

#### 4.4 R/C Field Etiquette

The Field Etiquette is intended to outline those matters that are expected of all modellers/pilots as common courtesy and for every ones safety.

1. All R/C Pilots/modelers **shall** respect the safety codes.
2. R/C Pilots/modelers will restrict their use of the operating frequency when others are waiting.
3. R/C Pilots/modelers **shall** ensure that the operation of their model does not interfere with the enjoyment of the hobby/sport by others. These would include but are not limited to loud aircraft, unnecessary running of model engines in pit area, slipstream (propwash).
4. R/C Pilots/modelers are responsible for their guests or visitors including children and pets.
5. R/C Pilots/modelers **shall** be considerate when sharing the sky with other R/C Pilots/modelers by operating their aircraft in a way not to interfere with others.
6. If R/C Pilots/modelers fly their model aircraft within ten (10) Km of the centre of an airport, notice of operations will be given to the airport authority and/or tower. A spotter **shall** be used to avoid having models fly in the proximity of full size aircraft.
7. Safety practices are required in the pit area. MAAC members will adhere to the following:
  - (a) Metal propellers **shall** not be used. Pure nylon propellers (does not include the glass filled type) will not be used on engines of .40 cubic inch or larger. Repaired or damaged propellers will not be used.
  - (b) Pilots **shall** ensure that no one is standing in line with the propeller arc of operating engines.
  - (c) Aircraft will not be taxied in the pit area.
  - (d) When running model engines the model **shall** be placed to minimize the effects of slipstream (propwash).
  - (e) Slipstream effects from running engines can be dangerous to all affected and models should be positioned to minimize these effects.
  - (f) Smoking is prohibited in the pit area.
  - (g) Propellers will be secured in accordance with the engine and propeller manufacturer's recommendations.
  - (h) R/C Pilots are responsible for ensuring their spotter/helper is properly briefed regarding the carrying, testing, adjusting and general handling of the model aircraft.