Felbridge Flyers RMFC - Club Rules

1. The Club

Will be known as the FELBRIDGE FLYERS RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB.

2. The Officers of the Club shall be:

i. Chairman
ii. Membership Secretary
iii. Treasurer
iv. Secretary
v. BMFA Representative
vi. Ordinary Committee Members

The Officers of the Club shall form the Committee and be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held within 40 days of the first day of April each year.

4. Membership

Members will be required to:

a. Carry their membership cards.
b. Be a member of the BMFA.
c. Abide by the Club Safety Notes and the Safety Code in the BMFA Handbook.
d. Have been a member for one year before election to the Committee.

5. Frequencies

Flying will only be undertaken on the following frequencies; All 35 MHz equipment you use must carry either an SMAE/MHTF Type Approval sticker or an official CE marking. All 2.4GHz equipment must carry an official CE marking.

a. 27mhz
b. 35mhz – ODD frequencies ONLY (55-89)
c. UHF
d. 2.4ghz

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6. Flying by Guests

Members guests may be allowed to fly at Club Sites on a maximum of two occasions provided that:

a. The Committee has given permission
b. An elected member of the Committee is present when the Guest is to fly.
c. The Club Safety and Conduct Rules are explained to the Guest and that his aircraft complies with the Safety and Noise requirements.
d. Only equipment in (5) above is used.
e. They are BMFA Members. Proof of membership is required.

7. Solo Flying Requirements

a. NO new member will be allowed to fly solo until having passed his BMFA "A" test.

b. No trainees will be allowed to fly solo until having passed the BMFA "A" test.

8. Noise and Weight Limits

a. No aircraft over 7kgs are allowed to operate from the Club Fields, EVEN IF THEY POSSESS THE NECESSARY EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.
b. There is an overriding maximum noise limit of **81dba** (measured by the BMFA method using the Club's meter) for **all** aircraft, which **MUST** be assessed **before** being allowed to fly.

Each I/C model **MUST** pass the 81dba noise test and the engine rpm must not exceed 10,000.

Electric models which, in the view of Committee members, seem to be approaching or exceeding the limit will be specifically tested; the rpm limit does not apply.

A pass sticker, with details of the test, will be issued by a Committee Member or designated noise tester. This must be affixed to the aircraft and be open for inspection at any time by members.

IT IS ONLY VALID FOR THE CONFIGURATION AS TESTED and will include:
- **for I/C powered** :- Motor, propeller size and type, RPM, silencer type.
- **for electric powered:-** Motor, propeller size and type or EDF unit, battery voltage.

If any of these items are changed (apart from a reduced battery count/voltage) a **RETEST IS REQUIRED**.

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Electric models not specifically tested will be issued with an exemption sticker but may be the subject of a test in the future if, for any reason, they appear to approach the Club noise limit.

9. Flying of Helicopters

The Club shall only admit new members who are fixed wing flyers. Existing members who joined before 2003 and wish to fly helicopters will be allowed to do so but must not fly whilst fixed wing models are being flown.

10. Gas Turbine powered models

No models powered by Gas Turbine(s) to be flown or run at the Club fields.

11. Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Any Child (under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian when participating in any Club activities.

12. *ANY MEMBER WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE, CONTRAVENES ANY OF THESE RULES, WILL BE LIABLE TO EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB IN ACCORDANCE WITH BMFA GUIDELINES*