



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

18 Dec 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: 374 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Remotely Piloted and Controlled Model Aircraft Operations Guidance
Memorandum for Public Release

Releasability: Unrestricted, suitable for public release.

1. This memorandum announces further guidance, working in conjunction with guidance memorandum 374AWI13-269AWGM2015-01, same subject dated 11 Dec 2015 establishing procedures to operate remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) on Yokota Air Base. Compliance with this memorandum is mandatory. RPAs are defined for the purposes of this guidance memorandum as an unmanned aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft, to include those aircraft used for sport or recreation only.
2. All guidance in 374 AWI 13-269 with respect to RPA is effective and valid in addition to following guidance:
 - a. No video recording equipment or video piloted aircraft capabilities are permitted on RPA flying on/over Yokota AB. If video recording equipment is a standard feature on the RPA, operators will disable the video recording devices before using their RPA.
 - b. Personnel under the age of 13 operating an RPA must be supervised by an adult over the age of 18 at all times.
 - c. There are only two locations within Yokota AB that are approved for RPA use. RPA use outside these areas is not permitted without the approval of the installation commander or designee. Toy class RPA, aircraft operating under battery power only and with a takeoff maximum weight of 3.5 pounds, are permitted to be operated at the west side baseball or soccer fields. Members operating Toy class RPA do not need to be a member of the Kanto Modelaires Radio Control Club. All toy class RPA operating at the West side recreation fields will remain within the confines of the recreation fields at all times while flying and will have no other personnel utilizing the recreating field at the same time as RPA operations. The areas of operation are depicted in attachment 1.
 - d. Sport/Hobby RPA, those aircraft between 3.5 pounds and 15 pounds takeoff maximum weight, must use the designated area on the East side of Yokota's airfield as prescribed in 374 AWI 13-269. All sport/hobby RPA will remain within the confines of the designated

operating area at all times while flying or taxiing. The areas of operation are depicted in attachment 2. All forms of propulsion are acceptable except for jet engines.

e. Base residents are encouraged to report unauthorized use of RPA to the Base Defense Operations Center at 225-7227. Violators may be held accountable under any and all applicable Government of Japan (GOJ), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) laws and rules.

f. Sport/Hobby RPA, to include all multi-rotor, self-stabilizing aircraft such as quad-copters, will be registered with SFS prior to use, utilizing the same procedures as bicycle registration.

g. Use of RPA for other than hobby or recreational purposes is unauthorized without prior approval of the installation commander or designee.

2. Violation of the rules prescribed here or in 374 AWI 13-269 can result in permanent revocation of RPA operations permission on Yokota AB. The 374 AW/CC, 374 OG/CC, 374 OSS/CC, OSS/OSAA, 374 SFS/CC and/or 374 AW/SE reserve the authority to restrict or further define RPA operations at any time. This letter re-states policy established in guidance memorandum to 374AWI13-269AWGM2015-01, same subject dated 11 Dec 2015. This letter is suitable for public release. For any questions contact my POC, 374 AW/SEF at 225-7974.

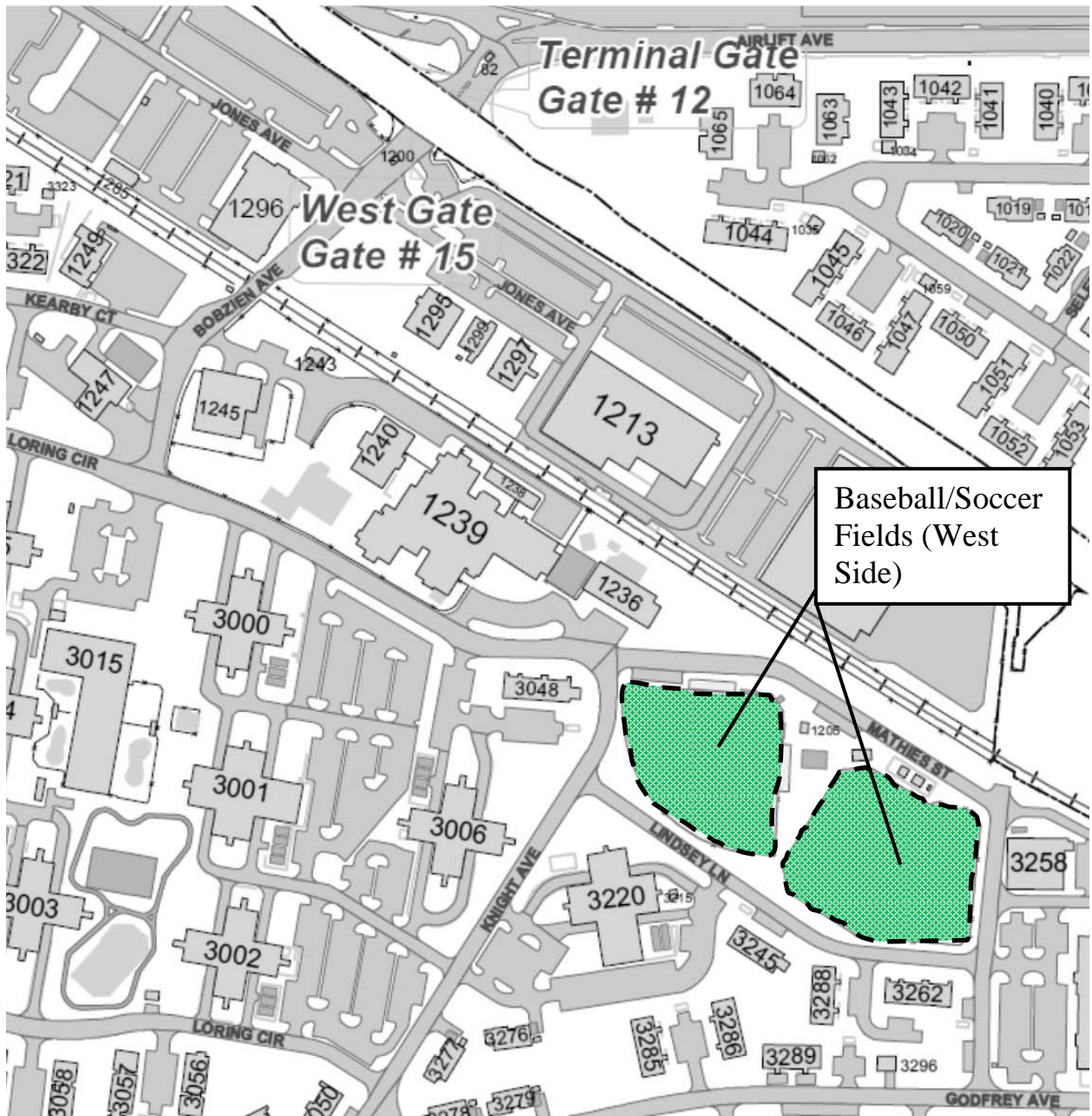


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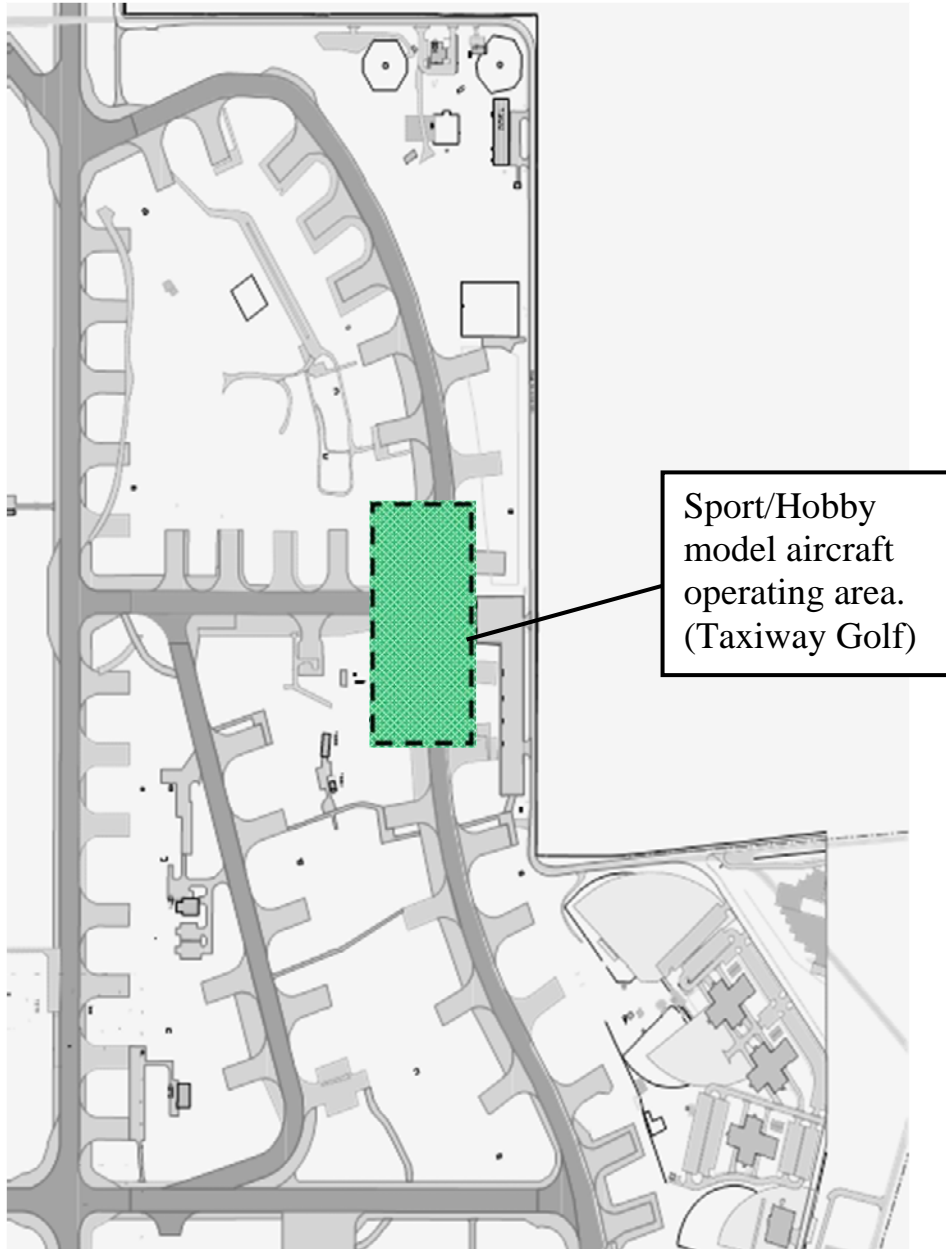
3 Attachments:

1. West side RC flying areas
2. East side RC flying areas
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Attachment 1
West side recreation fields



Attachment 2
EAST SIDE AIRFIELD OPERATING AREA





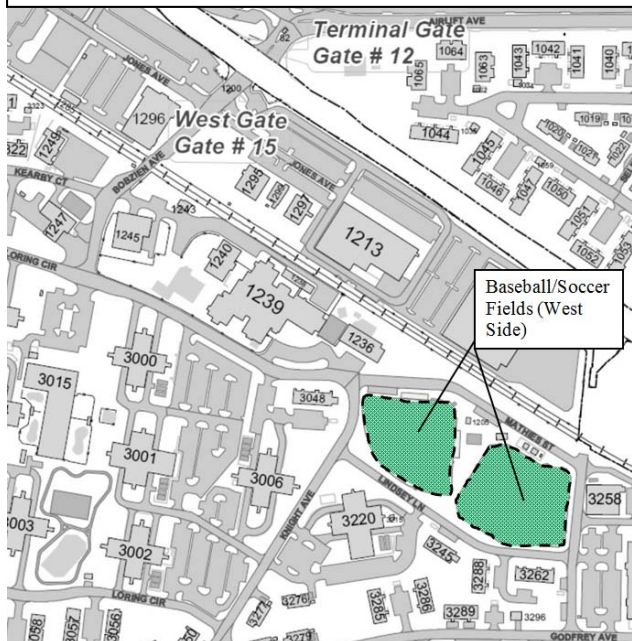
Attachment 3 POLICY COVER PAGE

WING COMMANDER POLICY:

REMOTE CONTROL AIRCRAFT ALLOWED ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

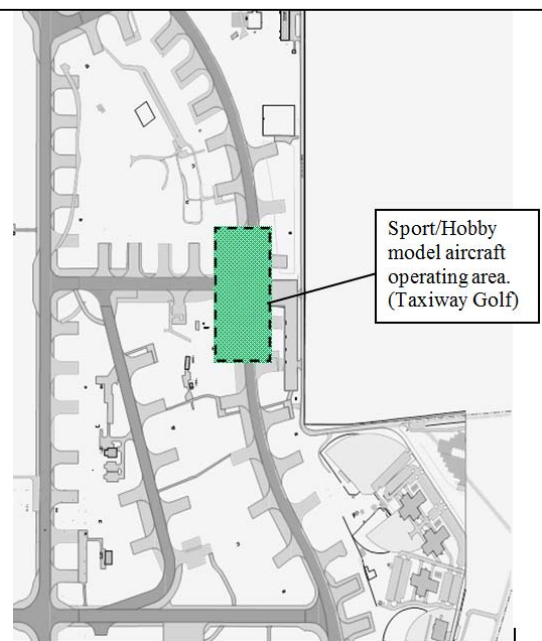
West Side Baseball/Soccer Fields

No RPA heavier than 3.5 pounds; electric engines only. Aircraft must stay within the confines of the fields, and must not be operated with other people on the field.



Taxiway Golf

Mandatory for sport/hobby RPA and aircraft using gas or jet engines, or weighing more than 3.5 pounds; 15 pounds maximum



Operators must reference 374AWI 13-269 and the entire “Remotely Piloted and Controlled Model Aircraft Operations Guidance Memorandum for Public Release” dated 18 Dec 2015.

Emphasis Items:

- No video recording equipment or video piloted aircraft capabilities are permitted.
- Personnel under the age of 13 operating an RPA must be supervised by an adult
- Sport/hobby RPA (including all multi-rotor/quad-copter aircraft) will be registered with SFS prior to use
- Please contact the 374 AW Safety Office with any questions: 225-7974

