

# CLUB RULES

NORTH NOTTS MODEL FLYING CLUB

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## CONSTITUTION

The clauses of the constitution of the Club contained herein were agreed by a majority vote of the committee. The rules of the Club contained in Annex A, may be amended by a majority vote of the committee. These agreed clauses and rules are binding on ALL Members of the Club.

## CLAUSE

### 1. CLUB AFFILIATION

1.1. The Club is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association (BMFA).

1.2. The BMFA Club Affiliation Number is 2444.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

2.1. The title of "Member" of the Club applies to those persons who operate radio controlled flying models of all types.

2.2. Three classes of "Member" shall exist; Full Member, Senior Member and Junior Members, all defined by age limit from 1<sup>st</sup> January of that year.

2.2.1. "Full Member" is open to a person age 18 - 65 years of age.

2.2.2. "Senior Member" is open to a person aged 65 and over.

2.2.3. "Junior Member" is open to a person aged up to 18 years of age.

2.2.4. "Family Membership" is a set membership fee applicable to member and spouse and may include one of their dependants up to 18 years of age being of the same surname or under legal guardianship, and each must have BMFA insurance. The member and spouse are therefore both full members and the child is a junior member. The junior membership fee is separately applicable for each and every other child.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP IDENTITY

3.1. ALL Members shall be registered with the club and a copy of members shall be kept by all committee members but no membership cards will be issued to individual members.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### 4.1. FULL / SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

4.1.1. Application for membership shall be in writing from the applicant addressed to the club secretary. (North Nott's MFC provides a form for this purpose)

4.1.2. Applications for new membership will be considered by the committee at committee meetings.

4.1.3. Membership may be terminated if in the opinion of the committee, the Member has not satisfactorily supported the club's activities.

4.1.4. The committee shall be empowered to expel any Member considered to have infringed the constitution or rules or who, in the opinion of the committee, is guilty of misconduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club in particular, or the hobby in general. Any person expelled from the club would not be entitled to a refund of membership

4.1.5. Application to renew a lapsed membership will be considered for renewal only at the next meeting held by the committee. Only in special extenuating circumstances will a membership be renewed before the next committee meeting.

#### 4.2. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

4.2.1. Junior membership is open only to persons under 18 years of age supervised by a CRB checked Full Member or Gardian

4.2.2. Junior Members become Full Members on attaining the age of 18 years.

4.2.3. Junior Members are bound by the rules applicable to Full Members regarding insurance and conduct on the airfield.

### 5. GENERAL

5.1. The committee shall be empowered to set a maximum number for Full membership of the Club.

5.2. A joining fee for new members or a fine for late payment of fees may be imposed at the discretion of the committee.

## 6. MANAGEMENT

### 6.1. AUTHORITY

6.1.1 The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club and for its management, shall be controlled by the committee which, in addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred on it by the “constitution and rules of the Club”, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the object for which the Club is established.

### 6.2. COMMITTEE

6.2.1. The committee consists of seven Full Members; Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Two Safety Representatives and Two full members. The Founder committee shall remain in office, subject to termination of office by resignation.

6.2.2. A founder committee member may be voted off the committee by a majority vote of all other (6) founder members if the majority feel that a founder member’s action’s or inaction’s are prejudicial to the running and good management of the club.

6.2.3. A full member elected by the founder committee members to replace a previous founder member shall be deemed to be a founder member.

6.2.4. The committee shall have the power to co-opt other Full Members onto the committee as they deem necessary to fill positions for specific tasks associated with promotion of the Club.

6.2.5. Four committee Members shall be required to form a quorum.

## 7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

7.1. The annual subscription rate shall be stated at the AGM.

7.1.1. The Club year shall run from 1 January in any year to 31st December of the same year.

7.3. Subscriptions become due 1st January each year. Members wishing to continue membership in the following year shall forward the subsequent year’s fees to the Membership secretary. Subscriptions are to be received by the membership secretary before the end of January in that year.

7.3.1. If subscriptions are not received by the end of January, membership will have deemed to have lapsed and a new application for membership will be required.

7.3.2. Any new membership commencing between the 1st January and the 30th June shall be deemed to attract the Full subscription rate for that year.

7.3.3. Any new membership commencing on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July will be entitled to a reduction of 50% or 75% on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## 8. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

8.1. The purpose of the meeting shall be to inform members of changes and future developments and to listen to the views and suggestions of the members so that they may be considered by the committee.

8.1.1. Notice of the meeting is to be distributed in such a manner as to reasonably ensure receipt by the members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.

### 8.2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.2.1. The annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held in November / December of each year following BMFA AGM and shall carry out the following:

Receive Chairman’s report on the Club’s activities.

Receive Secretary’s report on membership matters.

Receive Treasurer’s statement on subscriptions.

Deal with any other items on the agenda.

### 8.3. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

8.3.1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the committee only.

### 8.4 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

8.4.1 Upon dissolution of the club subject to clause 8.4.2 any assets remaining after the club's liabilities have been discharged shall be donated to the BMFA

8.4.2 The founder committee reserve the right to keep the club bank account intact and not release funds for a period of up to one year in the case of loss of flying site, in order that a new field may be found.

## NNMFC

### ANNEX A to the constitution of NNMFC

#### RULES OF THE CLUB

##### 1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE FLYING SITE

1.1. Guests are not permitted at the flying site except when accompanied by their introducing Member. A Guest has the option to fly at the field a maximum of 3 times before he or she applies to become a full member.

1.2. X or previous members do not count as guests and there for the above rule 1.1 regarding 3 flights does not apply.

1.3. Members shall enter and leave the flying site and proceed to the agreed flying area only by the agreed route.

1.4. Any gate which has to be opened for vehicle access and egress should be immediately closed again behind the vehicle.

1.5. Cabin door keys will be changed for security reasons every other year commencing January 2012. All key holders will be required to re Purchase new keys at cost price on the understanding the keys will only be valid for a maximum of 2 years.

##### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. The club cannot be held responsible for any loss, injury or damage to Members or their property or to third parties for any reason whatsoever.

2.2. Full Members, shall accept responsibility for the observation of all Club rules by Guests who accompany them at the flying site.

2.3 Dogs are not allowed on the flying field or surrounding fields under any circumstances.

2.4 Members will be required to cease all flying activities if requested to do so by the landowner, his agent or any member of the committee.

2.5 Every member is responsible for his own safety and for the safety of any other person including members of the general public who may be present or within the flying area.

**2.6 No litter or crash debris of any kind shall be left on site by any person at any time.**

2.7 NNMFC operates on a working farm and it is the responsibility of all members to ensure the safety of farm employees, livestock, vehicles, buildings and equipment. Due care whilst driving through the farm area, the closing of gates and due regard to farm operations etc must be observed at all times.

##### 3 CARING FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS AND CHILDREN (minor's)

3.1 Juniors and vulnerable people can become a member of the club as long as,-

(a) They are accompanied and chaperoned whilst at the field at all times by their Parent or legal guardian who must also be a full member of the club or

(b) If a Junior or vulnerable member is the responsibility of some other person other than as above, that responsible person must also be a full member of the club and have been CRB checked and registered to NNMFC.

3.2. On no account can any junior or vulnerable member attend the field at any time unless he or she is accompanied by a CRB checked and registered person who will assume responsibility for that child.

3.3. All minors must be kept clear of the landing and takeoff area's (unless flying under supervision) and must be kept under proper control at all times.

3.4. All Juniors shall at all times whilst flying, be accompanied by a competent full member unless that particular Junior has proved pilot competency to the committee, who may then waive the rule and allow them to pilot unaccompanied.

#### 4. INSURANCE

4.1. All Members will be insured through BMFA (reference Constitution clause 1.1).

4.2. A valid insurance certificate must be produced –

(a) On joining or renewal of membership if BMFA insurance is not obtained through the NNMFC, of which a copy shall be kept by the secretary.

(b) By any guest if requested by a full member during attendance at the flying site

#### 5. NOISE LIMITATIONS

5.1. Effective silencers must be fitted to all engines such that any noise produced by the model meets, or is preferably lower than, the level recommended by the Department of the Environment Code of Practice (as of the date of this Annex) has been identified by the BMFA as 82dB(A) at 7m.

5.2. In the event of a model complying with the above being considered too noisy by any Member, a jury of three other Members is to be elected by and from those Members present to decide on the action to be taken.

#### 6. MODEL TYPE LIMITATIONS

6.1. Control line flying is not permitted.

6.2. Free flight is not permitted unless individually and specifically agreed by the committee.

#### 7. FLYING LIMITATIONS

7.1 Flying times shall be between 08:30 to dusk during daylight hours only. These times may be altered, amended or extended at the discretion of the committee.

7.2 **JETS - Any Turbine propelled model should not fly more than one at a time and should leave a minimum of 15 minute intervals between following jet flights.**

7.2.1 **From the cabin, all jets turning parameter on the left side towards the wetlands area should commence in front of the cabin in order to keep well clear of the wetlands wildlife park area.**

#### 8. CLUB PROPERTY

8.1. Club property may be used only by Members and only for club purposes.

#### 9. OPERATION OF RADIO CONTROL EQUIPMENT

9.1. Operation of radio control equipment

Operation of radio control equipment is not permitted from any place other than the agreed model flying area unless the use of a bungee is required, in which case prior agreement has been sort by all those present on the day and no other person is using the same frequency.

9.2. Frequency Allocation

9.2.1. No member shall fly on any other frequency than the specific frequency allocated to the member unless by exceptional circumstances and in agreement with all present.

9.2.2. No member shall operate any radio transmitter on any 35 MHz frequency below channel 72 at any time during normal club operations. I.e. at all times with the exception of organised shows and events where the representatives of the contest glider fraternity have been given prior notification and agreement has been reached.

9.2.3. The frequency control monitoring system in force at the time should be used whenever any radio control equipment is operated on 35 MHz or 2.4 GHz

#### 10. FLYING of MODEL AIRCRAFT (all types including helicopters)

10.1. Model aircraft shall be flown only from the agreed area except when as described in clause 9.1

10.2. Model aircraft shall be operated well away from any building and dwelling.

10.3. Flying of model aircraft by an under 18 years of age Junior Member is permitted only in the presence of a Full Member unless

competence has been proven to the committee of which they may fly unaccompanied.

10.4. Full Members are empowered to request evidence of a valid certificate of insurance from any Guest actively engaged in model flying at the flying site. Failure to produce such evidence is considered to be a breach of Rule 3, and in such circumstances the said Guest must not continue with flying activity until evidence of insurance cover is demonstrated.

10.5 The BMFA handbook should be read and understood by all members. BMFA guidelines and codes of practice should be followed at all times.

10.6. No driving on, or loading or unloading of cars shall take place on the flying strip, only in the designated car parking area.

10.7. Do not over-fly any buildings, dwellings or public roads at any time.

10.8 Be aware of farm operations, the movements of farm and members vehicles and farm animals.

10.9 Be aware of the presence and location of contest glider flyers, their aircraft and any other persons in the area and avoid over-flying in their general area.

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**Failure to adhere to these rules may result in the termination of your membership**

These rules have been reviewed, amended and approved by the current full committee on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012

SIGNED