



Felbridge Flyers RMFC - Club Rules and Constitution

1. The Club

Will be known as the FELBRIDGE FLYERS RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB. It will be affiliated to the British Model Flying Association.

Its aim is to promote the sport of fixed wing (to include autogyro) model aircraft flying and provide training for new entrants into the sport to enable them to partake safely and enjoyably. It is expected that members will be responsible for their own safety. Any model flying undertaken to be lawful.

2. The Officers of the Club shall be:

Chairman
Membership Secretary
Treasurer
Secretary
BMFA Representative
Ordinary Committee Members

The Officers of the Club shall form the Committee and be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held within 40 days of the first day of April each year.

4. Membership - There will be 3 levels of membership.

Flying members - these will be required to:

- a. Be a member of the BMFA.
- b. Abide by the Club Safety Notes and the Safety Code in the BMFA Handbook.
- c. Have been a member for one year before standing for election to the Committee.

Honorary Flying members - these will be offered at the discretion of the Committee and will allow full Flying membership privileges with the same conditions. They will not be able to stand for Committee posts.



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Social members – these will be offered membership at the discretion of the Committee and:

- a. Have the gate code but not be allowed to fly.
- b. Not have to be a member of the BMFA.
- c. Receive Newsletters
- d. Be able to attend Club meetings.
- e. Not pay a subscription
- f. Have no voting rights

5. Flying times

Electric powered models and Gliders – start at 09:00

I.C. powered models – start at 10:00

6. Frequencies

Flying will only be undertaken on the following frequencies; All 35 MHz equipment you use must carry either an SMAE/MHTF Type Approval sticker or an official CE marking.

All 2.4GHz equipment must carry an official CE marking.

- a) 27mhz
- b) 35mhz – ODD frequencies ONLY (55-89)
- c) UHF
- d) 2.4ghz

7. Flying by Guests

Members guests may be allowed to fly at Club Sites on a maximum of two occasions provided that:

- a) The Committee has given permission
- b) An elected member of the Committee is present when the Guest is to fly.
- c) The Club Safety and Conduct Rules are explained to the Guest and that his aircraft complies with the Safety and Noise requirements.
- d) Only frequencies in (6) above are used.
- e) They are BMFA Members. Proof of membership is required.



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8. Solo Flying Requirements

- a) No new member will be allowed to fly solo until having passed his BMFA “A” test.
- b) No trainees will be allowed to fly solo until having passed the BMFA “A” test (the exception being “safe solo” granted by an instructor. Safe solo only allowed when an Instructor or Committee member present rather than just an Instructor).

9. Noise and Weight Limits

- a) The upper weight limit for models is 7Kg. With the agreement of the Committee aircraft in excess of 7Kg may be allowed up to an overriding maximum of 9Kg providing the pilot has a BMFA “B” certificate. Aircraft over 7Kg are limited to a max height of 400 feet.
- b) There is an overriding maximum noise limit of **81dba** (measured by the BMFA method using the Club’s meter) for **all** aircraft, which **MUST** be assessed **before** being allowed to fly.

Each I/C model **MUST** pass the 81dba noise test and the engine rpm must not exceed 10,000.

Electric models which, in the view of Committee members, seem to be approaching or exceeding the limit will be specifically tested; the rpm limit does not apply.

A pass sticker, with details of the test, will be issued by a Committee Member or designated noise tester. This must be affixed to the aircraft and be open for inspection at any time by members.

IT IS ONLY VALID FOR THE CONFIGURATION AS TESTED and will include:

- **For I/C powered:** - Motor, propeller size and type, RPM, silencer type.
- **For electric powered:** - Motor, propeller size and type or EDF unit, battery voltage.

If any of these items are changed (apart from a reduced battery count/voltage) a **RETEST IS REQUIRED**.

Electric models not specifically tested will be issued with an exemption sticker but may be the subject of a test in the future if, for any reason, they appear to approach the Club noise limit.



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10. Flying of Helicopters (to include other vertical take off craft such as multi rotor Small Unmanned Aircraft and Drones)

The Club shall only admit new members who are fixed wing (to include autogyro) flyers. Existing members who wish to fly helicopters will be allowed to do so after having been a member for 3years but must not fly

whilst fixed wing models are being flown. The conditions under which helicopters may be flown are strictly controlled and contained within the Safety Notes

11. Gas Turbine powered models

No models powered by Gas Turbine(s) to be flown or run at the Club fields.

12. Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Any Child (under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian when participating in any Club activities.

13. Financial situation

The subscription level will be set to cover the Club costs, any profits will be used solely to improve facilities for the Club as a whole, they will not be returned to members.

14. Dissolution of the Club

Should the Club be “wound up” for any reason an EGM will be called to determine a way forward. If dissolution was agreed upon any period of unused subscription will be repaid to members, any outstanding debts settled and assets sold. Any balance will be held by the BMFA to be used if the Club is reformed.

ANY MEMBER WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE CONTRAVENES ANY OF THESE RULES, WILL BE LIABLE TO EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB IN ACCORDANCE WITH BMFA GUIDELINES