

PANDAS CLUB RULES - Issue Nov. 2010

USE IN ADDITION TO BMFA HANDBOOK & JMA/GTBA GUIDE - REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

1. Members must comply with the instructions given by the officer of the day or any committee member present.
2. Using the red flags provided, members must designate a flight line relevant to the weather conditions at the time, at least 30 mtrs minimum, from the flight side of the metal bridge, away from the car parking area, the frequency pegboard must also be deployed. This rule applies to all flyers, even if attending the site unaccompanied.
3. All model flying shall be in front of the flight line, no flying over the model pit area, parked vehicles, the playing field areas or the approach road (excluding C/L flying).
All R/C pilots (Aeroplane, Glider & Helicopter) must position themselves at the flightline while flying their models.
4. Members who have not passed the BMFA (a) test may only fly when accompanied on the flight line by a member who has.
5. Gas turbine powered models require a BMFA (b) certificate flyer with a BMFA (a or above) certificate assistant, in attendance.
6. Any model weighing 7kg or over, must be fitted with a working failsafe operating the throttle to tickover or stop. the pilot must be BMFA (b) certificate qualified.
7. Engines / motors should not be started up / run, in the car park area, or near to parked vehicles. Models with engine / motors running in the pits area must be restrained & engines / motors must be adequately silenced.
8. Model must not be taxied in the pits area, or directly towards the flightline / pits on landing.
9. A relevant frequency No must be clearly displayed on your transmitter, plus an orange pennant or ribbon (35mhz only), your current years membership sticker should also be displayed.
10. Transmitters (35mhz), must not be turned on unless you are certain you have frequency clearance. this is achieved by obtaining the appropriate peg from the pegboard. if no pegboard is available, a board showing frequency in use & members name must be displayed on the ground, at the flightline. No two or more same numbers are allowed at the same time. Pegs must be returned to the pegboard or frequency board removed immediately after each flight.
11. Adjacent frequency use must be cleared with the other frequency No. user (35MHZ) (see guide to adjacent frequency use in the BMFA hand book).
12. A time limit of 15 minutes frequency No. use applies if another member requires that frequency.
13. Transmitters must not be taken in front of the flightline.
14. Guests... Members introducing guest flyers must attend with the guest & will be held responsible for the visitors conduct. The guest must have proof of valid BMFA insurance cover & be made aware of the club rules. After 3 visits in total (not per year), the guest would be expected to become a Pandas club member.
15. Junior members attending the flying site. must be accompanied by an appropriate adult (not necessarily a club member).
16. Site entry must be via our entrance gate only. The gate must be closed & locked on each entry / exit. Vehicles should not deviate from the surfaced track. Please drive slowly & safely. Remember you're in a public park.
17. Strictly no model flying on race days (the whole 24hrs) or other days indicated by the committee. Non-observance of this rule will lead to immediate suspension of the membership for six months.
18. Accidents or incidents either involving injury or damage to a third party, or landing out of the flying field must be reported to a committee member as soon as possible.
19. Allocation of radio frequencies as follows: Fixed wing aircraft 55 to 80 incl (34.950 to 35.200 mhz) helicopters 81 to 90 (35.210 to 35.300 mhz)
- 20. The only models allowed to fly on Sunday mornings up to 12 noon at the fixed wing site are gliders, and, providing there is no objection from the glider flyers or safety is compromised, low powered electric models.**

These rules will be in force until the next Egm /Agm

Committee recommendation is that all mobile phones should be turned off in the pits and flight line area's. see bmfa hand book for more details