

DEAN MODEL FLYING CLUB

General Rules

These rules were amended in March 2022 in accordance with the powers laid down in the club constitution. For further definitions regarding membership, please refer to the constitution. ([link](#)) It should be pointed out that, in all matters, the decisions of the committee are final.

Membership

1. New membership is subject to a probationary period of up to 3 months. If the committee does not grant full membership by the end of the probationary period, a refund of membership fees will be made (less the cost of insurance).
2. All members (flying) and guests (flying) are to be members of the BMFA, have a valid operators ID and be able to demonstrate safe flying ability to a club committee member. A valid operators ID must be displayed on all models in accordance with CAA/BMFA/Article 16 regulations.
3. An Associate member is somebody who can take part in the launching and recovery of live aircraft, belonging to the member to which they are associated, but not be in control of the flight. Associate members are therefore also required to be BMFA members or have equivalent insurance cover.
4. Memberships run from 1st January to 31st December.
5. Guests are not permitted to fly at the Club field unless accompanied by the host member. The name of the guest has to have been previously notified to any committee member. It should be noted that a guest will only be permitted to fly on three separate occasions.
6. Current membership fees are available on request from any committee member.
7. No Junior or vulnerable adult should come to the club flying field without a responsible adult. If the adult wishes to fly he/she will have to appoint a suitable minder.
8. All members must abide by the clubs Health & Safety rules ([link](#)). These cover specifics with regard to site layout and flying procedures. These are supplementary and where more stringent take precedence over the safety guidelines outlined by the British Model Flying Association in the BMFA Handbook.
9. All members should be aware that we share the airspace with full size aircraft both civil and military. We operate under Article 16 authorisation issued by the CCA and as such are required to comply with mandatory occurrence reporting in respect of incidences, near misses as well as accidents (<https://rcc.bmfa.uk/art16-occurrence-reporting>). This procedure is to improve flight safety and not to apportion blame. Keep a good look out and inform the committee as well as the BMFA if you are involved in any such occurrence. If

you are unsure as to whether report seek guidance from either a committee member or the BMFA.

Model Types

10. The flying of models over 7kg must be approved by a committee member and, as a guide, the pilot should have at least 12 months flying experience.
11. Members wishing to fly model helicopters or quads must seek committee approval before flying.
12. The site is not suitable for Gas Turbine powered aircraft and these are not allowed.
13. Only models equipped with Radio Control operating in the 2.4Ghz are allowed.
14. The Safety Officer or any committee member may ground any model deemed to be unfit to fly.

Noise

15. IC powered models will need to be checked for sound levels (as per BMFA recommended requirements) and passed before any flights take place. Contact the Chairman for further details.

Site

16. The electric fence around the flying strip is a critical item in maintaining our flying strip in good order and protecting it from damage from livestock .
 - If the electric fence is not operational or looks incorrectly setup when arriving at the site please inform a committee member.
 - It is essential that the fence posts are fully inserted into the ground or the fence will collapse in the wind.
 - It is essential that the electric tape is under tension between posts otherwise it will collapse in the wind and/or allow livestock to enter.
 - If you are unsure how to erect the fence please contact a committee member for guidance.
17. The Flying Strip is Out of Bounds to non-members and spectators.
18. All litter is to be removed on leaving the flying field.
19. During winter months the field may be closed. Please observe any signs posted at the farm gates or contact any committee member.
20. All field gates and electric fences belonging to the farm should be left as found unless the gates should clearly be shut. e.g. If there are cows in the field.
21. All children and animals are to be kept under control in the model park.

