starting benches in the designated “pit area” only and restrained at all times
  - Engines are required to meet NOISE LIMITS defined as 92db at 20ft (see below)
  - Fuel spillage is strictly prohibited
  - Gasoline engines are required to have an appropriate fire extinguisher present
  - Gliders and electric powered aircraft can fly anytime
5. Compliance with the field map is mandatory:
  - Taxiing from the pit area to the active runway is allowed, taxiing between pilot stations is not allowed
  - Pilots must occupy a flight station from take off to landing
  - Takeoffs and controlled landings are allowed from the active runway only
  - Pilots must communicate their actions and intentions when taking off, landing, or performing “touch and goes” to other pilots active on the flight line. Pilots on the flight line must acknowledge that communication
  - Hovering and 3D flying over the runway must be conducted from the centerline of the active runway and beyond and **IS PROHIBITED** over the active runway when other pilots are flying
  - All flying must be conducted from the centerline of the runway and beyond
  - A SAFETY “no fly zone” from the pilot stations to the centerline of the runway is to be observed
  - Flying beyond the tree line to the immediate left and right side of the field is not allowed. **See the field map as a guide to the field boundaries.**
  - Following a landing the runway should be vacated ASAP
  - Engines/motors must be shut down before entering the pit area
6. Helicopters must have the main rotor restrained when starting in the pit area at all times:
  - Pilots must place their helicopter on the centerline of the active runway before they release the main rotor

- Hovering over the active runway and fuel checks are limited to 15 seconds
  - All pilots using the hover pad should stay within the confines of the circle no higher than 10ft
  - Hovering pilots shall retain a safety distance of not less than 25ft. between them and the helicopter
  - All electric helicopters **greater than** 500 size class must observe Nitro/Gas operating hours
7. Trash is your responsibility. There is no trash collection at the field. Ogonowski field is under a carry in / carry out system. If you bring anything to the field you must take it with you when you leave.
  8. No smoking near the starting benches / pit area or where there is any volatile material and do not throw any smoking materials on the field.
  9. Be courteous; Ogonowski field is a family friendly environment. Foul language is strictly prohibited. Remember that visitors and our neighbors are watching and listening!
  - 10. The Porta-Potty was installed for the benefit & convenience of members and guests – if you need to ‘Go’, please use it! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
  11. During busy times, members should use the Pin Pole to place themselves in the ‘queue’ to reserve their place to fly. Flight order is on a first come – first served basis. A maximum of 4 powered airplanes/helicopters and 1 glider are allowed to fly simultaneously.
  12. Members using 72 MHz radio equipment should be vigilant to ensure that no frequency conflicts occur!

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**495<sup>th</sup> R/C Squadron, Inc. Noise Limits (db)**

**92 db at 20' for all aircraft (per AMA document #927 Guidelines)**

**NOISE LIMIT TEST CONDITIONS**

All Aircraft:

Model resting on short grass, meter 20ft from muffler, and 24" above ground pointing at model. Meter set to "A" weighting scale. If muffler points directly at the ground, raise model 2ft off the ground. Read dB reading.

**Ogonowski Field Committee**

John Morley, Bob Goulet, Bob Merlino, Bill Smeltzer  
Lew Sanderson, Jerry Pacelli – Field Marshals

