



Banbury Model Flying Club

Rules, Safety & Environmental Policy 2018

Flying Time & Noise Restriction

Internal Combustion Engine Models (Petrol/Glow/Jet)

Monday to Friday & Saturdays	9am to 8.30pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays	10am to 7pm

Electric Powered Models (including Silent Flight)

No restrictions apply

All internal combustion engine powered models must meet noise limits as per the Department of Environment guidelines. The club has a noise meter and test stand for this purpose and any model which is unnecessarily noisy will not be allowed to fly.

Club Safety

1. Carry out 'pre-flight' checks before each flight as specified in your BMFA handbook, especially important as we are flying over crops and do not want aircraft coming down in them.
2. Be **SMART** and consider and use the **SWEETS** regime before and during flying, copies are available on the club notice board and from the 'download' section of the club website.
3. Engines are to be started and adjusted in the pits, petrol/glow engines and gas turbines may be started at the flight line securing posts. All models must be restrained at all times and aircraft should point towards the flight line.
4. As soon as possible after takeoff, pilots should stand together in the pilot box area in front of the windsock.
5. Under no circumstances must anyone taxi out of, or into the pits.
6. Before takeoff or landing, pilots must let other pilots know their intentions by clearly calling 'takeoff' or 'landing'. In the event of a problem during a flight, it is important that other pilots are made aware so that they can take appropriate action.
7. All flying must take place in front of the pilot and never over the pits, car park or the road to the East of the flying site.
8. No member is allowed to fly solo unless they hold a minimum of the BMFA 'A' Certificate. Members without a BMFA 'A' Certificate should attempt the test as soon as possible, please speak to a member of the committee who will be able to put you in contact with the Club Examiner.

Members must carry their BMFC & BMFA membership cards when using the flying field and they must be produced to any committee member on request.

9. Any member who breaches the rules will be dealt with in accordance to the 'Disciplinary Procedure' laid out below.

Codes of Practice

1. Please drive slowly and carefully when on the flying field and any surrounding farmland, there may be members of the public crossing the land or on footpaths.
2. All vehicles to be parked in the designated area only, which may change depending on the time of year and weather conditions.
3. Ensure that all rubbish and equipment is taken with you when leaving the flying site.
4. Children must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult at all times and must not be left unattended.
5. Dogs are permitted at the flying site, however for safety reasons they must be kept on a lead and under control at all times and are not allowed outside of the car park area.

Personal Code of Conduct

Members, visiting pilots and guests are reminded that the flying site, including the club hut, pits area and flight line, are family areas and that we have several junior members/visiting children.

Therefore please ensure that language and behaviour is appropriate and not likely to cause offense to any other person.

Disciplinary Procedure

Any member in breach of the club rules, BMFA rules, or whose actions are in any way detrimental to the interests of the club or another member will be dealt with as follows:-

General Misconduct – Two verbal warnings will be given, followed by a written warning, after which persistent offenders may be expelled from the club without compensation, as decided by the Club Committee

Severe Misconduct – Offenders may be expelled from the club without notice and without compensation, as decided by the Club Committee.

The club also reserves the right to revoke the BMFA Achievement Scheme Award (A,B or C) from any club member who persistently offends. The decision of the Committee will be final.

Security

Finally, if you're the last member to leave please ensure the club hut is locked up including the window shutters and that the gate is closed and secured with the padlock. Any problems please telephone a member of the committee as soon as possible, do not leave the flying site unsecured.

These rules are designed to help us all to fly safely with the minimum of restriction. Committee members will not hesitate to enforce the rules and the Committee will take action against persistent offenders.