

CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD - GENERAL RULES
(amended 2020)

1. A copy of these rules shall be supplied free to each member. Additional CMFC rules are embodied in the Articles of Association for CMFC Ltd which is available on request.
2. The club's financial and flying year will run from the first (1st) of September each year. Annual subscriptions will cover the Calendar Year with a payment renewal deadline of 31st January. Membership will lapse if no payment is made and a new joining fee imposed.
3. Each member by their acceptance of membership of the club fully agrees to abide by the rules of the club. They also agree that no liability of any kind will attach to the committee of the club for the time being, arising from and in any manner in connection with any insurance, any claim or any loss whatsoever.
4. The club shall operate a 6 month probationary period for all new members. Club fees are refunded if it is invoked within that period.
5. It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that their operation of free flight, control line or radio controlled model aircraft shall comply in every particular with any legislation, rule or official requirement governing, controlling or appertaining to the operation of such model and each member accepts that the appropriate insurance cover shall not protect them from loss if they are in any breach of such requirement.
6. A strict silencing rule shall be enforced. The Department of the Environment Code of Practice for the minimisation of noise from model aircraft shall apply. Should any model conform to the DoE silencing rules, but still appear excessively noisy in the air, then the committee shall decide whether the model should be flown. The committee's decision in this matter shall be final.
7. Any model exceeding 7Kg but less than 20Kg in weight without fuel must be fitted with a fully operational fail-safe mechanism which on powered models must set the throttle to tick-over (stopped in the case of electric power) regardless of the other control operations governed by the failsafe. The pilot must satisfy him/herself that the flight can be safely made in line with the recommendations detailed in Article 76A.(2).(a) of the Air Navigation Order. Any member wishing to fly a model exceeding 20Kg in weight without fuel is reminded that the model is now classified as an 'aircraft' and he/she must obtain a CAA Exemption Certificate. A copy of the certificate should then be lodged with the club secretary before the model is flown.
8. The BMFA proficiency achievement scheme will apply and 'trainee' & 'solo' pilots are recommended to contact club examiners/instructors regarding tuition and BMFA tests. A full list of instructors passed by the committee to give tuition or conduct tests and a list of all 'B' pilots willing to give tuition will be available from the Club Chief Instructor.
9. No trainee pilot shall fly at club fields except under the supervision of an instructor approved by the committee.
10. 'Guests' are permitted in the flying field. Their safety is the sole responsibility of the member accompanying them.
11. In addition to rule 10, 'Flying Guests' must be BMFA insured and hold a minimum of a BMFA 'A' Certificate. They must only fly under the supervision of a BMFA 'B' Certificate club member and must provide proof of current BMFA insurance cover.