

Queanbeyan Model Aircraft Club

By Laws

These By Laws are compiled and issued by the management committee of Queanbeyan Model Aircraft Club to ensure that all Club activities are undertaken in a safe and friendly manner and to ensure that the Club remains a respected member of the community. It is a condition of membership that these By Laws are observed at all times.

1. Safety

Model Aircraft are not toys. Handled irresponsibly, they can easily inflict serious injury. The Club's facility has clearly defined flying and non flying zones which must be strictly adhered to at all times.



- A. Models **must not** be taxied in the pit area. Models with engines running are to be carried to the taxi area indicated by white markers before releasing the model and taxiing to the flight line.
- B. Flying of models may only be conducted in the area west of the Flight Line. Under no circumstances are models to be flown over the Taxi area, Pits, Carpark, Road or the area between the Carpark and the Road.
- C. An area is set aside for use by model helicopter pilots who are learning, practicing or testing their models. A height restriction of 10 metres applies to this area. All other Helicopter flying activity is to be conducted in the flying area as defined in B. above.
- D. Model restraints are to be used when starting and or tuning engines of fixed wing models in the pit area. The club has a small number of restraints for loan to members or visitors if required
- E. Wherever practical, models should have spinners installed to engines.
- F. Where possible pilots are to make their turns away from the pits and runway area.
- G. Pilots should avoid flying directly towards themselves or anyone else.

2. Flying Discipline

Safety during flying activities is paramount. Good communication between pilots flying their models will ensure that all pilots on the flight line are aware of what is happening around them without needing to take their eyes off of their model.

- A. Should a pilot lose control of his model in the air or on the ground, he should **shout a clear warning** to alert others to potential danger.
- B. Should a flying model lose engine power, the pilot should immediately call **"DEAD STICK"** to alert other pilots to keep their models clear whilst an engine off landing is effected.
- C. A pilot wishing to take off when there are other models in the air should call **"TAKE OFF"** and await acknowledgement from all other pilots before moving his model down the runway.
- D. A pilot wishing to land his model should call **"LANDING"** and await acknowledgment from all other pilots before making his final approach.

3. Radio Equipment

Queanbeyan Model Aircraft Club allocates radio frequencies to members as part of the membership process. The club operates with frequencies at 20KHz separation only.

In general, the Club do not operate a transmitter pound except on Club Event days. All members and visitors are required to place a plastic key showing their name and transmitter frequency into the slot corresponding to their transmitter's frequency on the club frequency control board prior to switching on their transmitter. Should a member or visitor find that their frequency slot is occupied by another key they must **under no circumstances turn on their transmitter**.

Visitors who wish to use the Club's flying facilities are required to liase with any Club member who may be using the same frequency and arrange for a time to fly. The visitor is required to place a frequency key with his or her name clearly marked in the frequency control board before turning on his or her transmitter. QMAC financial members always have frequency priority

4. Car Parking

Car Parking is provided adjacent to the Pits area to facilitate ease of unloading. In the event that the Car Park is fully occupied, Overflow parking is available adjacent to the Dam behind the Club House or alternatively by forming a second row along the Pits carpark leaving a 6 metre separation.

5. Mobile Telephones

As there is some evidence that mobile phones can interfere with Radio Control equipment, mobile phone are not to be used within 30 metres of the Car Park, Pits Area or Flight Line.

6. Noise

All club members and visitors are required to be considerate of the club's neighbours by not starting or flying IC powered models before 9am or after 5 pm on any day. Electric powered models and Gliders may use the club's facilities outside these time restrictions.

7. Fire Hazard

It is a condition of the club's lease that **smoking is not permitted in the parking, Pits and flying field area.** Smoking is allowed in the club house compound where safe disposal facilities have been provided. Models powered by Jet turbine engines are not permitted to use the Clubs Flying Facility during periods of high or extreme Fire Danger or during Total Fire Bans.

8. Pets

Pets are strictly prohibited in the Pits area, Taxi Zone and Flying Field area. Members or visitors bringing pets to the club's field are to ensure that they are securely restrained either in the club house compound or within their vehicle

9. Visitors

Visitors to the Club are always welcome. They are to be managed as follows

A. MAAA Members visiting to use the Clubs Flying Facility

MAAA members who visit the club with the express intention of flying their models are required to:

- i Present a current MAAA membership card to a committee member. The committee member will ensure that the visitor is briefed on the Club's By Laws.
- ii Enter their details in the Club's Visitors Book.
- iii Strictly adhere to the Clubs 20 KHz Frequency Spacing Policy.
- iv Ascertain if a financial member of the club who holds the same frequency is present and if so, liaise with the Club member for a time to fly. In the event that the Club is hosting a competition event, the event participants have frequency priority.
- v Observe all of the Club's By Laws.
- vi Treat the clubs facilities with care and respect.

MAAA members are permitted to use the Club's facilities 10 times per membership year only.

B. Casual Visitors or Spectators

Any club member observing the arrival of a visitor or spectator should make the effort to introduce themselves and request that the visitor watch proceedings from the club compound. If the visitor wishes to view the pits area or flying area they are to be accompanied by a Club member.

C. Guests of Financial or Associate Members of the Club

Financial or Associate members bringing guests to the clubs facilities at any time are wholly responsible for the guests conduct, safety and behavior whilst at the Club. All of the By Laws applicable to members apply to guests.

D. Children

Children visiting the Clubs facilities are to be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Unless accompanied, children are not permitted in the Pits Area, Taxi Zone, Flying Field or the vicinity of the Water Storage Dam.

10. Flight Training

Flight training at the Clubs facilities may only be undertaken by a financial or associate member of the club who is an MAAA accredited instructor.

Children under the age of 18 years using the club's facilities for flight training must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

11. Member Involvement

The Club's facilities have evolved over many years through the effort of a number of members devoting some of their time to improving the complex. All financial members are expected to make a contribution to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the facility during each membership year.

12. Member Responsibilities

All financial and associate members have a responsibility to the club to ensure that the facility is kept secure and the clubs assets are protected. Accordingly, member arriving at the field first should inspect the facilities for breaches of security, prepare frequency board for use, put up the wind sock and Australian flag.

The last person to leave the field at the end of any flying session is responsible for ensuring that the gas bottle is turned off, Toilet water tank is turned off, electric fence is turned on, flag and windsock are down, all doors are locked, the alarm system is turned on and that the main gate is locked as they depart.

Under no circumstance is a financial or associate member to leave a non member or visitor at the Club's facilities on their own.