

PGRC Rules for Multi-Rotor and Helicopter Flying

Unless otherwise stated below, references to multi-rotor models apply equally to helicopter models.

1. Multi-rotor models may not be flown out over the field beyond the runway in the regular flight area when fixed-wing model aircraft are being flown.
2. When pilots of both fixed-wing and multi-rotor models are present at the field, they are urged to coordinate with one another for flight time for their particular model. In instances where flying time for each type of model cannot be negotiated (e.g., when the field is crowded and there are many of each type of model present), the first 15 minutes of each hour will be designated for multi-rotor flying, and the remainder of the hour designated for fixed-wing flying.
3. Small multi-rotor and electric helicopter models (weighing less than 3 pounds) may also be flown in hovering-type maneuvers immediately in front of the pilot and at low altitudes (less than 100 feet AGL), in the areas at the north and south ends of the field behind the flight line and forward of the “no taxi” signs. (See the figure below for approximate boundaries of these areas). It is the pilot’s responsibility to ensure that there are no persons in the immediate area who could be endangered during the flight. Larger models (e.g., 60-size helicopters) may not be flown in these areas. Provisions for Rule 3 will normally not apply during scheduled Club events, except as allowed by the Contest Director (CD).
4. Absolutely no flying is allowed over the pit area, pavilion, or the parking areas when there are others present at the field.
5. Multi-rotor flights outside the areas designated in items 1 – 3 above may be conducted (e.g., for photographic or video collection flights) only if agreed upon by the other pilots present.

