

BLLENHEIM MODEL AERO CLUB

RULES OF OPERATION

1. All people flying R/C model aircraft (CAA defines them as drones) at the INDEVIN Bankhouse site 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 **MFNZ/ NZMAA & BMAC**
Exceptions (club flying days only);
 - a. The committee **may** allow limited operations by a **prospective new member**. This will not normally exceed three flying sessions.
 - b. Financial Members of MAMS covered by their club's insurance, **except at MFNZ approved fly-ins** where **MFNZ membership and appropriate wings** is required. Limited to no more than three visits a year.
4. Flying and car parking must only be carried out in the designated areas. (ANNEX A)
5. **Flying hours** are from **9am to 5 pm** for Internal combustion & other powered craft, gliders and quiet electric powered may be flown **8am until dusk**. **Night flying must be carried out in accordance with CAA part 101 regulations i.e., only in "shielded" spaces.**
6. All pilots **MUST** have an observer at all times, including non-club days. Either the pilot or the observer **MUST** be "wings" qualified for the type of craft being operated. Non-members may act as observers if properly briefed.
7. Indevin Bankhouse is in **CONTROLLED AIRSPACE** therefore before any flying starts **permission must be obtained from the Woodbourne Control Tower 03-5726006 ext. 9 and canceled when the session finishes.** (last to leave advise the Control Tower i.a.w. rule 12)
8. Model aircraft must not be operated in excess of **400** feet AGL
9. Pilots are responsible for removing ALL litter from the field and making good any turf damage.
10. Members may invite guests. Members are responsible for their guests behavior.
11. **FREQUENCY CONTROL**
 - a. Only MFNZ approved frequencies are permitted at Bankhouse Indevin.
 - b. The frequency control board (pegboard) must be used at any time that there is more than two AM/FM 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.
 - e. **2.4 GHz transmitters do not require the use of the pegboard.**
12. The last member present is to ensure that all club equipment is secured in the property box & **Advise the Control Tower that flying has finished Phone 03 572 6006. Ext. 9**
13. **GROUND SAFETY**
 - a. Prior to engine starts or electric motor running, pilots must ensure that their model is **effectively restrained, and with the prop/jet blast not facing other models, cars and spectators.**
 - b. For high power running Models must be positioned in a **safe direction.**
 - c. A **FIRST AID Kit** is stored in the club locker. Report any items used to a committee member.

14. **FIRE SAFETY**
 a. 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. b.
 b. All members should make themselves aware of and storage of the club firefighting equipment.
15. **FLIGHT SAFETY**
 a. **No-fly areas** are marked on the flying field map
 (Annex A).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, alert the pilot of any nearby full-size aircraft 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 take-off all pilots must check for road traffic at the East end of the runway if taking off EAST 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**.
Exceptions: In the interests of flight safety, a committee member may:
 a. give approval for a lesser number appropriate for the prevailing conditions, or
 b. give approval on request, for a pilot to fly as the only aircraft in the air, such as: a pilot of a large model, a pilot giving a demonstration flight, a pilot under wings test, a pilot on first solo **OR** at other times that a committee member deems suitable.
 h. **Pilots are to request "TAKEOFF" from airborne pilots before taking off, and 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.
 k. The adjacent vineyard area **must not be flown over if there are individuals working in that area**. If you cannot comply, please do not fly until the workers have finished.
 l. Low flying must be conducted **around the appropriate "airfield circuit" (Annex A)** if others are also flying. This will allow ease of joining the circuit for landing, fly-bys, touch and goes etc.
16. A committee member may ground any model:
 a. Considered unsafe.
 b. Contravening rule 2.
 c. Considered excessively noisy.
17. Access is only permitted to the designated flying areas, the rest of the INDIVIN property is off limits. For any further access permission must be obtained from the Manager, Names and numbers on board at main gate.
18. 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

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 M. A. Herd BMAC Secretary Date: