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BRAG Safe Flying Field Rules

The aim of the club is to have fun with RC models, however there are some rules to follow:

1. All pilots (Club Members and all Visitors) must sign in and out from the registration/visitor's book by completing all the details listed. This must be completed on arrival and before leaving.
2. The fire extinguishers must be positioned at each end of the current active pilot box and returned to the container at the end of the days flying. This includes all RC operation areas.
3. Club members will familiarise them self with (MOP056) Safe Flying Code. <https://www.maaa.asn.au/>
4. I will not wilfully and deliberately fly my models in a careless, reckless and or dangerous manner.
5. Gas turbine, Pulse jets & aircraft 7kg or greater must be certified and follow MAAA guidelines.
6. Flying is **NOT PERMITTED on days of TOTAL FIRE BAN.**
7. It's the responsibility of all club members to NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE & SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT within 24 hours of any safety incident or when the firefighting equipment has been used at the field.
8. The consumption of alcohol by Pilots and Visitors is **NOT** permitted before or during the operation of aircraft as per CASA regulations. All pilots must have 0% blood alcohol level whilst in control of any RC aircraft and includes control line and free flight models. (MOP055)
9. Vehicles are to be parked within the designated areas only. 10 minutes max at drop off areas.
10. It is the responsibility of all club members to ensure visiting pilots have a current MAAA FAI card or proof of paid fees (their club receipt) within the current financial year and are fully conversant with the club flying rules that are posted inside the club container and club registration/visitors book.
11. Persons without current MAAA Membership FAI card or their respective club receipt (proof of payment) are not permitted to operate model aircraft of any type. (Excluding persons having a try at model aircraft flying under MAAA visitor's guidelines, max of four visits). (MOP042)
12. All inexperienced and non-rated flyers or visitors must be accompanied by a rated & competent club member while operating any type of model. Until such time of achieving at least Bronze wings.
13. Battery checks, Range checks, Interference checks and control surface checks must be completed each day prior to the first flight of each RC model.
14. Other than 2.4 GHz you must use the frequency board for 36 or 29 MHz and do not turn on your Transmitter unless your frequency is clear and key in the board. Only frequencies approved by the MAAA to be used. (MOP049). Frequency board to be hung on windsock pole at start of flying day.
15. All pilots flying RC controlled models are to stand behind the pilot box enclosure for taxiing, take-off, flying and landing. Safe hand launching accepted, and exceptions allowed for safe model testing or operation. Hand launching must be done from edge of field and upwind side of the pilots' fence.
16. The flying of models behind the pilot box, pilot line is NOT PERMITTED.
17. Taxiing on the runway and alongside the run way but in front of the pilot fence line is permitted. Taxiing of models within the pits area and behind the pilot line is not permitted.
18. Models must be properly restrained whilst starting and running of engines. No free taxiing from the pits to the runway, models must be held while moving. Carefully watch for other members before moving models with running engines. Electric aircraft ARE NOT TO BE ARMED within the pit area unless restrained. It is preferable for models to be started in a designated start-up area.



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19. Whilst in the vicinity of the flight line all pilots will observe correct etiquette and check with other pilots on the flight line before commencing take-offs, landings or entering the runway via clear communications with other pilots at the pilot box. Upon exiting from the active runway pilots should inform other pilots they are clear of the runway.
20. All flying must be conducted via the designated circuit established by the first flight or current circuit. Changing the circuit can occur if pilots that are present at the active pilot's box agree to do so.
21. Drones and helicopters may fly the circuit when planes are operating. Hovering is allowed if no planes are flying. If a drone is to be used for photography, a spotter must be used, and the consent of the other pilots is required. The pilots are to be advised in advance and take off/home is to be done/set at the edge of the strip at a suitable time in line with point 19.
22. Helicopters, Drones & Control line models can only be flown in the designated Areas or as described in point 21. RC models are not to be operated in the car park.
23. When members are float flying in front of the main field, the effective pilot box/pilot line becomes the point in front of the strip at the shore line where models are being operated from.
During this time no models are to be flown on the strip.
24. Pilots must ensure that batteries are secure and cannot move or fall out of plane.
25. Fuelling of planes must be done in designated catchment area or a spill tray used under model.
26. No mobile phones in the start-up area or in the pilot box. (Exception to this rule is if the phone is in FLIGHT MODE)
27. Pilots must give way to, and land planes immediately if, emergency helicopters or any full sized air craft are in the area. This must be done in a practicable and safe manner.
28. Pilots must give way to, and land planes immediately if, swimmers, paddlers and boats enter the fly area. Water users can be politely asked to move along so flying can resume.
29. Members must keep an eye out for visitors and instruct them in an appropriate manner to the designated visitor/spectator areas.
30. All experienced members and committee members are required to communicate the rules and guidelines of the club to new members, less experienced members and visitors.
31. The MAAA strongly recommends that as a minimum, dogs shall not be at a flying field without being on a leash and are NOT allowed in the pits, pilot box and runway area during flight operations, or near the facilities. (MOP063). The club and Southern rural water requires to keep dogs on a leash.
32. No rubbish is to be left at the field. PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME!
33. It is the responsibility of the last person leaving the field to ensure the following occurs:
 - a. fire extinguishers are put away,
 - b. toilets and container doors are closed and locked
 - d. no water taps are left running,
 - e. no fires are left burning,
 - f. windsock put away
 - g. roadside gates are closed and locked.