

The Contest Field -- Size and Location

Field Size

The size of your flying field should not be the major factor in choosing contest events except that you must follow the NAR model rocket safety code.

Nowhere in the USMRSC is there a requirement that your flying field accommodate maximum performance, go-for-broke, 'take no prisoners!' model rockets. Strategy is as much a part of competition as are building and flying. For instance, at the launch site of AARG #585 in Hutto, Texas, I have flown a G Egglofting Altitude rocket and recovered within 200 feet of the launcher. I have seen 1/2A boost gliders fly away at Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas. A large part of the challenge of NAR contests is 'flying the field'.

Location

The location of your contest field should be selected to attract competitors and not scare off range support. ;-) A central location with easy access would be ideal. It does not have to be in your section's city or county, but should probably be in your state. ;-)

Think outside of the 'range box'! Don't restrict yourself or your fellow competitors by insisting on holding your contests on only your current flying fields.

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