

Gold Coast Model Flying Club Inc.(ABN 91 126 904 154)

BY- LAWS and FLYING RULES 1st March 2010.

1. Members of the Gold Coast Model Flying Club must only fly in areas approved by the club. All fields belonging to clubs affiliated through their State Association with MAAA shall be considered as approved flying areas.
2. Flying must only be carried out if there is another responsible person present who could render first aid if needed.
3. All members and visitors to the flying field must sign the attendance book with their FAI number, or, in the case of a non flying visitor or new member who is awaiting their FAI card, their telephone number.
4. No member or affiliated member will be permitted to fly without a current FAI license. The membership card must be sighted on request.
5. Use of mobile phones is not permitted in the area forward of the front line of the pits including the Pilot Box and Run-up /Starting area.
6. Smoking in the Pits, Run-up/Starting area and Pilot Box is prohibited. It is allowable in the car-park area only.
7. Any financial member is entitled to invite any one guest to fly at the Clubs fields a maximum of 4 times before that guest is required to either join the club or join as an associate member if he/she is a member of another Model Flying Club. Furthermore, any member can invite a maximum of 4 guests in any one financial year.
8. Any member who engages in flying activities from any non-MAAA approved flying sites could jeopardize their insurance cover.
9. A Safety Officer, Duty Officer or Committee Member of the club must assess all new flyers before being allowed any unsupervised flying at any of the club flying sites.
10. An order or directive from the Clubs Duty / Safety Officer or a Committee member will be complied with immediately. The Management Committee will settle any dispute at a later date.
11. No flyer will occupy a frequency on any one 36Mhz frequency for more than 20 minutes at any one time.
12. No member will fly or operate equipment, which is faulty, in need of repair or has not been tested and checked prior to flying. All radios are to have an official bandwidth check except radios on 2.4 Ghz frequencies. The resultant certificate or sticker attached to the transmitter must be made available to the committee on request.
13. A keyboard will be used at all times. Each pilot will use a frequency key recognized by the club. No person will fly or operate equipment unless their appropriate frequency key is in position on the keyboard. It is the responsibility of all pilots to ascertain whether their frequency key is compatible with their bandwidth. No person is allowed to remove or place a frequency key in the key board except the owner of the radio and key.
14. The transmitter pound is to be used at all times for all frequencies. All transmitters must be left in the pound when not in use with the frequency key placed over the aerial. Where appropriate, at all times when any transmitter is not in use the aerial is to be retracted.
15. Cars are to be parked in the designated parking area and models and equipment are to be carried to the pit area.
16. No equipment or gear whatsoever will be placed on landing or take off areas.
17. Every member will be responsible for ensuring that they, and any visitors in their charge, are aware of the Club's flying and Safety Rules.
18. No aircraft is to be started in the Pits. All aircraft must be started in the Starting/Run-up area and aircraft must be restrained with a tie-down or held by another person while starting.
19. All electric aircraft are to be restrained when the battery is connected and the radio is switched on.
20. Prospective members or visitors will be permitted introductory flights with the clubs equipment under the following conditions: Flight 1: 1 or 2 flights at the clubs expense. Flights 2 to 4: must join GCMFC and pay \$5.00 per flight. From the 5th flight on the person must pay \$10.00 per flight. A maximum of 10 flights applies. All flights must be on the buddy system.
21. No member will fly or operate equipment to the danger of others or in a manner as to present likelihood of harm or injury to persons or property. Any member who causes damage, loss or injury to any other member's aircraft, or equipment through the unauthorized operation of his own equipment, or by dangerous or irresponsible behavior will be liable for such damage or loss.
22. Every member and visitor will accept the responsibility for flying safety and is obligated to request other members and visitors to comply with safety regulations or ask offenders to leave the area.
23. All pilots will fly from the designated area. No pilots will take- off, land or fly over pilots, pilot box, pits, or car park areas and no pilot will fly over a road or near any housing.
24. A pilot may only move from the Pilot box to obtain clear vision for take-off, landing or to recover an aircraft. During recovery, the Transmitter is to be left in the Pilot box unless the engine is still running. All pilots must indicate by calling out their intentions i.e. "On the Strip", "strip clear", "low pass left to right" A pilot must fly in the same circuit direction as all other flyers. All pilots flying must agree upon any change of direction.
25. A call of "dead stick" will have first priority right of way at all times. Upon hearing the call "dead stick," all members will keep clear of the area and give all assistance possible to allow the pilot to recover his aircraft safely. Gliders shall have second priority right of way. Pilots shall "call" their intentions or emergency loudly.
26. Any member requested to fly a new model owned by another member, will take all care but no responsibility if the aircraft is damaged during a test flight.
27. Alcohol is not to be consumed until after the cessation of flying for the day. Illegal drugs are banned entirely.
28. The field must be kept clean and tidy and members must take their rubbish from the field.
29. All members must comply with the SEQwater occupancy agreement, which includes removal of all rubbish.
30. All gates must be kept closed, except on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and must be locked by the last member leaving the property.
31. Members are to restrict their flying to the following times;
Numinbah Valley and Hinze Dam : Dawn to dusk daily
32. Members breaking these by-laws and/or flying rules will be dealt with under the terms of the constitution.