

# RAF Little Horwood Model HeliClub

## RULES OF THE CLUB

**Membership** is by invitation only on application in person at the field, it is also subject to a 3 month probationary period. There is no committee but all members agree to cooperate with each other in the running of the club and to assist with chores such as making coffee, mowing the grass, strimming and keeping the office and field tidy at all times.

### 1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE FLYING SITE

1.1. All Members must be in possession of their valid membership card & BMFA insurance. This must be produced on demand to any Full Member or the landowner during attendance at the Manor Farm Site.

1.2. Guests are not permitted at the flying site except when accompanied by their introducing Member.

1.4. Members shall enter and leave the flying site and proceed to the agreed flying area only by the agreed route.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

**2.1. The club cannot be held responsible for any loss, injury or damage to Members or their property or to third parties for any reason whatsoever.**

2.2. Full Members, shall accept responsibility for the observation of all Club rules by Guests who accompany them at the flying site.

2.3. Members shall accept Full responsibility for the control, behavior and safety of children and Friends accompanying them whilst on the flying site.

2.4 All Full Members have the right to warn others of any dangers they may see, ie loose, damaged or badly maintain RC equipment, dangerous flying, kids, anything that could put the safety of others at risk.

2.5 Should a member need to be constantly warned with regard to there safety, there conduct, there flying or misuse of the facilities & property. Then RAF Little Horwood Model Heliclub will only need 3 Full Members to complain over 1 incident and the member concerned will be asked to leave the club on a permanent, no return basis. Annual fees will not be refunded.

2.6 No Alchol will be consumed on site.

### **3. INSURANCE**

3.1. All Members will be insured through BMFA Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester, LE2 8RE Tel: 0116 2440028 <http://www.bmfa.org>

3.2. A valid BMFA Membership must be produced if requested by any Full Member during attendance at the flying site.

### **4. NOISE LIMITATIONS**

4.1. Effective silencers must be fitted to all engines such that any noise produced by the model meets, or is preferably lower than, the level recommended by the Department of the Environment Code of Practice (as of the date of this Annex) has been identified by the BMFA as 82dB(A) at 7m.

4.2. In the event of a model complying with the above being considered too noisy by any Member, a jury of three other Members is to be elected by and from those Members present to decide on the action to be taken.

### **5. CLUB PROPERTY**

5.1. Club property may be used only by Members and only for club purposes.

5.2. Upon dissolution of the club the net assets shall be equally distributed amongst the Full Members.

### **6. OPERATION OF RADIO CONTROL EQUIPMENT**

6.1. Operation of radio control equipment

Operation of radio control equipment is NOT permitted from any place other than the agreed model flying area at the time.

6.2. Frequency Peg-Board

6.2.1. The frequency peg-board should be used whenever any radio control equipment is operated on 35 MHz.

### **7. PRE-FLIGHT PROCEDURE**

7.1. It is ESSENTIAL that the following procedure be rigorously followed prior to any flying activities commencing.

7.2. Ensure strict compliance with ALL parts of Rules 1 to 6 inclusive.

## **8. FLYING MODEL HELICOPTERS**

9.1. Model Helicopters shall be flown only from the agreed area.

9.2. Model Helicopters shall be operated well away from any building and dwelling.

9.3. Flying of model aircraft by an under 16 years of age Junior Member is permitted only in the presence of a Full Member.

9.4. Full Members are empowered to request evidence of a valid certificate of insurance from any Member actively engaged in model flying at the flying site. Failure to produce such evidence is considered to be a breach of Rule 3, and in such circumstances the said Member must not continue with flying activity until evidence of insurance cover is demonstrated.

9.5. No loading or unloading of cars shall take place on the flying strip, only in the designated car parking area.

9.6. Do not over-fly any buildings, dwellings or public roads at any time.