

Coyle Field Astronomers, Rules Of Use and Policies For Coyle Field.

Please carefully read this document in its entirety

- **C.F.A. Rules and Policies, for Use of Coyle Field.**

This C.F.A. rules and field use policy is in effect for our observation field, a portion of Coyle Air Field. Protect your membership privileges. Violation of these rules may result in loss of membership and field use privileges. Practice safety and common sense!

In order to obtain a C.F.A. membership, and a valid Field use License, you must read and agree to abide by all of the rules and notes contained within this document, it must be signed and returned to the C.F.A. secretary along with your membership application.

- **C.F.A. Field Usage**

1. ***Who can use the field:*** C.F.A. members with a valid “Field Use License” are eligible to use the field. Each licensed member may bring one guest or two additional, but immediate family members. Members must be present and are responsible for the actions of their guests. Guests attending the field or star parties more than once a year are expected to join C.F.A.
2. ***When can members use the field:*** Members are permitted to visit, and occupy the field on any day of the week, but limited to approx. an hour prior to dusk, and through until approx. an hour past dawn. Members will not need to report ahead of their visit. Members may arrive to the field without announcement, but only between the outlined hours noted above. However, members are required to note the date and time of their visits and then to accurately log the info in the club’s field log board found on the website.
3. ***Right of Way:*** There are a couple of small exceptions, that C.F.A. club members will be required to abide by. **A.** Upon arrival to the field, club members will be required to **yield** to any present “Pine Barrens Modelers” club members still actively flying, or taking off and landing of their RC aircraft up until dusk. The “Pine Barrens Modelers” also “lease” the same portion of Coyle Air Field that C.F.A. does, and their members have “the right of way” during daylight hours. **B.** The Air National Guard leases all of Coyle Air Field from the state of New Jersey, with the exception of the small portion and East runway that C.F.A. leases. While it would be a rare event to occur, C.F.A. members must yield to any Air National Guardsmen that request you do so. If this rare event were to happen, it is solely for your safety, as the “Guard” occasionally performs airborne exercises including, but not limited to targeted pallet dropping, flare dropping, and low altitude flight. A Guardsman will notify any present C.F.A. members if they will be performing exercises, or if they feel members should yield for safety reasons. Again, this would be a rare event, and their exercises typically do not last longer than an hour or so.
4. ***Prohibited during field use:*** **A.** Violence; physical, verbal or otherwise is prohibited. **B.**

Theft, defacing, tampering with, or damaging any property including, but not limited to “Pine Barrens Modelers” flight prep tables or “Porta Jon”, any property of Coyle Air Field, The Air National Guard, or the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. **C.** Discharge of firearms, fireworks, air guns, or other hazardous devices and materials. **D.** Alcohol, or any illegal substances. **E.** Athletic games, throwing of any object, bicycle riding and running. **F. NO** Open fires. (Fire for cooking is permitted only in camp stoves or approved charcoal barbecues, at a safe distance from combustible materials.) Flames, heat, and smoke should not encroach upon other members or their equipment at their observing spots. You must notify all present members if you will be using a stove, or charcoal bbq grill, and the location of where you plan to set it up prior to setting up and lighting. **G.** Laser pointers are not to be used, except under the following conditions: 1. during a public or educational star party event. 2. If no present members are imaging and photographing long exposures. **H.** No “white” lights are to be used after dark, no electronics that emit bright light (unless red filtered). **I.** No use of equipment (astronomy equipment such as mounts and their motors are of course exempt) that creates loud, offensive noise. No use of radios or music players is allowed without headphones in use, unless all present members express consent.

❖ Safety

1. The following are examples of natural hazards that may be present at anytime during your visit, to be aware of.

- a. General wildlife including, but not limited to: deer, fox, wild dogs, coyotes, insects (some stinging) snakes, “chiggers”, rodents, etc. (Insect Repellent is a great defense)
- b. Uneven ground
- c. Trip hazards

2. The following are permitted provided the guidelines are followed.

- a. Legal smoking is allowed provided butts are disposed of properly, do not throw butts into the field, grass, or on the runway.
- b. Pets:
 - i. are the sole responsibility for any and all actions of the owner/person bringing pet(s)
 - ii. shall be on a leash at all times when outside your vehicle
 - iii. shall be cleaned up after
 - iv. be kept quiet
 - v. shall remain away from observing area
 - vi. shall not be left unattended
 - vii. “peanut” is exempt from the above.

❖ Use of Vehicles at and on the Field

1. Vehicle operation, and equipment setup

- a. Speed limit shall be restricted to 10mph during daylight hours, and reduced to 5mph during darkness.
- b. Vehicles shall NOT be driven on the runway, which is used for RC Aircraft.
- c. Vehicles should enter the field area and to the right using the small access road on the North side of the field, vehicles should be either backed onto the small

break of grass between access road and the runway, or pulled forward onto the grass North of the access road. Equipment should be setup behind your vehicle, and may be setup on the actual runway, but within 15' of the grass break.

- d. Vehicles should not be parked in a manner as to block or restrict any portion of the access road
- e. Vehicles pulling in to the field after dusk or planning to leave before others, MUST ensure their headlights are turned off or masked, and their reverse lights masked if backing on to the parking area near another member already observing with dark adapted vision.
- f. Vehicles under operation after dark should have parking lights on, but only if they are not white light.
- g. Vehicles should not idle, unless any observing member within 3 car widths of either side has given the "okay" to do so.
- h. Vehicle interior lights should be off, or either masked, or "red filtered".
- i. Vehicles may not be driven past the opening/intersection of the observation runway, to the main portion of the field and large runway. No members are permitted to be beyond this point.

❖ **Entrance and Exiting of Field**

1. The first member to arrive at the field for nightly observing use shall unlock C.F.A.'s gate lock, and secure it to the gate or chain.
2. The entrance gate should be kept closed but not locked while any members are present on the observation field, each member should open, and then close the gate behind them when entering the field.
3. The last person(s) leaving the field is responsible for locking the gate on the way out, this MUST be done whether or not other members are expected at the field later.
4. Each "last" person leaving the field should note the time, and must include that time with their log entry.

❖ **Final notes and waiver**

1. Violation of any of these rules, will be subject to official warnings, or membership revocation based on the severity of the violation, and/or as determined by club officials.
2. These rules are subject to alteration at any time. New revisions will be distributed to club members within 30 days of amendment. After the 30 day distribution period deadline has passed, the new edits shall be effective in full.
3. Members MUST possess their valid "Field Use License" while on Coyle Field property. Members *should* keep, or wear their license on their person. Members may be asked randomly to produce their license by present club officials, Coyle Air Field Authorities, or local Police. Any persons occupying, or on Coyle Air Field property, not a guest, or family member of a valid C.F.A. member that cannot produce a valid "Field Use License" and not a Forest Fire officer, Coyle Air Field employee or grounds keeper, a member or guest of Pine Barrens Modelers, a member of The Air National Guard shall be asked to leave voluntarily, or become subject to removal by Police and local authorities including New Jersey Forest Fire service Rangers and officers, if necessary.

4. Members should report any suspicious persons, or activities to club officials, or local authorities as the situation dictates.
5. Members must be always mindful, and considerate of their fellow observers, and Astrophotographers.
6. Members must always be aware that they are also occupying land within a National Reserve, and to treat the grounds as such. There shall be no alterations made to the grounds, or any alterations to any natural resources contained within Coyle Air Field Property. Any items brought into the field by members are to be removed by those members at the time of their departure. "Carry in, and Carry out". No littering.
7. As a member, or guest/relative of a member of C.F.A. you also agree to not hold responsible any member, officer, or affiliate of C.F.A., any NJ Forest Fire Service personnel, or affiliate and to fully release them of any liability for any conditions arising from your use of the grounds including, but not limited to injury/illness, theft/loss, personal property damage or loss. You agree to use the grounds as they are and at your own risk.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have fully read and accept the rules and procedures of this agreement, and pledge to abide by them fully

Member Applicant Name (Print and sign)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)