

# Safety Precautions

[As of 07/01/08]

Current year rule changes are in **red bold print!**

## I. General Rules

### G. Safety Precautions

1. After initial arrival at SAFECON by a contestant, no flight by that contestant as a pilot or a passenger is authorized after sunset without the consent of the Chief Judge. Any flight that is authorized after sunset and conducted outside the traffic pattern must be on a flight plan filed with flight service.
2. No flight activity is permitted during competition when the steady wind condition exceeds 25 kts. or the gust factor exceeds 10 kts.
3. No flight activity is permitted during competition when the crosswind component exceeds 15 knots, or 10 knots during the landing events.
4. The ceiling for the traffic pattern must meet the Federal Aviation Regulations for VFR in the airspace of conduct. Traffic pattern visibility must be at least three (3) statute miles.
5. For the Navigation Event, the ceiling must be at least 500 feet above the highest altitude required for the route to be flown and the minimum visibility must be at least five (5) statute miles.
6. For any event that involves flight into IFR conditions, the ceiling must be at least 1500 feet and the surface visibility at least 3 statute miles.
7. Formation flights (intentional flight with less than 500 feet separation) are not authorized.
8. All taxiing must be at a slow and reasonable speed.
9. No passengers may be carried during any flight during the SAFECON. All flights during the landing event must be solo. Only pilots and dropmasters may be in the airplane during the Message Drop Event. Only pilots and observers (or judges) may be in the airplane during the Navigation Event.
10. Contestants not involved in the staging process are to remain clear of the staging area.
11. In addition to the applicable FARs, the consumption or use of, or being under the influence of, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or substances, or illegal narcotics in any quantity by contestants is prohibited from the time of departure from the team's home airport until the time they return. In any case, the use or consumption of alcohol by the contestants of any competing school (including the host school) is prohibited from a period beginning 24 hours prior to the General Contestant Briefing until 24 hours after the conclusion of the last activity as indicated on the official schedule of events as published or as amended by the team advisors.
12. All contestants are expected to comply with the Federal Aviation Regulations at all times. Contestants will be under special safety scrutiny during the entire time they are at the site of the SAFECON.

05/21/00 - Date of last change to this section