

BLENHEIM MODEL AERO CLUB

RULES OF OPERATION

1. **All people flying model aircraft at ARA (Bankhouse) are to adhere to these rules of operation.**
2. Rules, Regulations, and Codes of Practice published by MFNZ and CAA, **MUST** be adhered to.
3. All pilots must be current financial members of the New Zealand Model Aircraft Association.
Exceptions:
 - A. The committee **may** allow limited operations by **prospective new members**, providing the pilot's observer / Instructor is a current MFNZ member and a holder of "wings" proficiency for the type of model in operation. This will not normally exceed three flying sessions.
 - B Visitors are welcome at the BMAC field under the following conditions.
 1. Must be a Financial NZMF member or accompanied by a financial NZMF member who accepts responsibility for non-members.
 2. Must notify a BMAC committee listed on board before flying
 3. All visitors NZMF, MAMS and students must become financial members of BMAC after three flying visits within a financial year.
4. Flying and car parking must only be carried out in the designated areas.
5. Flying hours are from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm for Internal combustion powered aircraft, gliders and electric powered may be flown until dusk."
6. All pilots **MUST** have an observer at all times, including when flying outside normal flying hours as in 5 above. Either the pilot or the observer **MUST** be "wings" qualified for the type of craft being operated.
7. Model aircraft must not be operated in excess of 400 feet AGL without prior approval of Woodbourne Air Traffic Control Phone 572-8014.
8. Pilots are responsible for removing ALL litter from the field and making good any turf damage.
9. Members may invite guests. Members are responsible for their guest's behavior.
10. **FREQUENCY CONTROL**
 - a. Only MFNZ approved frequencies are permitted at ARA
 - b. The frequency control board (pegboard) must be used by all pilots at any time that there are more than Three transmitters present.
 - c. A peg bearing the **PILOTS NAME** must be correctly placed on the frequency control board AND the **FREQUENCY PEG** retained by the pilot **prior to switching on the transmitter.**
ONE PEG ONLY IS TO BE USED IN EACH FREQUENCY SLOT ON THE PEGBOARD.
 - d. After switching off, pilots are to set their transmitter throttle control to idle, retract the antenna and then return the **FREQUENCY PEG** to the board.
11. The last member present is to ensure that all club equipment is secured in the property box, lock the gate (if the gate was locked at the beginning of the flying session.)

12. **GROUND SAFETY**

- a. Prior to engine start Pilots must ensure that all models are **effectively restrained, and with the prop/jet blast not facing cars and spectators.**
- b. For high power running Models must be positioned in a **safe direction.**

13. **FIRE SAFETY**

Jet engines, Pulse jets, Jetex and other rocket motors, and any other engine with similar high exhaust temperatures are prohibited from operation during fire ban periods. All members please make your selves aware of the fire fighting equipment available at the green box.

14. **FLIGHT SAFETY**

- a. **No-fly areas** are marked on the flying field map. Flying over spectators, car park and pit areas are **EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN.**
- b. **PILOTS FLYING HAVE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHERS.** This includes their choice of "in use" runway.
- c. **All pilots are to employ a safety person (observer) whilst flying. The observer's function is to assist in the observation of these rules and he/she must hold a current "Wings Badge" if the pilot does not.**
- d Models must be kept at least 150 Meters away from full size aircraft.
- e. Before takeoff all pilots must check for traffic on the ARA entrance road and make sure no models are on finals.
- f. ALL FLYING (except glider Launching & hand launching of power models) must be conducted from the appropriate **Pilots Box.**
- g. The MAXIMUM number of models flying at ANY time is **FOUR.**
Exception: In the interests of flight safety, a committee member may deem that, for example:
 - A lesser number is appropriate for the prevailing conditions, or
 - Approval is given, on request, for a pilot to fly as the only aircraft in the air, such as a pilot of a large model or a pilot giving a demonstration flight.
- h. **Pilots are to call "Landing" when on finals.**
- i. All maneuvers over the "in use" runway must be called.
- j. Low passes over the "in use" runway must only be flown in the direction of takeoff unless all other pilots are notified with ample time to clear and with their approval.

15. A committee member may ground any model:

- a. Considered unsafe.
- b. Contravening rule 2.
- c. Considered excessively noisy.

16. Access is only permitted to the designated flying areas the rest of the ARA property is off limits. For any further access permission must be obtained form an ARA Manager
Names and numbers on board at main gate.

Any flier who consistently contravenes these rules will be required to leave the airfield and will have their membership reviewed by management committee.

Authorized by the Management Committee of the Blenheim Model Aero Club Inc.

Dated April 2010

Signed:

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