

# *Brentwood Model Flying Club*

*Club Rules Revised 2014*

## **A/Constitutional rules**

- 1/That the club be called the Brentwood Model Flying Club.
- 2/That the aim of the club is promote model flying.
- 3/That the members at the AGM elect the auditor.
- 4/That the AGM be held in the month of November/December when the accounts shall be presented, and the committee be elected.
- 5/A special meeting may be held at any time on the requisition of 25% of the members.
- 6/That there shall be a minimum of 5 members present at any general meeting to form a quorum.
- 7/Junior members are those age 18 years or less. There shall be a maximum of 10 junior members in the club. A reserve of two places shall be held back for mid term joining.
- 8/That no member under the age of eighteen is eligible to vote on policy matters.
- 9/That all propositions affecting the constitutional rules of the club must be a majority vote of the registered members. Members shall have the right to ballot by post on all constitutional rules.

## **B/General rules**

- 1/That the committee consist of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2/The club has in addition, a Helicopter co-ordinator, and two Safety officers.
- 3/That any member if requested by the committee, may have there rating removed, and have to re-take their BMFA A,B/C certificate. (As per rule 6 of the discipline procedure)
- 4/That any member of the club shall leave if requested by the committee.
- 5/New members are subject to a one year probationary period.
- 6/That the committee shall have the power to make decisions in the day-to-day running of the club.
- 7/That all proposals for the AGM and general meeting are forwarded to the Hon Secretary seven days prior to the said meeting.
- 8/That notice of the AGM and general meeting be forwarded by the Hon Secretary to all members at least seven days prior to said meeting.

## **C1/Flying Regulations**

- 1/All fixed wing models to be flown from the flight line. This is located in the area with the intersection on the far left of the field. Pilots should stand within this area for safety, and communication.
- 2/All flying to be carried out in front of you, as per the BMFA rules and not behind the flight line. This is regarded as a dead area.
- 3/The Helicopter training, and set up areas, are located behind the main flight line, as this is wind dependent, Safety officers will decide on the day which area to use.
- 4/No fixed wing over-flying is permitted, irrelevant of height, within an active helicopter area at any time.
- 5/Helicopters flying in circuit are to fly as per fixed wing from the flight line.
- 6/No dangerous or low flying over animals, people, cars or the flight line.
- 7/Aerobatics are to be performed at a safe distance from the flight line. (This is currently set to 30 meters for models under 7 kilos and a distance of 50 meters for models over 7 kilos and any gas turbine by the BMFA). This includes Aircraft prop hanging and Helicopters flying inverted.
- 8/No flying over or beyond the Doddinghurst road, the A12 bypass, or the Brentwood centre.
- 9/Announce loudly and clearly when you are about to land.
- 10/Announce loudly and clearly when you are about to cross the landing area, and check that no model is about to land or that any persons are on the field.
- 11/Announce loudly and clearly if you intend to do a low pass.
- 12/Any committee member may assume the authority to act as flight/safety control officer. Safe flying is incumbent on all members.
- 13/On possible non-fly days, or a day when other field users are active. A committee member or safety officer has absolute control on whether it is safe to fly and may end the session if it is deemed dangerous to continue.
- 14/Any model damaged and repaired during a flying session must be inspected by a safety officer prior to being reflown.
- 15/ No lone flying is permitted, another person must be present (this is for your own safety).

## C2/Trainees/Non "A" certificate holders

- 1/All training is offered free of charge. But it is the trainee's responsibility to ensure that a suitable approved club Instructor will be present on the day they wish to visit.
- 2/All trainees (where possible) are to use a buddy system.
- 3/A suitable model is required for training. A high wing electric or nitro trainer is considered ideal. Not weighing under 1kilo without fuel (nitro/battery) or a low powered helicopter with training gear.
- 4/Instructors have the right to refuse training, if the radio/model is deemed unsuitable.
- 5/All models are flown at owner's risk, whilst every effort will be made to safely fly the model, accidents sometimes happen. Neither the BMFC, or any of its club Instructors, will accept any responsibility in the event of a model loss.
- 6/Any Non "A" certificate holder that is safe to fly solo, must have an "A" certificate holder or an Instructor present with them whilst flying. This is until they hold their own "A" certificate.

## D/Noise limitation

- 1/Engine noise
  - a/All engines to be fitted with an appropriate silencer to limit the noise to the BMFA standard, this limit is currently set at 82db@7m.
  - b/A maximum of two 2 strokes airborne at any one time.
  - c/A maximum of four 4 strokes airborne at any one time.
  - d/Or a mixture of 2 four strokes and 1 two stroke.
  - e/Helicopters will be classed as a two stroke when flying in circuit.
  - f/A glider engine (i/c) will qualify as powered model for as long as the engine is running.

## E/Radio regulations

- 1/All transmitters to display appropriate frequency flag at all times.
  - 2/No TX to be switched on except when the pilot is in possession of the appropriate frequency peg.
  - 3/When not in use your TX is to be switched off, aerial should be retracted, and the frequency peg to be returned to the pegboard.
  - 4/Members must not remove a frequency peg from another member's radio, without firstly gaining permission.
  - 5/We operate an off the peg system as per the BMFA.
  - 6/We operate the SMART system as per the BMFA.
- S**...switch on
- M**...meter in the green
- A**...aerial secure and extended
- R**...rate switches all in correct positions
- T**...trims all in correct positions

## F/Field regulations

- 1/No animals to be taken onto the field.
- 2/All members will be held responsible for clearing away their own litter i.e. empty bottles, fuel cans, or picnic waste.
- 3/ For the comfort of non smoking members and fire safety, No Smoking in pits area. All used butts are to be removed and not discarded onto the field.
- 4/ Any person that is unsure of the site layout, no fly zones etc, should speak to a committee member or safety officer prior to flying.

## G/Discipline procedure

- 1/Safety is the responsibility of all members, and when dangerous practice, occurrence or situation is observed every member has a duty to intervene to make the situation safe. The matter should then be reported to a safety officer/committee member at the earliest opportunity.
- 2/A verbal warning will be given in the first instance.
- 3/A written warning will be given if the verbal warning has no effect.
- 4/Following a written warning the committee reserve the right to place any individual on an "improvement notice" until the individual is deemed safe once more.
- 5/Following a formal complaint on safety matters, a nominated committee member will conduct an investigation to identify all the contributing factors, determine the facts and make recommendations. The committee will ratify any findings or conclusions.
- 6/ The member may have their rating removed, and have to re-take their BMFA A,B/C certificate, or attain a rating if non existed. (See rule 3 of the general rules.) And as per the BMFA rule (Certificate retest.)
- 7/ In extreme circumstances, the member shall be removed from the club. (See rule 4 of the general rules.)

## H/Guest flyers

1/A flying guest is defined as a “once in a while” visitor, friend or family member. They are not classed as regular visitors or someone that you are regularly teaching.

2/Any flying guest must be covered by his or her own third party insurance, (except where rule 4 applies) proof of which must be shown on request. They are not covered on your BMFA membership. No insurance means no flying. Any guest (not covered by rule 4) must have a minimum of an “A”

3/There is no limit to the number of guests a member may invite during the year. However, any member abusing this privilege will be limited to the number of guests per year, or in extreme circumstances have the privilege removed.

4/The club operates a first time inexperienced flyer provision as per the BMFA, which means the guest is covered on your BMFA insurance for a limited period. Currently this is restricted to three days for any single inexperienced flyer. (This is designed to let someone try out model flying who has no previous experience and prior to joining the BMFA and the Brentwood club.) Any member being approached by an individual should in first instance direct them to a Safety officer/committee member. You are not permitted to fly with them, without full committee approval. (This breaks rule 5)

5/Any first time inexperienced flyer, must fly on a buddy lead with a committee nominated instructor.

## I/Children and vulnerable persons

1/Children taken to the field must be kept under supervision at all times.

2/The BMFA classes any member under the age of 18 as a junior member for the purposes of insurance.

3/No junior under the age of fourteen may attend without a parent or guardian present.

4/Juniors over the age of fourteen but under the age of eighteen, must attend with two or more members present, if flying solo.

5/CRB checks to be carried out for instructors that work one to one with children or vulnerable people through the BMFA. The committee will hold a list of approved instructors.

6/All juniors and vulnerable people will work with one of these approved people.

7/It will be the responsibility of the parent, or guardian, to ensure that a suitable instructor will be available the day you wish to visit.

8/All vulnerable persons must be fully supervised and accompanied at all times, whilst on one of our sites.

## J/Site Plans

1/A copy of the current site plans are available on the web site.

[www.brentwood-modelflying.co.uk](http://www.brentwood-modelflying.co.uk)

## K/Flying times

Brentwood Showground.

I/C Power.

### Saturday

Summer 12.00pm to 4.00pm.

Winter 11.00pm to 3.00pm

### Sunday/Bank Holidays

10.30am to 2.00pm.

### Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday evenings

last five hours before sunset.

During the summer months of May-August **NO** flying is to commence before 2.30pm.

During the winter months of September-April **NO** flying is to commence before 12.00pm