

ANGLIA MODEL FLYING CLUB

The Farm

CODE OF PRACTICE

- 1 It is the duty of every pilot to ensure that all Safety Rules, Codes of Practice, BMFA and CAA requirements are observed at all times. Do not fly if the prevailing wind conditions (direction and strength) leave any doubt as to your ability to conform to these codes of practice. Any member who contravenes these Safety Rules and Codes of Practice may be brought before the Committee and appropriate disciplinary action taken. This can include expulsion from the Club.
- 2 **Site Flying Times**
Electric powered models:- Monday to Sunday 9am to Dusk no later than 9pm.
IC powered models Max 2 engines running:- Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm. Saturdays 9am to 6pm.
IC powered models Max 2 engines running;- Sundays and Bank holidays 9am to 3pm.
The committee will endeavour to inform all members when the Farm cannot be used.
- 3 **The "Field Log sheet"** must be completed by members and their guests on arrival and on site exit. Members are fully responsible for their guests ensuring they comply with this Code of Practice. All under 18's and vulnerable adults must be supervised at all times by an appropriate adult. Guests wishing to fly must have BMFA membership, operator number on their UAV. Flyer ID. Paid Flying instruction is not permitted at AMFC.
- 4 **IC powered models.** Only Available to members who joined before 31st January 2023. Only single-cylinder IC engines may be used with the following maximum capacities. Glow 2 stroke-.90 Cubic Inch (15cc). Glow 4 stroke-1.5 Cubic Inch (25cc). Petrol 2.00 Cubic Inch (33cc).
- 5 **All engines and electric motors,** (IC maximum of 2 at anyone time) may only be started, or run up in the pits area or any other designated engine start-up area.
- 6 **When starting powered UAVs** the airframe should be held securely, either by hand (own or a helper) or by a restraining mechanism. When the engine is started, untethered planes should be held until away from the pits and the transmitter is being held.
- 7 **UAVs may not be used** that exceed the **noise level of 82db at a distance of 7 metres** as recommended by the BMFA. A noise meter is held by the committee and is available for members' use.
- 8 **Members of the public** have access to the site and may, at times, walk at the edge of our flying area. In this event all pilots must keep their aircraft well away.
- 9 **Radio Equipment**

Only 2.4GHz type- approved radio equipment may be used.
Transmitters must not be left unattended when retrieving models from the take off area.
- 10 **Fly-zone** identified on the Farm flying diagram in the cabin. No UAV should be flown outside of this area. Any member who experiences problems with a UAV which cannot be kept in the fly zone are expected to land or crash the plane, before getting too close to people, buildings, power lines and the railway.
- 11 **The normal flying circuit** for powered UAV' (IC or Electric) is North to South (as shown on the flying zone diagram).
- 12 **No flying** will take place until the Safety signs near to the footpath have been checked to be still in place.
- 13 **Receiver fail safe and Range tests** must be made before the UAV's first flight of the day.

UAVs with a Take off weight above 250g must have a fail safe fitted and enabled with throttle set to zero.

For peoples safety the fail safe test must be completed first and away from public right of way with the model securely restrained. Followed by the range test.

- 14 **Flight Line** Take off and landing must be announced by pilots. After take-off pilots should move to a position on the flight line and remain in this position until the model has safely landed.
- 15 **Flying** in the vicinity of the flight line must be straight and level. Specifically forbidden in the area of the flight line and pits are:
 - i Unnecessary prolonged or high speed taxi-ing.
 - ii Uninvolved persons, spectators, pilots and models on the ground must not be put at risk by irresponsible or dangerous flying.
 - iii Members are accountable when operating UAVs for any incident / accident they are involved in.
 - iv Unless piloting, training or performing an official observer role all other persons and equipment should wait in the pits area.
- 16 **Emergency's** All members are responsible for operating in a safe manor within the flying field environment. Members should know where the fire extinguishers, sand buckets and the first aid kit are located and respond if a fire / accident should occur. **The “what 3 words” for site location for the emergency services are on the fly zone diagram.**
- 17 **Safety concerns**, Members ASAP should advise the club committee of any concerns they have.
- 18 **UAV restrictions**, Size is subject to CAA, Farm site regulations and pilots skill level for safe UAV operation. Free flight, control line, Drone racing and the use of jet engines cannot be exercised at the Farm site. Following a Farm Site Risk assessment models are limited to a Maximum Take Off Mass (MTOM) of 7.5Kg at the farm site due to safety risks should a fly away / pilot error occur.
- 19 **Site Access**
 - 19.a Members should treat with respect, AMFC Farm site and surrounding areas. Not leave litter and should report any fault or damage to a Committee member as soon as possible.
 - 19.b The site gate must not be left open. Access is only permitted when ground conditions are satisfactory. The field approach road is also a public footpath it must not be obstructed and is subject to a 5 mph speed limit.
 - 19.c **When exiting the site it is strongly recommended that members only turn left towards the Rettendon turnpike roundabout.**

SAFETY IS NOT AN OPTION IT IS A RULE