Permit Application
to Fly Radio Controlled Model Aircraft at Fairview Park

Applicant Information

Date: _____

Name (please print clearly): _____

Home Address: _____ zip _____

Business Address: _____ zip _____

Telephone: Home: ( ) _____ Business: ( ) _____

Cell Phone: ( ) _____

Fax: ( ) _____ E-Mail: _____

Academy of Model Aeronautics

Member: Yes _____ **No** _____ AMA No.: _____

Valid AMA Year: _____

Photo I.D. confirmed: Yes _____ No _____

Experience

List experience flying model aircraft: _____

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Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true and correct and that I have reviewed the City of Costa Mesa Ordinance No. _____ Adopting Radio Controlled Model Aircraft Flying Regulations for Fairview Park and I agree to comply with all the requirements and regulations of that Ordinance.

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Applicant's Signature

Date _____

Submit to City of Costa Mesa, Recreation Division, 3rd Floor, 77 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, California. If you have any questions, please call (714) 754-5300.

FAIRVIEW PARK FLYING FIELD RULES

1.0 Field Rules: The intent of these rules is to promote flying safety, financial responsibility and environmental protection by maintaining order, controlling frequency usage, educating and training fliers, and to act as good neighbors to the community.

Rules are based upon the AMA Safety Code, the AMA field recommendations, FAA Advisory Circular AC 91-57, and ordinances as established by the City of Costa Mesa. All pilots must follow these rules to fly at Fairview Park.

2.0 Permit Requirements: All pilots are required to have a permit to fly at Fairview Park. This permit ensures each pilot has financial responsibility and promises to follow these field rules. The permit is obtainable from the City of Costa Mesa, Recreation Division. The only exception is the following:

2.1 Visiting Pilots: Licensed AMA members, who are experienced pilots visiting Fairview Park to participate in a City-approved scheduled event. Visiting pilots must show event organizer their AMA Membership license, and review and agree in writing to the Flying Field Rules. They are then allowed to fly in the event.

3.0 Environmental Protection: Vernal pools are large, shallow depressions in the ground that acquire several inches of water during rainy seasons. These pools contain Fairy Shrimp that are an endangered species and are protected by Fairview Park ordinances. Everyone is restricted from walking in the vernal pool areas, whether wet or dry. Pilots should fly over the vernal pools only at an altitude that ensures they will not land in the pool area. In the event of an unavoidable landing in the vernal pool area, the pilot should retrieve his plane in a manner that degrades the area the least. Launching or landing aircraft equipped with floats is not permitted in the pools.

Harassment of animals and birds is not allowed in the park. Do not disturb native plants.

4.0 Safety: All pilots must follow the Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code, which is posted at the flying site, in addition to the following field rules.

4.1 Before Turning on Transmitter: Before turning on a transmitter, each pilot must first check the frequency control board to ensure no other pilot is using the frequency the pilot wishes to use. The pilot must then place an identification clip on that frequency on the board. Identification clips are to have the channel number and the pilot's first and last name. Only then may the pilot turn on the transmitter and fly the aircraft.

When finished flying, the pilot must remove the clip from the control board. No clip may be attached to an existing clip. A pilot may use only one frequency channel at a time.

When other flyers are using the frequency the pilot wishes to use (and they have their clip on the frequency number), a pilot must make every reasonable attempt to locate those flyers. Check all cars in the parking lot and also flyers on the slope soaring area. Once the pilot using the desired frequency is identified, and if shared usage is agreed upon, flights should be limited to no more than 20 minutes by each pilot.

All pilots must display their City issued permit above their waist.

4.2 New Aircraft: All new aircraft must have a radio range check performed before its first flight. Any crashed aircraft should also be radio range checked after repair.

4.3 Model Aircraft Must Be Identified: All model aircraft must be identified with the owner's name and address or AMA number on or in the aircraft.

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5.1 Approved types of planes: Approved types of planes include all forms of radio-controlled gliders, motor gliders, electric powered aircraft and helicopters, and free flight models. Models that may not be flown include fuel (gas) powered internal combustion engines, rockets, and any aircraft exceeding the AMA weight limit.

5.2 Rules applicable to all model aircraft: Every pilot shall perform a pre-flight inspection prior to each launching of their aircraft to ensure that the aircraft is safe to fly and no unobserved damage was sustained from the previous flight.

5.3 Excluded Flying Areas: Aircraft should not be flown over the Waldorf School, nor the parking lot, residences, and pedestrians on or off the paths.

5.4 Altitude Limitations: Flying is limited to 400' above ground level.

5.5 Flying Methods: No Combat flying allowed. No high speed passes at low altitude over the runway. Flying near people is not allowed. The flight line for a powered aircraft is identified on the attached site map in front of the pit area. Flying behind (south of) the flight line is not allowed.

5.6 Hours of Use: The field may be used during the posted hours, which is between dawn and dusk, seven days a week except for those times when the field is posted closed for special events.

5.7 Pedestrian Traffic: Pilots MUST NOT fly close to pedestrians, skaters and bicyclists using the park. Maintain a safe distance between your aircraft and park users.

Specific Flying Areas and Rules (Consult Flying Field Map and Fairview Park Master Plan):

6.1 Gliders: Gliders shall be launched from the designated area marked on the map, using electric winches, electric motors or bungee hi-starts. Gliders should use the area north of the runway with care. Gliders in flight have the right-of-way over powered aircraft. Gliders in flight have the right-of-way over gliders being launched.

6.2 Electric powered model aircraft: Electric powered models are to be flown from the runway shown on the map. Do not fly behind the flight line (or dead line), over the paved pedestrian path or anywhere south of the runway. Powered aircraft must yield right-of-way to gliders. Pilots must remain out of the landing area except when retrieving their planes.

6.3 Slope soaring gliders: Slope soaring gliders may use the bluff at the western edge of Fairview Park. Electric powered aircraft are not allowed on the bluff. Pilots should avoid landing in the vernal pools. Pilots should take care to follow frequency control procedures.

6.4 Motor gliders: Motor gliders should be launched in the vicinity of the glider winch.

6.5 Hand launched gliders: Hand launched gliders are to be flown from the area designated on the map.

6.6 Helicopters and 3-D Stunt Planes: These aircraft are to be flown in the area indicated for electric power aircraft. Helicopters must give right-of-way to all other aircraft.

6.7 Free flight model aircraft: Free flight models are currently being flown on a grassy area within the developed part of the park.

7.0 Large Events: Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) is authorized to hold model aviation events that are scheduled by HSS and a Special Event Permit has been issued by the City. This applies to events anticipating the attendance of 25 or more participants. During these one to two (1–2) day events, the field will be closed to the general public flying for part of each day. The hours must be announced and posted at least two (2) weeks in advance.

8.0 Emergencies and who to contact:

Medical emergency or injury or crimes:

Call 911

Flying Field Rules violations and unauthorized activities:

Contact: Costa Mesa Police Communications at (714) 754-5252 and request Park Ranger.

Harbor Soaring Society:

Officers:	President	Walt Cloer	(714) 865-6411
	Vice President	Tom Burgess	(949) 376-7919

Address: P.O. Box 1673, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Pilots who cause damage to another person's aircraft, the private property of another individual or to public property must pay for the damage.

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