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This document forms part of the SAMAA Manual of Procedures. It is to be used by SAMAA Members and Registered Clubs in all activities associated with the flying of model aircraft in the RSA.

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SAMAA POLICY ON CODE OF ETHICS FOR MODEL FLYERS

1. Purpose

This procedure is to ensure the SAMAA members conform to an acceptable Code of Ethics during their participation of the sport of Model Aviation.

2. Definitions

SAMAA South Africa Model Aircraft Association

Member Member of the SAMAA

3. Applicable Documents

The SAMAA Manual of Operations.
The SAMAA Constitution
The SAMAA Safety Code

4. Code of Ethics

The SAMAA is an anti discriminatory and harassment free organization which abides by a 'code of conduct', which has been written into the SAMAA MOP's. The prime purpose of this code is to protect the health, safety and well being of all SAMAA members and those who participate in the activities of flying model aircraft.

- a. SAMAA seeks to provide a safe environment for all its members and those who participate in the activities of model flying.
- b. This code confirms that SAMAA, its committee and its members will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, victimization or abuse of those involved in its, or its member's activities
- d. This code records SAMAA commitment to strong ethical principles, requiring that all people participating in its activities must comply with principles of responsible and professional behavior.
- e. SAMAA advocates that everyone who participates in its and its members activities has the right to be treated with respect and dignity and that they have the right to have any complaints dealt with in a fair, confidential and sensitive manner.
- c. This code recognizes that certain types of harassment and discrimination are unlawful and that the notification of abuse to the relevant Government authority, in certain cases, is a legal requirement.

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- d. SAMAA and its members seek to recruit and retain only those people who commit to the principles set out in this code.
- e. SAMAA members are required to act in accordance with relevant Government Laws and are to abide by the appropriate Government regulations that apply to those people who have unsupervised contact with children under the age of 18 years old.

5. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all SAMAA Members to ensure that their actions conform to these Code of Ethics and that they respect the rights of other Modelers and flyers.

6. R/C Field Etiquette

Field etiquette is intended to outline the behavior which is expected of all SAMAA flyers and pilots operating at all flying sites in the RSA and is seen as common courtesy to fellow pilots or in some instances to comply with Safety criteria.

- (a) All R/C pilots, when at a SAMAA flying site, or when flying Model Aircraft will observe and obey the SAMAA Safety Rules and Manual of Operations and Club Rules, as posted on the SAMAA web-site, or printed in the Club Rules. For SAMAA see www.samaa.co.za.
- (b) No Member shall do anything to bring the sport of model aviation into disrepute.
- (c) R/C pilots, flying on 27,35, 53 and 54 Mhz will place their club and SAMAA Membership cards on their operating frequency on the frequency board before switching on their Transmitters. All pilots must restrict their use of their operating frequency to a maximum of 20 minutes, when others are waiting to fly **and will remove their cards, or markers from the frequency board after each flight, and return their Transmitter to the TX Pound.**
- (d) R/C pilots flying on 2,4 GHz, will place their club and SAMAA Membership cards on their operating frequency on the frequency board. Any pilots who is flying his model, must restrict his flying time to a maximum of 20 minutes, when others are waiting to

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fly, or the Club limit on “models in the air at one time” is reached. The pilot will remove his cards from the frequency board after each flight, and **return his Transmitter to the TX Pound.**

- (e) R/C pilots will be considerate when they fly their models, and will operate their aircraft in a way that does not interfere with or be a danger to other pilots, public or spectators.
- (f) R/C pilots and Members when flying, or in the pits must not, amongst many other abuses;
 - i.) monopolize the runway doing touch and goes.
 - ii.) Shooting up the runway without the permission of other pilots.
 - iii.) Fly irresponsibly, or dangerously.
 - iv.) Be considerate to other users of the airspace.
 - v.) Have noisy, or inadequately silenced engines in their aircraft.
 - vi.) Un-necessarily run or tune their model engines in the pit area.
 - vii.) Prop wash other aircraft in the pits area.
 - viii.) Borrow or use other pilots equipment, or tools without permission.
- (g) R/C pilots should, in the interest of safety, assist by holding a fellow modellers aircraft ,during motor start up, especially large model aircraft.
Carrying a fellow modellers model to the takeoff area will be an added courtesy.
- (h) When flying at any Club, or field where full size manned aircraft or helicopters are overflying , ask a member to act as a spotter for you, while you are flying.
**REMEMBER IT IS YOUR THE PILOT`S
RESPONSIBILITY TO GET HIS MODEL AIRCRAFT
OUT OF THE WAY OF ANY AND ALL FULL SIZED
AIRCRAFT .**