

Medway Model Flying Club Field/Safety Rules

16. Etiquette

Please drive carefully, maintenance for an access road such as ours is not inconsiderable. Keep your speed low, to help reduce erosion to a minimum. It is also good manners to respect your surroundings and helps us to project a safe and responsible image of ourselves.

When approaching the pits when flying is in progress, walk or drive around the edge of the field and not across the flight path.

17. FPV Flight

FPV flight is now allowed at Medway MFC provided that all BMFA guidelines and recommendations are followed and adhered to.

18. Pulse Jet and Turbine powered models including Helicopters **shall not** be flown at Medway MFC sites.

19. Guest flyers :

Members may have guests at the field. The member will be Responsible for ensuring that their guest is insured , competent to fly and their conduct while at MMFC. Guests may have up to four active visits a year .After that they will be asked to join the club or stop active visits. Members are to contact a committee member prior to taking guest to fly. Social visits are unlimited .

IMPORTANT

Flying Times may change so please check

Please check on website for current flying times

These rules may be amended or added to at any time by the club committee. If unsure then ask a committee member for clarification.

Or check on line at

www.medwaymfc.org.uk

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ALL Flights MUST be made from the main flight line and must be flown in front of the flight line at ALL times1. See section 6

Transmitter Control (35 meg Radio)

On arrival you must check to see if it is safe to use your frequency. **DO NOT switch on your Tx until you have checked if any other flyer is using 35 Meg radio.**

No peg board for 35 meg is available now. It's YOUR responsibility to make sure its safe to use your frequency. 2.4 meg sets should not interfere with other users models

2. Engine Testing and preparing model for flight.

All models must either be mechanically restrained or held by a helper/assistant whilst starting.

When testing or adjusting, a running engine, It must be done in front of the safety fence and facing away from the pilot area. Pilots must ensure that no one, including themselves, are in front of the aircraft when "running up" or tuning an engine.

Only the person starting the engine should be in front of the propeller at any time. Everyone else must always be kept behind the prop at all times. Models with their engine running must not be left unattended at any time.

3. Pre-Flight Checks

Always carry out pre-flight checks prior to every take-off, check that all control surfaces are secure and move in the correct direction and that the **CORRECT** model is selected on your transmitter.

Failsafe MUST be set so that the motor stops or engine is set to stop or run at a low idle as a minimum.

It is the pilots ultimate responsibility to ensure that his aircraft is airworthy. If a club safety officer/ committee member declares a model to be un- airworthy then that model must not be flown until faults have been rectified and checked by club safety officer/committee member.

4. Range Testing and failsafe test

Prior to a Models 1st Flight, or following any heavy landing, crash or alteration to radio gear, a model must be range tested preferably with the engine running to ensure correct operation including Fail safe is working OK.

5. Flying times and noise limits

All models must conform to 82db noise limit measured at 7 meters . C/L models with engines over 1.5cc MUST be fitted with an effective silencer/muffler In accordance with BMFA guidance.

No I/C powered models or noisy electric including EDF are to be flown or started before 10am or after 7pm or dusk whichever is the sooner .

Silent flight or quiet electric can fly dawn to dusk.

6. Prevailing Weather conditions.

Pilots should agree to use the pilot's box on the day that best suits the prevailing weather conditions: Only fly your model if you feel that you and your model are capable of a safe flight.

If you don't feel confident DON'T FLY.

7. Restricted Flying Areas

All flying must be in front of the flight line. Make yourself aware of **NO FLY ZONES** . If unsure ask a committee member for clarification. No over flying of the pits or car park. The reed beds at the Harty site are a strictly 'No Low Flying' zone due to rare birds nesting.

8. Lost Models

No person shall attempt to retrieve a model from any farmland or the solar farm, adjacent to the flying site without prior consultation with a committee member to ensure that the situation is properly assessed and minimal disruption caused. If the committee member considers that the landowner's permission should be sought before retrieving the model, it will be the committee member who must approach them for permission. No trees are to be cut down to retrieve a model.

Failure to comply could result in dismissal from the club. In light of problems associated with the recovery of lost models, all models should carry the address and telephone number of the owner. It is also the committee's strong recommendation that models carry some form of lost model indication device/alarm.

9. Pilot Area

All pilots must be in the designated on the day "Pilot Area" area when flying. This ensures better communication for dealing with any hazard, emergency or dead-stick landing situation.

10. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be taken onto the flight line as they can distract a pilot . Please leave them in the pits or your car.

11. Cars on the field.

When the ground is firm cars are to be parked along the fence behind the flight line away from the take off and landing areas. When the field is too muddy or soft cars are to be parked in the designated temporary parking area by the track and takeoffs and landings are to be made in a direction avoiding the parked vehicles.

12. Children/Junior members

Children/junior members must be under the supervision of an responsible adult/guardian at all times. This is in the interest of both the child's safety and prevention of damage to models. The responsible adult is accountable for the child's actions.

13. Dogs

Dogs are not allowed onto the flying field. Exceptions are Kent police dog section. They have a key to our field and may exercise/train their dogs in the field when not in use by the club.

14. Litter. Please take it home with you.

15. Shutting Gates. Last one out ensure ALL gates and toilet are Locked .It is the responsibility of the members to ensure that all gates are closed and properly secured at all times. The main gates at School Lane must be kept closed at all times.