

SPOTTER DUTIES

1. Keep your pilot aware of wind direction, so he can make any necessary adjustments in deciding which way to take off and land his plane, or to make wind allowances in his maneuvers.
2. Keep constantly aware of what other model pilots and crew members are doing, such as retrieving a plane from the middle of the strip, or crossing the strip, or starting a plane in a nearby pilot station. Alert other pilots and spotters as to your pilot's intentions, e.g. **"TAKING OFF TO THE RIGHT"** or **"LANDING FROM THE LEFT!"**
3. Watch for any models that seem to be out of control, in ground handling, on take-offs, landings, or in the pattern. Prepare to protect your pilot if the out-of-control plane is approaching, by moving him calmly out of its path.
4. Keep track of any area or height violations of your pilot's plane, and let him know immediately of the infractions.
5. Assist the pilot in starting his plane, moving it to the flight line, checking all flight control functions (rudder, elevator, ailerons and throttle) before releasing the model for take-off, and retrieving the plane after the landing.
6. Scan the immediate airspace area for full scale aircraft that could pose a clear and present danger and communicating situational updates to the model airplane pilot.
7. REMEMBER, you are not there to admire the flight – ***YOU ARE NOT A SPECTATOR!*** – You are a crew member with definite and important responsibilities!!!

The value of a spotter can be realized in the following video. Copy and paste the link in your browser. Be sure to turn up the volume for maximum effect.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qao_W-CM45o

"A SAFE OUTCOME SHOULD NEVER BE IN DOUBT"

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