

RULE BOOK AND MANUAL

2010

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1. Club Identity

The club shall be known as *GOOSEDALE MODEL FLYING CLUB*, trading as Leen Valley Model Flying Club, and is affiliated to the BMFA in this name. The BMFA number is 068

2. Aims

To promote the safe operation of model aircraft as a sport to be enjoyed by people of all ages and to encourage members to achieve the highest standards of flying through the BMFA achievement scheme to the limit of their ability.

3. Membership Eligibility

Applications for membership shall be made to the committee and will be considered at the next club or committee meeting. Members must also be members of BMFA.

4. Membership Limitation:

Initially there will be no maximum limit set for membership numbers but an appraisal of a practicable membership limit will be agreed at the AGM and will be based on experience gained during the previous year. Where applications to join exceed the limit, a waiting list will be established on a "first come, first served" basis.

5. Membership Responsibilities

All legal requirements applicable to the flying of model aircraft are implicitly embodied in the club rules. Members are expected to adhere to club rules and regulations.

Members will be responsible for the behavior of any guest(s) they may introduce to club activities either at club meetings or at the flying site. A guest may fly on a maximum of three occasions per year. There will be no limit on the number of occasions a guest attends club meetings. Guest flyers must be members of BMFA.

Members accept that their name, address and telephone number will be held on a computer database as defined by the Data Protection Act. The information held is for club use only and will be treated as confidential.

Members will be required to produce, on request by a club official, proof of BMFA membership, insurance cover and, where applicable, LMA/ CAA large model exemption certificates.

6. Membership Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions must be paid prior to 1st March. Members paying after that date will be regarded as new members. Members should note that the subscriptions will reflect the cost of renting/ hiring the flying site plus a small administration fee unless otherwise agreed at an AGM.

Membership Subscriptions will be reviewed annually at the AGM and will become effective from 1st January of the following year,

Subscriptions for new members or members rejoining on or after 1st August will be reduced.

7. Discipline

Club rules apply equally to all members.

All members are responsible for flying site discipline. The Club Safety Officers and committee members are empowered to enforce safe flying practices at all times.

Serious breaches of club rules or unsafe flying will be referred to the committee who will decide on appropriate disciplinary action if required.

8. Rule Change

Changes to the membership structure and / or permanent rule changes may only be enacted at the AGM (or at an EGM convened specifically for that purpose.)

Interim rule changes covering safety matters may be proposed at any club meeting and if carried by a simple majority will remain effective until confirmed or rejected at the next AGM/EGM.

The committee may introduce interim rule changes where they consider this necessary.

9. Training Policy

The club encourages participation in the approved BMFA flight training programme and seeks the support of members willing to assist in this area.

The club operates the BMFA Achievement Scheme and in support of this have a number of registered examiners.

10. Club Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will take place in November each year and will follow the general format:

Apologies, Minutes of previous AGM, Matters arising, Officers reports, Membership subscriptions, Rule changes, Election of new committee.

An EGM may be called at the discretion of the committee or on receipt of a written request signed by a minimum of 20% of members stating the reason for the request.

Notification of an EGM will be advised to members by the secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting and will state the time, place and reason for the meeting.

No business other than that for which the EGM was called will be discussed at that meeting unless directly related to a decision made at the EGM.

11. Club Committee

The committee will comprise the following officers:-

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Safety Officer and additional members (who will act as Safety Officers and noise monitors, etc.)

A Committee quorum will comprise 4 members

An **AGM** quorum will comprise 25% of membership

SECTION 2. - General Operating Rules

1. Radio Frequency Allocation
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1. Radio Frequency Allocation

Fixed Wing Aircraft and Helicopters – 2.4 Ghz and 35 Mhz at frequencies 55 to 90 inclusive
Frequency Control is by 'Peg Board' and it is mandatory that the appropriate frequency peg be attached to a transmitter BEFORE it is switched on. Numbered pennants must be attached to the transmitter aerial at all times to indicate its frequency.

At busy times when members are waiting for a frequency to become available it should only be occupied for a maximum 20 minutes per occasion.

2. Noise Control

All I.C. powered aircraft **MUST** comply with current BMFA noise recommendations and it is the policy of the club to achieve minimum practicable noise levels.

Models will be noise tested and noisy models will NOT be permitted to fly

3. Safety

Members must show that they have read and understand the BMFA Safety Codes before operating their models.

Any member deliberately flying in a manner which is likely to cause danger or damage to persons or property, will be subject to disciplinary action by the committee.

For safety reasons fixed wing pilots, without an 'A' or 'B' certificate or a certificate issued by a club instructor, may only fly under the supervision of a club instructor or 'B' certificate holder. Un-certificated helicopter pilots must only fly in the designated areas.

Models must not be taxied in the pits area. When taxiing from the field back to the flight line, models must not be pointed in the direction of the pits.

Models must be restrained when starting or running in the pits area.

At busy times circuits will be flown such that the flight line is passed on the upwind leg.

Members should display courtesy to operators of large models and, by agreement, allow these models to have clear air space if the operator requests it. It is stressed that this rule is to be applied by agreement of the flyers present at the time.

Helicopters can only be flown on the main runway site if all members present agree to stand down to allow them to fly. The helicopter flight line will be positioned 20 meters forward of the fixed wing flight line in order to safeguard those in the pits. The designated area north of the west end of the runway can be used by helicopter pilots to test and hover to around head height.

The flight line shall be established such that the sports fields fall within the 'No Fly' zone as defined in the BMFA Safety Code.

No flying is permitted over Goosedale House, the trees surrounding Goosedale House or within 100 meters Goosedale Cottages at any time. Care should be taken to position the models in such a way to avoid any threat to these areas.

All 'incidents' shall be reported to the committee as soon as practicable.

Prolonged engine running shall not be carried out in the pits area, as this can be distracting to pilots who are flying.

Prior to flying a new or rebuilt model, an experienced club member shall examine the model with the owner for any defects which would cause a safety issue. Subject to approval, the test flight shall be undertaken by a 'B' certificate holder OR under his supervision. It is recommended that clear air space be provided on such occasions.

4. Flying Times

Unless otherwise specified in writing, flying times will be from 11.00am to 5.30pm daily for IC models and 11.00 am to 7.45 pm daily for silent and electric flight, with access to the site from 10.00am until 8.00pm.

5. General

Members must be prepared to produce their membership cards if requested to do so by the landowner or a committee member.

A Fulton, Secretary, on behalf of the committee of Goosedale Model Flying Club. 1st December 2009