

Pikes Peak Soaring Society - Field Rules

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BS Ranch Lake, BS Ranch Soaring, Irma Lane, Pride Soccer Field

PPSS flying field rules embrace the AMA Safety Code. AMA occasionally makes small changes to the safety code so it is a good idea to read it each year when it arrives with your new membership card.

Frequency pin use - Frequency pins must be used if available. If pins are not available then coordinate with other flyers on the field – sing out your channel number or 2.4 GHz if using that radio system. There will be pins on the pin tree with 2.4 GHz on them.

Trash – All of the fields we use are owned by others so please pick up your trash and take it with you. Some fields are used by others less considerate, they leave trash if you see it please pick up and dispose of properly.

Permitted users - Holders of current AMA licenses are welcome to visit the field and fly with us. Regular use will require that they join the club to help support our operations.

Each of our flying fields has characteristics that require specific safety rules to provide for safe and considerate operation of each field.

BS Ranch Lake

To get to the field, travel North on Elbert Road 13 miles from C-24. Entry into the field is through the gates at the South Entrance to the BS Ranch on Elbert Road; there is a second gate ¼ mile into the ranch. Each of these gates is to be left in the position found upon arrival, i.e. if a gate is closed it should be closed after passage and vice versa. If the gate on Elbert Road is chained shut one of the club members who is authorised to unlock the gate will unlock the gate.

The Boy Scouts do not allow smoking anywhere on the Ranch.

The lake is the *only* club flying site where suitably muffled I.C. engines are allowed on float equipped aircraft. Electric powered sailplanes, Sport Flyers, HLG planes are also allowed. All pilots are to fly from the general area of the beach near the boat house. PPSS is authorised by the BS Ranch to use canoes to recover overturned aircraft from the lake, anyone using a canoe is required to wear a life vest per the BS Ranger. The boat house will be unlocked by a member with the code. This site is generally used on Monday only; use on other days is permitted if there is no BS activity. The Ranger may come by to watch your activity; if he asks you to leave the Ranch for any reason please do so. Parking at the lake should be in the parking area south of the boat house. Monday morning flying is not permitted during camping season – June through mid July. Flying after Delta Dart building is permitted. Flying at the lake Sunday mornings is permitted during camping season.

East of the lake by the Dining Hall is where the annual Howling Coyote Night fly is held.

BS Ranch Soaring Field

Entry to the BS Ranch soaring field is along the easement entered from Road 35. To get to the field travel north on Elbert Road 12 miles from C-24. Turn right on Road 74-82 this is the first cross road into the trees on Elbert Road. Travel Approx 2 miles East on 74-82 and turn left up the hill which is Road 35 ½ mile. The entrance is located adjacent to 20189 Road 35. The gate on the end of the easement should be left in the position found upon arrival. The entrance to the flying field is approx ½ mile into the easement on the right. Vehicles may be driven into the field to drop off winches, retrievers, shades and models. Vehicles must be parked in the easement.

RC controlled electric powered aircraft and gliders are the only aircraft types that may be flown on this field.

Irma Lane Soaring Field

The Irma Lane field is the main PPSS soaring field. I.C. engines are *not* permitted on this field. Winch launched, electric powered gliders, electric powered sport flyers and free flight aircraft (non IC engines) are permitted. Vehicles may not be driven on the field except to drop off winches, retrievers, tents etc. **The Irma Lane field may be used any day of the week. The roads into the field, Tiboria Loop and Irma Lane are dirt – members and visitors are requested to drive slowly on them in the vicinity of houses and not to raise any undue dust on corners etc.**

Due to the risk of wild fire smoking is permitted *only* on the gravel road – please dispose of used smoking material in a responsible manner. No butts to be discarded on the ground.

Pride Soccer Field

Pride Soccer Field is used on Wednesdays only by arrangement with Pride Soccer Inc. The gate to the field will be opened by the owner **This field is primarily an electric airplane field..** Occasionally the field will not be available during soccer camps, tryouts or midweek soccer games. The field coordinator, generally Austin or Milt will advise the membership if the field is open. Call Austin to get on the list. Winch launched and electric powered gliders, HLG R/C, and electric powered sport and aerobatic aircraft are the *only* aircraft permitted on this flying field. I.C. Engines are *not* permitted at any time.

Electric powered aircraft are required to fly over the green portion of the soccer field, The North limit of the field is the edges of the green surface. **Flying over Woodmen Road is not permitted at any time, this applies to all aircraft types.** Flying to the East and West and South of the field is unrestricted. For better control of who is flying where, pilots should fly from one spot on the field rather than wandering anywhere on the field. This will generally be at an edge of the green field surface. Pride Soccer allows us to move the goal posts as necessary. Some members wish to fly fast aircraft which is disconcerting to novice and the slow flier guys, so we would like to try having a period during the morning when the hot shots can show up their stuff.

Winch launched gliders will fly from the north, dirt edge, of the field. Glider pilots should fly from the area of the winch. **Gliders are not allowed to fly to the North of the field under any circumstances. The reason for this change in the rules is that Woodmen Road is a four lane fast road. The speed limit is currently 55 MPH but as we all know most people are going 5 – 10 over the limit and we do not want to have anyone distracted at those speeds.**

A safety spotter is recommended for all flyers as Woodmen Road is a flight path from the USAFA flying field to their field East of Falcon.

Parking is on the marked parking area on the South side of the field. **There is to be no parking on the North side of the field except by the vehicle transporting the winch and retriever. This is a Pride Soccer request – please observe. Physically handicapped flyers are permitted to park on the north side if the wind is blowing out of the South.**

After flying is concluded many members eat lunch at Nana's Kitchen Restaurant in Falcon – Great food and pleasant company.

Please remember that all of the fields we use are owned by others – respectful use by us will allow us to enjoy them for many years to come.