

CAPITAL CITY FLYERS CLUB

RULES

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Introduction

In June 2019 Transport Canada introduced new regulations governing the operations of our models and drones. (which are now termed "Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems or RPAS). These new regulations include very restrictive requirements which would mean most modelers would not be able to fly their aircraft as in the past. The Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) has succeeded in negotiating an agreement with Transport Canada which exempts MAAC members from the regulations – subject to certain conditions. If we are to be allowed to continue flying our RPAS it is essential that all members are familiar with these requirements and take great care to follow them carefully. A brief summary of the requirements can be viewed in Annex A of this document.

The operation of a model aircraft in Canada is subject to rules contained in the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) administered by Transport Canada.

Capital City Flyers is a MAAC sanctioned club and as such all members are required to follow Transport Canada and MAAC rules and regulations.

Rules and the Authority to Enforce

Field rules are necessary to ensure that Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) are flown in a safe manner to ensure that nobody is put in danger, the property of the club is not damaged or destroyed and that flying is conducted in a safe and controlled manner. These rules apply to all members and guests in order that to maintain our flying field's continued availability.

Members of the CCF Executive have the authority to develop and enforce the rules and are empowered to take actions as required ranging from a warning, suspension of flying privileges to expulsion from the club.

The club Executive consists of the President, vice-President, Treasure, Secretary and three Directors.

All club members are responsible to comply with the rules and ensure their guests are informed of and follow the rules.

Flight Qualifications

All persons flying at the field must have a valid MAAC membership. (A.M.A. membership if a U.S. citizen with a U.S. address.) All Canadian citizens must have a MAAC membership even if they hold A.M.A. membership.

Only CCF club members and guests may use the field. Guests who have a valid MAAC or A.M.A. membership may be allowed to fly under the supervision of a club member. Guests are limited to two visits per year with the exception of contests and special events open to non-members.

Pilots must be accompanied by a Club Instructor for all flying until they have passed the basic Club Wings Program or otherwise certified by the Chief Flying Instructor.

When at the field all members must have their CCF Membership and MAAC card in their possession and must present them to any club member if requested.

Noise Abatement

As suburbs become closer it is important that all models reduce noise as much as possible. A noise complaint will probably result in loss of the field so this matter is of the highest importance.

In-Flight Rules

All RPAS must be identified with the members MAAC number (required), MAAC, website address (required), MAAC office phone number "or" members home/cell phone number (required) and members name (optional).

No RPAS shall be flown over the pit area, the parking lot or the farm buildings.

For safety, pilots should stand at one of the Pilot's station when flying.

Landing or “dead-stick” RPAS have the right-of-way. Pilots must call out their intentions when taking off or landing.

Taxing in the pit area is strictly forbidden.

Pilots using FPV equipment must have a spotter and the RPAS must remain in line-of-sight of the spotter at all times.

Parking & Spectator Areas

All vehicles are restricted to the designated roadways and parking areas.

Children must be supervised at all times for their own safety.

Pets must be controlled by a leash or other suitable means.

General

Mowing the field has priority. There is no flying allowed during mowing operations. The club will try to email the mowing times ahead of the commencement of mowing.

“Quiet” electric RPAS can fly during all daylight hours. “Quiet” means RPAS that operate with virtually no noise. Pilots who are unsure if the RPAS meets the “Quiet” category shall enlist the opinion of an Executive member before flying their RPAS. The Club Executive may institute revised or event specific rules for special events or competition.

No modification to the club’s facilities or equipment may be carried out without the approval of the club executive.

People are not to import or drop off items at the field without the club executive’s prior approval. (examples include old wood, parts of RPAS, chairs, fencing, banners, B-B-Q's etc.) Members and guest are to remove these items when they leave.

The last person leaving the field for the day shall ensure the cabinets and gate are securely locked.

Any accident that includes injury to persons or damage to property must be reported to the club executive **immediately**. There are accident report forms that are in the cabinet along with instructions on what procedures have to be taken in case of an accident.

All members are encouraged to review the MAAC website to review the latest information available.

<https://www.maac.ca/en/documents.php>

The Capital City Flyers Club, including the Club Executive, is not responsible or liable for any personal loss, injury or loss of property.

The Club Executive has final authority on club decisions and may amend rules and regulations as required.

ANNEX “A”

Individual Member Requirements:

The member of MAAC shall not operate a RPAS unless the pilot or a visual observer has the aircraft in visual line-of-sight at all times during flight.

The member of MAAC operating a RPAS shall give way to power-driven heavier-than-air aircraft, airships, gliders and balloons at all times.

The member of MAAC operating a RPAS shall be in good standing with the association, namely have paid all dues and be following all MAAC rules.

The member of MAAC operating a RPAS shall adhere to the most current version of the applicable MAAC rules, procedures, and safety guidelines.

The member of MAAC shall not operate a RPAS unless the member has successfully demonstrated to a person delegated by MAAC in accordance with MAAC’s rules, procedures, and safety guidelines that the member has sufficient knowledge and experience to control the RPAS in a safe and competent manner unless in the case where the member is under the direct supervision of a qualified MAAC instructor.

