

# METRO PARK BOARD POLICY

## 3000.13 RESTRICTIONS ON MODEL AIRCRAFT/BOATS

### I. Permits

A. Model aircraft/boats shall be allowed only upon the issuance of a permit by the Director of the Metropolitan Department of Parks and Recreation.

B. Any individual applying for a permit to operate model aircraft/boats shall:

1. File an application provided by the staff of the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation.
2. Pay an established annual permit fee. (Fee increase 04/01/10)

Resident Non- Resident

\$33.00 \$44.00

3. Furnish proof of public liability insurance in amounts to be established by the Metropolitan Department of Law, Division of Insurance.

4. Affix Metropolitan Park permit number on each model aircraft/boats [e.g.,MPP 0000].

C. Individuals who have obtained a permit may operate model aircraft/boats in Metropolitan Parks within the terms as provided on the permit. Permits shall be valid for up to one (1) calendar year and shall be renewed thirty days prior to January 1st of each year.

### II. Operation of Model Aircraft/Boats

A. Competitions are authorized only by special permit issued by the Board of Parks and Recreation with the exception of Warner Park Flying Field. Warner Flying Field is designated for recreational flying only - NO COMPETITIVE EVENTS ARE TO BE HELD AT THE WARNER FIELD.

B. Use shall be permitted in designated areas within designated Parks only.

C. Permittee may operate model aircraft/boats at the following sites During the designated scheduled hours:

#### 1. Aircraft:

Edwin Warner Park - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cane Ridge Park - 8:00 am to Dusk Daily

Peeler Park - 8:00 am to Dusk Daily

2. Boats:

Hamilton Creek Park "Beach Cove" - 7:00 am - Dusk Daily

These schedules may be altered by action of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

D. All permittee shall comply with safety regulations furnished to the permittee upon issuance of the model aircraft/boat permit.

E. All permittee shall be subject to all federal, state and local laws and the rules and regulations of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

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F. Violation of any of the aforesaid regulations shall be cause for suspension and/or revocation of a model aircraft/boat permit.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MODEL AIRCRAFT/BOAT PERMIT IN METROPOLITAN PARKS

A. Upon approval of an application for a model aircraft/boat permit by the Director of Parks and Recreation a permittee is authorized to operate model aircraft/boats in the Metropolitan Parks in accordance with the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth herein and the rules and regulations of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

B. All permittees shall maintain public liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000, or as determined by the Risk Management Division of the Metropolitan Government.

C. Permits are valid for up to one (1) calendar year. Permittee shall apply for renewal of a permit within thirty (30) days prior to January 1st of each year.

D. The Metropolitan Department of Parks and Recreation assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury or damages caused by the flying of radio-controlled model aircraft or any other operation of radio-controlled aircraft/boats in parks operated by the Metropolitan Department of Parks and Recreation.

E. Permittee agrees to indemnify and hold the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County harmless from any and all liabilities including but not limited to personal injury, property damage, court costs and attorneys fees which arise out of its use of park facilities owned and or operated by the Metropolitan Government.

F. Conditions for issuance of Aircraft permits:

1. The Department of Parks and Recreation prohibits the following:
  - a. Absolutely no flying shall be behind the zero line.
  - b. No aerobatics or high-speed passes are to be performed over the runway.
  - c. No flying outside of the flight boundaries specified on attachments to this permit application.
  - d. Taxiing toward the pits or taking off from the pits.
2. Insure that all transmitters have the proper frequency flags attached at all times as per AMA specifications.
3. Insure that all engines are equipped with effective noise reducing mufflers. All two-stroke engines with displacements of .15 cu or above shall be equipped with a non-flow through silencer. Four-stroke engines are exempt from this requirement so long as noise levels are not offensive.
4. Keep all model aircraft in the designated pit area when not being flown.
5. Insure that all engines are started on the runway, near the elected flight station, behind the zero line.
6. While flying, pilot shall remain behind the zero line and their selected flight station, and only go on or across the runway to retrieve the model.
7. Use frequency control systems at all times.
8. Announce takeoffs and landings.
9. All pilots shall observe all FCC and AMA regulations regarding the operation of radio equipment.
10. No more than six (6) airplanes shall fly at the same time.
11. Pilots and helpers shall stand at the designated areas of the flight line. Spectators shall be instructed that they shall at all times remain behind the pits.
12. All pilots will observe the following frequency control procedure.
  - a. Place your Park permit card or other identification in the slot provided on the frequency control board which corresponds to the flight station or the helicopter station which you intend to use. If all flight stations are in use, wait until a flight station becomes available.
  - b. Place frequency pin, i.e. clothespin with your channel and name, on the appropriate space on the frequency control board.
  - c. Turn your transmitter on only at your selected flight station after your Park permit card and frequency pin are placed on the frequency control board.
  - d. After each flight remove your card and frequency pin from the frequency control board.

13. All pilots will complete a successful radio equipment ground check on any new or repaired aircraft or radio prior to flying.

14. Pilots shall keep themselves and spectators clear of propeller arcs.

15. Any pilot utilizing gasoline fuel shall have a fire extinguisher readily available at all times.

16. When fixed wing aircraft are flying, helicopters shall, insomuch as possible, be flown in the same pattern and manner as fixed wing aircraft.

17. Hovering and all other maneuvers which interfere with the basic flow of air traffic over the field shall be performed at the designated helicopter flying area.

#### G. Conditions for issuance of Boat Permits.

1. Whenever running a boat, whether during a race or practicing, there should be a spotter to watch for any unsafe conditions which should arise around the pond.

2. A positive engine throttle control will be required of all boats.

3. Anyone in the Pit area MUST wear shoes. (Sandals or open-toed shoes of any kind are NOT acceptable).

4. All inboard hydros should have throwing handles.

5. No plastic props to be used above a 3.5 engine.

6. Boat stands should have prop guards.

7. Transmitter on/off switch shall be positioned in such a manner as to prevent its accidental shut off if bumped either during launching, handling or racing. (Same shall apply to switch on boat.)

8. There will be no model boats running on the pond while the pickup boat is working.

9. Coast Guard approved life vests and/or flotation devices should be worn, or at least available, in the pickup boat.

10. Spectator area should be kept back 20 feet from the shoreline, and signs should be posted: "No Spectators Beyond This Point".

11. "NO SWIMMING" signs should be posted in conspicuous places on all sides of the pond.

12. Any tent, dining fly, canopy, or similar device must have adequate in-ground anchors.

13. All accidents will be reported to the club's Safety Officer. In the event of an accident, the Safety Officer will write his opinion on the accident, and forward it to the IMPBA Safety Director as soon as possible.

14. IMPBA Accident and Injury forms will be kept at the race site at all times. If there should be an accident, it will be recorded on these forms and sent to the National Safety Director as soon as possible. The forms will be a prerequisite to payment of claims.