

# THURROCK MODEL FLYING CLUB RULES

## TMFC January 2023 (16th issue).

- **Club**

The Club shall be known as "THURROCK MODEL FLYING CLUB" and shall be affiliated to the BMFA.

- **Aims**

To promote and encourage the building and flying of model aircraft.

- **Annual General Meeting:** held during October to elect Club officials, review subscription rates, and discuss any other Club business.

- **General Meeting:** will be called by the committee if anything arises that needs a general meeting. Details of why will be communicated to members at the same time.

- **Subscriptions**

Membership fee will be decided at each AGM for the following membership year. Membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Fee to be pro rata/month remaining for new members joining during the year. No subscription is refundable.

- **Insurance**

All members are required to hold BMFA membership. This includes the necessary insurance. Guests flying solo are to produce a BMFA membership card. Under BMFA insurance, a non-member novice may have a supervised flight with a Registered Club Instructor. See:-

<https://bmfa.org>

- **CAA Operators Licence**

A CAA Operators ID is required by all members. See:-

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual>

- **Flying Tuition**

The committee will register some members to be Club Instructors.

- **Rules for model flight**

It is a condition of membership that all members read and abide by the rules as in the BMFA members handbook

<https://handbook.bmfa.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-BMFA-Members-Handbook.pdf>

### Flying Field

A maximum of six aircraft are allowed to fly together, remembering that an aeroplane, drone and helicopter are all forms of aircraft. Any helicopter or drone over the runway counts as an aircraft and a maximum of two helicopters/drones are permitted at any one time.

Pilots and their helper only are allowed on the Runway. After take-off prompt return to the Flight Line is required.

Models are launched into wind from the downwind end of the Runway. The first turn must respect Dead Airspace; 'Dead Airspace' is defined as the area in which it is forbidden to fly after take-off and normal circuit pattern is established and LANDING has not been called. Flying over the area identified as dead air space is forbidden

Whilst flying Pilots will assemble along the Flight Line.

No model is to be flown in such a manner as to endanger life or property (see ANO Article 241) or an aircraft, or any person therein (see ANO Article 240).

Any model landing on adjacent private property should be recovered by two persons, if possible, one of which should preferably be a committee member.

Members will ensure they leave no litter at the flying field, and may be asked to assist with its upkeep; e.g. grass cutting etc.

Landing aircraft, especially "deadstick", have priority.

No aircraft which weighs more than 7.5kg without its fuel but including any article or equipment installed or attached to the aircraft at the commencement of the flight is allowed.

The committee may, when necessary, issue a specific set of rules to govern procedure during the period of any Club contest.

- **Display Flights**

Recommendations set out in the BMFA Handbook are to be followed.

- **Safety Matters**

It is the responsibility of every member to ensure their models and equipment are in good operating condition, and that they pursue the sport in a safe, responsible and considerate manner.

Every member should act as a Safety Officer.

- **Warning to Members**

Membership of the Club means that members agree to abide by the rules of the Club. Wilful neglect of any of the Club rules, or any action affecting the general well-being of the Club may, following the issue of a written endorsement by the Committee, result in a motion being brought before the Club which, if carried, would result in the suspension for a minimum of one month, or at a maximum until renewal of membership is approved at a General Meeting of the Club.

- **Child Protection Policy**

Junior members can only fly when accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone who has the written authority to bring that junior to the field and supervise them.

Instructors who propose to teach juniors must be cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The club will appoint a Person Responsible for Child Protection.

When instructors are with junior members or when a junior instructor is at the flight line with a senior member the responsible adult may reserve the right to stand behind them to be able to hear their conversation but without causing any interference with the flying of the aircraft.

Reference to junior members in the above also assumes vulnerable adults.

- **Winding Up**

Should the Club be wound up, the assets, after discharging all outstanding debts, will be donated to one or more charitable institutions or worthy causes to be decided by a majority consent of members at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

- **Rule Changes**

Rules may be amended at any time by the Chairman and one other committee member.

- **Membership / Joining TMFC**

The maximum number of members is 75. Should the limit be reached in the course of the year all applications will then be added to a waiting list.

Persons wishing to join TMFC should apply to the Club secretary.

Applicants will be notified should vacancies arise.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Map of Flying Field Location and Limits of Flying.**

Refer to the following map. Red is dead airspace and models must not be flown in this area. Dark green is take-off/landing area and preferred airspace for flying. Light green area can be used for flying but not for landing/crashing if possible. Flight Line is near to access road to prevent overflying Grangewaters or Thurrock Angling Club.

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