

# **ANGLIA MODEL FLYING CLUB**

## **GOVERNING RULES**

1. The Club shall be known as the Anglia Model Flying Club herein after referred to as the Club and it shall be affiliated to the British Model Flying Association.
2. The general rules of the BMFA apply for all flying activities. BMFA membership, CAA Operator Registration and Flyer ID / BMFA RCC are mandatory for all flying members. Control Line models, free flight models, IC Jets. UAV's over 7.5kg and Ground models are not permitted.
3. Junior members shall be deemed as such if they are less than eighteen years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Members who are over eighteen but are still in full-time education will qualify for junior membership status at the discretion of the Committee.
4. Club meetings, these will be of ad-hoc meetings throughout the year
5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on the final meeting of the club year . A twenty-one days notice shall be given to each member of the Club, giving details of the business and proposals to be discussed at the meeting. The twenty-one day rule also applies to the calling of Special General Meetings (SGM) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).
6. At the AGM, relevant reports from the Club Officers and a statement of accounts shall be presented. The Officers constituting the Committee shall be elected for the following year and no business or proposals can be voted on without prior notification to all the membership, in line with rule 5.
7. At any EGM, SGM or AGM, only adult flying members who joined the Club prior to 1st of October of the meeting year may vote.
8. No member may be voted onto the Committee unless they have been a member for 12 months.
9. The Committee shall consist of the following Officers:
  1. Chairman
  2. Facilitates / General Management
  3. Treasurer
10. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. Committee meetings will be held at the discretion of the Committee and can be convened at the request of any Committee member.
11. The Committee shall have the power to determine any matter critical to the clubs future.
12. The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the Club, and shall present a statement of accounts for the financial year at the AGM. Two non- Committee members of the Club to be appointed at the AGM shall audit these accounts.

13. The term of office for all Committee members shall be 1 year and re-election shall be permissible. The role of a committee member is contained in The AMFC Committee members roles and responsibilities document.

14. Subscription and Insurance

- a. The clubs renewal subscription shall be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- b. Members who do not renew their membership by the 1st of July may be liable to join any waiting list and a re-joining fee as laid down that year.
- c. All club members must hold current BMFA membership
- e. Serving committee members are exempt from the annual AMFC subscription whilst serving the club in their particular post.

15. The annual Membership subscription rate and any new member joining fee will be determined at the AGM for members and Junior members.

16. Members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year shall pay half of the current club membership fee. Plus the full new members fee.

16b. Only Members who joined the club before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 may Fly IC powered UAV's.

17. Membership of the Club shall be limited to 35, this number excludes, committee members, None Flying Members, Life members and Juniors. New joiners to AMFC will initially be on a 12 month probationary membership. Any potential new member must be sponsored by a member of the Committee who has met the candidate in person. Potential new members must be made aware they cannot fly UAV's powered by IC (internal combustion engines).

18. All members and Guests must conform to the Club Code of Practice relating to the usage of the Club flying field, approaches, designated flying days / times, the use of I C engines and must obey the country code. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests also conform.

19 Guests holding a BMFA Achievement A or above may fly at the field subject to all of the following conditions.

- a. The guest must be properly insured and satisfy all CAA requirements.
- b. The guest must be invited and accompanied by a member of the club.
- c. The guest may not fly at the club more than three times in any 12 month period.
- d. No member may issue more than three invitations in any 12 month period.
- e. Any invitation must be notified to a member of the committee at least one day prior to the visit.
- f. The visit must be recorded in the field log book before the guest flies.
- g. The guest cannot fly any UAV's powered by IC engines.
- h. None Flying Members cannot invite flying guests

20. Competition rules shall be drawn up by an appropriate Committee member and shall be strictly adhered to.

21. Trophies and Awards for events held during the year shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting or some other specially arranged occasion. All Trophies shall be held in trust by the recipient, and shall remain the property of the Club.

22. No Alterations to these Rules shall be made subject to rule 11 except as may be decided by a majority at the AGM, SGM or at an EGM for which every member has been given 21 day notice of the proposed Rule Changes. Postal votes prior to the meeting are accepted.

23. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Flying Club can be called at the discretion of the Committee, or upon written request of members (with not less than 10 signatures). Twenty one day notice will be given.

24. The Club participates in the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme.

25 All persons wishing to fly must hold:

- a, BMFA membership
- b, Have a CAA operator identifier code and attached to their UAV(or if under 18 years of age have permission to use another member's OP code)
- c, Hold a BMFA achievement at "A" or higher.
- d, No member or guest shall operate any RC. Model unless they believe it is safe to do so. A person not holding an A certificate may be supervised by a member that holds a BMFA `A` or greater Certificate of Proficiency in the discipline being flown.
- e. Members after demonstrating their flying and safety knowledge to the committee, on approval may fly an electric powered UAV fixed wing model up to 1.5kg A.U.W on their own whilst training for an A certificate. If at any time it becomes clear that the member's flying skills fall below the standard demonstrated the executive committee may remove the permission to fly.
- f, Members that hold an A Certificate for Fixed Wing shall be able to fly Helicopters / Drones to an upper weight limit of 1.25kg, without supervision from a member holding an A Certificate in the discipline.

26. Fail safe settings and Range testing, members must ensure each model is tested prior to its first flight of the day in accordance with the AMFC Code of Practice (CoP).

27. Children and pets shall be supervised at all times so that they do not endanger themselves or cause a nuisance to others. (For safety all dogs must be kept on a leash).

28. It is the duty of all members to report any cases of noisy or irresponsible or reckless flying or behaviour that might bring the club into disrepute to a Committee member.

29. No model aircraft shall be flown into any No Fly Zone as laid down and defined in the Code of Practice.

30. Where a member offends against Club Rules, Codes of Practice, or conducts him or herself in an offensive manner, they may be brought before the Committee. The Committee will use its management powers to deal with the offending member, which may entail suspension or termination of membership.

31. There will be provision for a limited number of up to 2 Life and 2 Honorary members. A member may be made a life member for outstanding service to the club over a number of years. Honorary members for notable service to the club. Life and Honorary members can only be created by a majority ballot of club members at a General Meeting. Any member may nominate a fellow member, such nomination being in writing to the Committee stating the substantive grounds for the nomination. The Committee is empowered to determine the criteria for Life or Honorary Membership, and will decide on final nominations to be put forward to a General Meeting. Life membership is excluded from the membership headcount. Honorary members are included in the membership headcount. Life and Honorary membership will extend to waiving of club fees only.

(Tony S 7/5/2025