

WIRRAL RADIO CONTROL FLYING SOCIETY

CLUB RULES

Amended December 2007

Constitutional rules

- Rule 1 The purpose of the Society is to promote radio control flying in all its aspects.
- Rule 2 The Society's financial year to run from the first day of October to the end of September.
- Rule 3 The membership year to run from the first day of January to the end of December.
- Rule 4 The AGM will be held prior to the start of the membership year.
- Rule 5 The Treasurer will present a balance sheet prior to the AGM, together with the proposed budget.
- Rule 6 Any member may inspect the society's papers given reasonable notice. The Society's bank accounts must have at least three authorised signatories, two of which are required for each cheque.
- Rule 7 The Society will elect a committee each year that will comprise the following officers:
 Chairman.
 Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 Competition Secretary.
 Newsletter Editor.
 and two Executive Members.
- Rule 8 The duties of any two officers may be carried out by one person. In this event, an additional committee member may be elected.
- Rule 9 Additional specific posts may be co-opted by the committee, who will report directly to the committee.

- Rule 10 The committee will meet regularly, and will be called by the Chairman. A quorum shall consist of four; in the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.
- Rule 11 Members' proposals which do not require rule changes may be dealt with at normal monthly meetings.
- Rule 12 An EGM may be called by any member with a minimum of 10% of members backing. It must be served in writing, with the signatures of those backers.
- Rule 13 Members must accept the conditions imposed by any legal contract entered into by the Society.
- Rule 14 If the committee is satisfied that a member has infringed the rules, his membership may be suspended or terminated.
- Rule 15 In the event of the Society winding up, Society funds and assets will be divided equally amongst fully paid up members without reference to length of membership.

The Society is aware of the requirement to protect Children and Vulnerable Adults.

- Rule 16 Individual members are not expected to provide this protection. Therefore any Children or Vulnerable Adults attending the Society's premises, meetings, functions or sites must, at all times, be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or registered carer during the whole period of such attendance and the parent, legal guardian or registered carer shall have sole responsibility for safety and welfare of the Child or Vulnerable Adult.
- Rule 17 WRCFS membership cards must be carried at all times when flying, and must be produced on request by police, park authorities, or members.
- Rule 18 No model may be operated which gives a noise measurement above 82 dB (A) @ 7 mtrs or as per any subsequent rule laid down in the BMFA Handbook.
- Rule 19 Members are expected to read and observe the BMFA Handbook and any subsequent amendments.
- Rule 20 All radio equipment must be Type Approved, well maintained and operate on the 35mhz band between 34.950mhz (channel 55) and 35.300mhz (channel 90), the 2.4 ghz band or the allocated UHF band.

- Rule 21 Flyers must hold a BMFA "A" certificate before they can fly unsupervised at Society sites.
- Rule 22 In accordance with CAA directives for model aircraft operated within an ATCZ (Air Traffic Control Zone), a maximum height restriction of 800 ft AGL must be observed. This is reduced to 400 ft AGL for aircraft over 7Kg.
- Rule 23 The pit area must be no closer than 10 metres behind the flight line.
- Rule 24 Except in an emergency, flying behind the flight line, or the extended flight line, is forbidden. Also, flying outside our designated airspace is forbidden.
- Rule 25 Low flying in the vicinity of people, animals or property is expressly forbidden.
- Rule 26 Never taxi directly towards any person or animal, and ensure that the engine or motor can be cut from the transmitter.
- Rule 27 When in the pits, aircraft must be restrained while their engines are running. Never taxi in the pits or behind the flight line.
- Rule 28 Pilots should stand together on the flight line, with the exception of helicopter pilots using the hovering area. Take offs and landings should be on the cent reline and transmitters should not be taken on to the strip.
- Rule 29 A maximum of four aircraft to be airborne in the circuit at any one time. Only one helicopter to operate on the hovering area at any one time.
- Rule 30 Models over 7kg and all turbine powered models must be fitted with a failsafe.
- Rule 31 Where any failsafe systems are installed, they must, at a minimum, pull the throttle to idle.
- Rule 32 Models over 7kg and all turbine powered models may only be flown at the Society's sites by pilots holding the BMFA "B" certificate.
- Rule 33 Prior to flying a model weighing more than 7kg, a Large Model Form must be completed and lodged with the committee.
- Rule 34 No other transmitting device may be operated in the pits without consent. Mobile phones must be switched off.
- Rule 35 Any airframe or equipment may be subject to a safety check. Any aircraft that is suspect may be grounded until the problem has been rectified.

Flying Rules - Arrowe Park

- Rule 36 Flying at Arrowe Park may take place between the hours of 10.30am to 9.00pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays are for silent flight only (e.g. glider & electric).
- Rule 37 All members must have a minimum of 4 high visibility marker flags of suitable size, mounted on flexible canes, one clearly marked pegboard, a frequency peg clearly printed with his name and channel number, a frequency TX pennant with his channel number on it and his membership card.
- Rule 38 A helicopter hovering and trimming area may be set up. This will be identified by the use of four high visibility flags at least 10 metres away from the right hand end of the pit area when facing the hospital.
- Rule 39 Models over 20Kg are prohibited from flying at Arrowe Park.