

ANGLIA MODEL FLYING CLUB

GOVERNING RULES

1. The Club shall be known as the Anglia Model Flying Club herein after referred to as the Club and it shall be affiliated to the British Model Flying Association.
2. The general rules of the BMF apply for all flying activities (other than Control Line and Free Flight) and BMFA membership, CAA Operator Registration and Flyer ID are mandatory for all flying members.
3. Junior members shall be deemed as such if they are less than eighteen years of age on the 1st January. Members who are over eighteen but are still in full-time education will qualify for junior membership status at the discretion of the Committee.
4. Club meetings shall take place quarterly throughout the year.
5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on the final meeting of the year . A twenty-one days notice shall be given to each member of the Club, giving details of the business and proposals to be discussed at the meeting. The twenty-one day rule also applies to the calling of Special General Meetings (SGM) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).
6. At the AGM, relevant reports from the Club Officers and a statement of accounts shall be presented. The Officers constituting the Committee shall be elected for the following year and no business or proposals can be voted on without prior notification to all the membership, in line with rule 5.
7. At any EGM, SGM or AGM, only those members who joined the Club prior to 1st of March of the meeting year may vote.
8. No member may be voted onto the Committee unless they have been a member for one full year.
9. The Committee shall consist of the following Officers:
 1. Chairman
 2. Honorary Secretary
 3. Treasurer
 4. Membership Secretary
10. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. Committee meetings will be held at the discretion of the Committee and can be convened at the request of any Committee member.
11. The Committee shall have the power to determine any matter not covered by these rules.
12. The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the Club, and shall present a statement of accounts for the financial year at the AGM. Two non-Committee members of the Club to be appointed at the AGM shall audit these accounts.

13. The term of office for all Committee members shall be 1 year and re-election shall be permissible.

14. Subscription and Insurance

- a. The annual subscription shall be payable on or before the 1st of January
- b. All club members must hold current BMFA membership
- c. Members wishing to use non-UAV models at the site must also hold equivalent insurance for those models.
- d. Existing members who do not renew their membership by the 31st of January may be liable for a re-joining fee as laid down that year.
- e. Serving committee members are exempt from the annual AMFC subscription whilst serving the club in their particular post.

15. The annual Membership subscription rate will be determined at the AGM for all Senior and Junior members.

16. Members joining after 1st July in any year shall pay the RSSC membership fee and half of the current club membership fee.

17. Membership of the Club shall be limited at the discretion of the Committee. Any potential new member must be sponsored by a member of the Committee who has met the candidate in person.

18. All members must conform to the Club Code of Practice relating to the usage of the Club flying field, and approaches, and must obey the country code. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests also conform.

19. Frequencies for flying at the Club field are specified in the Code of Practice.

20. Guests may fly at the field subject to all of the following conditions.

- a. The guest must be properly insured and satisfy all CAA requirements.
- b. The guest must be invited and accompanied by a member of the club.
- c. The guest may not fly at the club more than three times in any 12 month period.
- d. No member may issue more than three invitations in any 12 month period.
- e. Any invitation must be notified to a member of the committee at least one day prior to the visit.
- f. The visit must be recorded in the field log book before the guest flies.

21. Competition rules shall be drawn up by an appropriate Committee member and shall be strictly adhered to.

22. Trophies and Awards for events held during the year shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting or some other specially arranged occasion. All Trophies shall be held in trust by the recipient, and shall remain the property of the Club.

23. No Alterations to these Rules shall be made except as may be decided by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting for which every member has been given 21 day notice of the proposed Rule Changes. Amendments will be taken on the night.

24. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Flying Club can be called at the discretion of the Committee, or upon written request of members (with not less than 10 signatures). Twenty one day notice will be given.

25. The Club participates in the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme.

26. No member or guest shall operate or fly any R.C. Model on Club Sites unless they, or a Club member individually supervising them, have gained the BMFA 'A' Certificate of Proficiency in the discipline being flown. However...

a. Members who have demonstrated the required level of safety and very basic flying skill may fly a model of less than 750g AUW without the need to be accompanied by another member who holds an "A" certificate in the appropriate discipline.

b. Any member who has gained a BMFA Basic Competence certificate may fly a model up to 1250g AUW. Again without the need to be accompanied by an "A" certificate holding member.

c. The member must have an understanding of the Club Rules and Code of Practice together with the BMFA publication "Flying Start".

d. In order to make use of the above concessions, the member must satisfy the club that they are not a danger to the public, property, the club or themselves. This may be achieved in two ways.

i. Members who have already gained some basic skills would be required to demonstrate those skills and knowledge to a committee member.

ii. Members who have no previous flying experience must undergo some training by a club member who holds an "A" or better certificate in the appropriate discipline.

e. If at any time it becomes clear that the members flying skills fall below the standard demonstrated in either 1 or 2 above the executive committee may remove the permission to fly.

f. Members that hold an A Certificate in a particular discipline (e.g fixed wing) shall be able to fly an alternative discipline (e.g rotary), to an upper weight limit of 1250g, without supervision from a member holding an A Certificate in the discipline being flown.

27. Children and pets shall be supervised at all times so that they do not endanger themselves or cause a nuisance to others. (For safety all dogs must be kept on a leash).

28. Failsafe Settings:- Members must programme their equipment as required by the CAA regulations.

29. It is the duty of all members to report any cases of bad or noisy flying to a Committee member.

30. No model aircraft shall be flown into any No Fly Zone at any AMFC Club site, except as laid down and defined in the Code of Practice.

31. Where a member offends against Club Rules, Codes of Practice, or conducts him or herself in an offensive manner, they may be brought before the Committee. The Committee will use its management powers to deal with the offending member, which may entail suspension or termination of membership.

32. All members of the club wishing to fly shall act in accordance with the latest CAA legal requirements with respect to the need for an Operator's License and Flyer ID (except those with exemption). All UAVs must have a valid registration number affixed to them in accordance with CAA requirements.

33. There will be provision for a limited number of up to 2 Life members. A member may be made a life member for outstanding service to the club over a number of years. Life members can only be created by a majority ballot of club members at a General Meeting. Any member may nominate a fellow member, such nomination being in writing to the Committee stating the substantive grounds for the nomination. The Committee is empowered to determine the criteria for Life Membership, and will decide on final nominations to be put forward to a General Meeting. Life membership will extend to waiving of club fees only.

34. There will be provision for a limited number of up to 2 Honorary members. A member may be made an Honorary member for notable service to the club. Honorary members can only be created by a majority ballot of club members at a General Meeting. Any member may nominate a fellow member, such nomination being in writing to the Committee stating the substantive grounds for the nomination. The Committee is empowered to determine the criteria for Honorary Membership, and will decide on final nominations to be put forward to a General Meeting. Honorary membership will extend to waiving of club fees only and is valid for one year.

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