

Club Rules

1. All train operators must know and follow these Operating Rules. Operators who disregard these rules will lose operating privileges.
 2. A train is defined as a locomotive with or without rolling stock.
 3. All rolling stock must be properly weighted, have metal wheels and knuckle couplers (Kadee or similar). If your rolling stock continues to derail you must remove it from the layout and correct the defect before using it on the layout again.
 4. Clean locomotive and rolling stock wheels before running your train on the layout.
 5. Coupler heights must be checked before using a car in a train on the layout and periodically thereafter.
 6. When two or more members have the same locomotive decoder number, the first member to place a locomotive on the track will be entitled to use the locomotive decoder number.
 7. Do not run two trains at the same time unless they are in a consist.
 8. Do not operate another member's train without permission.
 9. Operate all trains at prototypical speed.
 10. All signals must be observed and obeyed.
 11. Train operators are responsible for returning turnouts to normal position.
 12. Maximum train length is 14 feet (Colton Yard).
 13. Observe right-hand running on the helix.
 14. Train operators must stay with their train at all times when it is moving.
 15. Trains can be parked and left unattended with sound off for a reasonable time in
 - Colton (5 tracks)
 - San Diego (5 tracks)
 - Fontana, track near the wall
 - Camp Pendleton, track near the wall
 - Oceanside, third track
 - Perris passenger siding
- Industry tracks, working tracks and spurs may be used for short term parking with sound off. No trains are to be left unattended on passing sidings or any main line.
16. Train operators experiencing an electrical problem related to the layout are not to attempt to fix the problem. Operators are required to notify a member of the electrical team.
 17. No food in model railroad rooms.
 18. No equipment storage boxes are permitted on track or scenery.
 19. Operators with excessively loud engines may be asked to reduce the volume.
 20. Operators desiring to use smoke with their locomotive must do so sparingly and use odorless smoke fluid.
 21. The last car on any train should have lighting, resistor wheel sets, or some other method of triggering block occupancy.