


Salisbury Model Flying Club – Member Handbook

1. Welcome

Welcome to Salisbury Model Flying Club (SMFC).

We are an affiliated club of the British Model Flying Association (BMFA), committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for model aircraft flying.

 Please note: The Club does not provide pilot training or instruction. All members are expected to be competent, insured, and responsible fliers.

2. Club Constitution

- Name: Salisbury Model Flying Club
- Objectives: To promote safe model flying in line with BMFA standards.
- Membership: Open to BMFA members only (proof of membership required).
- Club Coordination Team Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, plus other elected members.
- Rules: Members must follow Club rules, BMFA guidance, and CAA regulations.
- Discipline: Unsafe behaviour may result in grounding, suspension, or expulsion.
- Dissolution: Assets distributed among members or to the BMFA if the Club closes.

3. Membership Information

- BMFA Membership: Mandatory for insurance cover.
- CAA Registration: Members must hold an Operator ID and display it on their aircraft.
- Subscriptions: Annual subscriptions payable by 31st January each year.
- Guests: Visitors may fly at the Club Coordination Team's discretion, but must hold valid BMFA insurance.

4. Flying Site Rules

1) General

- BMFA insurance required.
- No training or instruction is provided by the Club.
- Members are responsible for their own competence.

2) Flying Area

- Flights must remain within the site boundaries.
- No flying over pits, car park, or spectators.
- Observe no-fly zones as marked on the site map.

3) Flight Conduct

- Use the pilot box.
- Call out 'Taking off', 'Landing', 'Dead stick' clearly.

- Maximum four aircraft in the air unless agreed otherwise.
 - FPV flying requires a competent spotter.
- 4) Safety
- Pre-flight checks must be carried out before every flight.
 - Engines/motors to be started only in designated areas.
 - Models must be restrained when starting.
 - The Safety Officer or Club Coordination Team member may ground unsafe aircraft.
- 5) Noise
- Compliance with BMFA noise limits (82 dBA at 7m).
 - Excessively noisy models may be banned.
- 6) Conduct
- No alcohol or drugs before/during flying.
 - Respect fellow members, landowners, and the site.

5. Risk Assessment (Summary)

Key hazards and controls:

- Aircraft crash → No flying over pits or people; pre-flight checks required.
- Propeller injury → Restrain aircraft; safe arming of electric models.
- Noise nuisance → BMFA noise guidelines applied.
- Public intrusion → Flying suspended until public clear of site.
- Fire risk → Safe LiPo charging; extinguisher/sand bucket available.
- Weather → Flying suspended in unsafe conditions.

(Full risk assessment available from the Safety Officer.)

6. Safety Procedures

- First aid kit available at the field.
- Report accidents/near misses to the Safety Officer immediately.
- All serious incidents must be reported to the BMFA.
- Emergency numbers (ambulance, fire, landowner, Committee) displayed at the site.

7. Discipline & Complaints

- The Club Coordination Team may issue warnings, suspensions, or expulsions for unsafe behaviour.
- Members may appeal disciplinary action at a General Meeting.
- Complaints should be made in writing to the Secretary.

8. Club Coordination Team & Contacts

- Chairperson: [Martin Symes]

- Secretary: [Andy Telfer]
- Treasurer: [Tina Telfer]
- Safety Officer: [Dave Whitfield]
- Other Committee Members: [Bill King, Kevin Easter, Andy Shailer, Matt Telfer]

9. Flying Site Map (TBA)

(Insert map showing pits, pilot box, runway, no-fly zones, car park, and spectator area.)

10. Final Notes

- This Handbook is available to all members
- We have a WhatsApp community. Contact Dave Whitfield to be included
- It should be read in conjunction with the BMFA Members' Handbook.
- Membership of Salisbury MFC implies acceptance of these rules and policies.

Fly safely, responsibly, and enjoy your time with Salisbury Model Flying Club.

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