

Creve Coeur Airport Helicopter Operating Rules

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Creve Coeur Airport is committed to the safe operation of all types of aircraft at our field and after some confusion about our long standing rules, it seems important to clarify the airport's policy on helicopter operations. Due to the high density of our airport hangars and limited space for taxiways to and from the airport's runways, some sensible restrictions had to be put in place to ensure the safe operations of helicopters on our field.

- 1) Hover taxi to and from the individual hangars is strictly forbidden!
- 2) Flying over the buildings and structures at the airport is strictly forbidden!
- 3) Helicopters kept in individual hangars must be towed to the ramp area or to the grass area in front of H row for takeoffs and landings.
- 4) Landing back at your hangar directly from the pattern, no matter if you do not fly over any structures is strictly forbidden!
- 5) Starting helicopters in front of your hangar for maintenance and blade tracking is only allowed at low power settings and should be avoided if possible. If you must start your helicopter in front of your hangar to check something be sure other hangars around you are closed.
- 6) Creve Coeur Airport's patterns for the hard surface 16/34 runway are on the West side of the airport and our pattern for the grass runway 7/25 is on the North side of the airport. Please do not fly a pattern over the East side of the airport as we have an agreement many years ago to move our patterns away from Creve Coeur Park.
- 7) Helicopter operations should take place at least 100' from any hangar, building, obstruction.
- 8) Pattern work including auto rotation and run on landing practice on the hard surface and the grass is allowed but please be courteous, to the extent possible, of other aircraft in the pattern.
- 9) Our fuel pump area is the only area where the 100' rule for helicopter operations does not apply. The BP gas sign and the pumps should be approached with great caution when landing and please be aware of things that can be blown over near the gas pumps when taking off to a hover from the fuel area. Providing there are no people or other aircraft near the fuel pumps that would make a landing or takeoff at the pumps unsafe, it is permissible to land and take off from that point. Our fuel hoses are long so do not approach the fueling area too closely.
- 10) Always use your best judgement!

We believe that helicopters and aircraft can operate from our airport safely but remember, just because a helicopter can do things that an aircraft is not able to do, does not mean you should do it! In general helicopters are inherently unsafe flying contractions and you should avoid flying in them if possible but if you are one of those thrill seekers who insists on taking unnecessary risks, please be extra careful.

