

Memorial Balloon Field 2020 Policies

PILOTS AND CREW ENTERING NBC PROPERTY MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

- Pilots may access the field to launch, land, fuel and must follow CDC guidelines at all times while on the property.
- Buildings will remain closed at all times including the sponsor building and restrooms.
- Pilot meetings, briefings, etc., should take place off the property. If meetings do take place on the property, everyone must adhere to 6-foot distancing and follow all other CDC guidelines.
- Pilots must be a Fuelink member to access propane or be with a Fuelink member. A current insurance certificate is required to fuel and will be the responsibility of the pilot to provide a copy to Cory Bloom, Fuelink President.
- The 2020 NBC FAA waiver is not valid. Pilots will be flying strictly on their own and not under a waiver. In addition, NBC will not host, organize, endorse, or sponsor any event, task, or target. Propane and other costs are the responsibility of the individual pilot.
- Gates must remain closed at all times.
- To avoid gaining public attention, the balloon field should not be used as a target.
- Additional Private Property signage will be hung on the fences/gates; all gates need to be closed and locked to deter public gathering.
- Staff, Facilities team, and Board members will not be responsible for providing resources or services; however, all parties will be monitoring the activity at the balloon field to ensure all procedures are being properly followed.
- Social gatherings outside of the regular pre-and-post flight discussions and fueling should take place off NBC property. No tailgating.
- Vehicles, trailers, and equipment cannot be parked/stored on the property.
- Flight Over Indianola (tentatively scheduled for July 24) is an “on your own” flight and will not include payment or propane credit.
- Rural Relations is critical. Exceptional courtesy from pilots/crew is expected; pilots/crew must be extremely diligent about landowner permission to launch/land. Landowners are not expecting hot air balloon activity this year, pilots should not assume what worked in the past will carry over this year. Anyone entering a property must ensure they have received approval and have clearly communicated any restrictions from the first pilot before their crew comes in.
- Social media posts and promotion will not occur in advance to avoid public gatherings. Pilots/crew are asked to use closed groups to communicate information such as flight plans, times, etc.
- City and County officials have been notified that pilots have permission to use the field and they have given their consent only under the above terms.
- If pilots do not follow CDC guidelines or problems occur, NBC will be forced to close the field and fueling facilities.

ON-SITE CONTACTS PERMITTED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF NBC:

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