

Warwick Model Flyers

The Rules of the Club

1. General

1.1. Pursuance of Club aims and objectives

1.1.1. Members will abide by the set of rules that are designed to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the club and the achievement of its aims and objectives.

1.2. The operation of the Club.

1.2.1. Members should bring to the attention, of the Honorary Secretary in writing any complaint or grievance they have. The Honorary Secretary will refer the matter to the Committee at the earliest opportunity for resolution. The Honorary Secretary will inform the member in writing of the outcome of the investigation into the said complaint or grievance.

1.2.2. Likewise members should bring forward any suggestions for improvement or their offers of help in the daily running of the club.

1.2.3. No member shall act in any way to:

1.2.3.1. Cause loss, injury or offence to another member, visitor or guest of the Club.

1.2.3.2. Damage Club property, or bring the Club into disrepute.

1.3. Subscriptions

1.3.1. Members must pay all subscriptions and other sums as required under the rules by the due date.

1.4. Use of the Club name.

1.4.1. Members may not use the Club name in the pursuance of any private or business activity without the permission of the Committee.

1.4.2. Members may not represent the Club in any way without the permission of the Committee.

1.5. Smoking

1.5.1. The Club operates a no-smoking policy in the Clubhouse.

1.5.2. Smokers should dispose of cigarette ends in the receptacle provided

2. Use of the Clubhouse and Club Flying Field

2.1. Use of Club facilities. Members will :

2.1.1. Respect the wildlife and farm animals in and around the Flying Field.

2.1.2. Ensure that all litter and waste is placed in the receptacles provided.

2.1.3. Report to the Committee any damage, potential safety hazards or other problems requiring attention.

2.1.4. Ensure that all services are 'off' and the Clubhouse locked when leaving the site, unless otherwise instructed.

2.2. Visitors and Guests.

2.2.1. Members may bring visitors at any time to use the flying field A. visitor is defined as a person who wishes to fly their own or a member's plane independent of the member and must be insured with BMFA. No visitor may attend more than 3 times in any one year, except at the discretion of the Committee.

2.2.2. Members may bring a guest to the club at any time. A Guest is defined as a friend or family member who does not participate in the hobby but wishes to 'have a go' under the direct control of the Member. No fee is required.

2.2.3. A member is responsible for the safety and behavior of his visitors and guests.

2.2.4. Children and young persons must be supervised at all times.

2.3. Animals.

2.3.1. Members will ensure that animals brought on to the site are kept under control at all times.

3. Committee

3.1. Officers

3.1.1. Committee Members/Officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting as follow: Chairman, Honorary

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3.1.2. Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, BMFA Rep, Welfare Officer and Newsletter Editor. Further members may be elected as Ordinary Members of the Committee as directed by the membership.

3.2. Committee Meetings.

3.2.1. The Committee shall meet, as and when required, to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

3.2.2. The Committee will implement approved decisions of the A.G.M. or E.G.M. of the Club and further such policies.

3.3. Social events and functions.

3.3.1. These may be arranged by the Committee or following a request by a member.

4. Club Finance.

4.1. Subscriptions.

4.1.1. Annual subscriptions for each category of membership, joining fees and visitors fees shall be recommended by the Committee, and approved at an A.G.M. or E.G.M.

4.1.2. Any change in the subscription rate or joining fee shall be effective from the date ratified by the A.G.M. or E.G.M, and be notified to Members together with the 'due date' for payment.

4.1.3. Annual subscription year shall be from 1st December to 30th November.

4.2. Auditing.

4.2.1. The Committee of the Club may at any time appoint a responsible person to audit the accounts documents, vouchers, securities etc., that they may require to see, and take possession of them providing that a written receipt is given.

5. Alteration to Rules.

5.1. Alterations or additions to the Rules and Safety Procedures may be made on the proposal of the Committee or at the written request of Members. Such proposals shall be circulated in writing to all members at least 20 days before the A.G.M. or E.G.M. summoned for that purpose and where they will be voted on by the membership.

6. Membership.

6.1. Application for membership

6.1.1. Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer using the 'Application for Membership' form.

6.1.2. The Application shall be considered by the Committee, which shall either accept or reject the application.

6.1.3. Membership is contingent on the applicant's acceptance of the Rules of the Club and payment of the subscription and any joining fees in force at the time of the application.

6.1.4. Membership shall commence on the day of acceptance by the Committee.

6.2. Termination of Membership

6.2.1. Membership shall be assumed to have lapsed if a Member's subscription has not been paid by the due date. After this date Members will be asked to pay a Joining Fee if they wish to continue their membership.

6.2.2. A Member should offer his resignation in writing should he no longer wish to remain a Member. In this case the Committee will investigate the reason for resignation.

6.3. Forfeiture of Membership.

6.3.1. The Committee shall have the power to recommend the termination of membership of any Member whose conduct is contrary to the Rules and Safety Procedures of the Club. (Annex A to these rules.)

6.3.2. An E.G.M. will be called and the recommendation put to the membership. (Pending the EGM the member will be suspended from participation in all Club activities)

6.3.3. The members present will vote on the recommendation, which will require a majority in favour to succeed.

6.4. Children and Vulnerable Adult Membership

6.4.1. The Club will operate a policy within the BMFA Child Protection Policy in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and monitored by the Club Welfare Officer.

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7. Communications.

- 7.1. The Club will issue a newsletter not less than twice per year. It will contain details of Club meetings, events and activities, matters relating to the operation of the Club and any other information of interest to members. A copy of the latest issue will be displayed in the Clubhouse.
- 7.2. The Club may maintain a web-site. It will give details of the Club and its location, and any other information of interest to existing and potential members.
- 7.3. A copy of the Rules and Safety Procedures, and any changes, will be issued to members and a copy displayed in the Clubhouse.

Annex A – Rules and Safety Procedures 2001 (Due for review in 2007)
(Copy issued with newsletter July 2005)