

## PDQ Flyers Rules

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### 1. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PILOTS FOR R/C FLYING

In order to fly at the PDQ flying field a pilot must:

- a. Have a current MAAC and PDQ Flyers membership (effective 1st January of the current year). You should have proof of both with you.
- b. Have signed the DND waiver form. All members of the Club are required to sign one time only.
- c. When flying, attach a PDQ and MAAC membership card to the MAAC frequency board. Non-members can fly as a guest of a current (paid) member (see guest rules).
- d. Be a qualified pilot (having an earned Pilot designation in the MAAC database) and have demonstrated flight competency and have read the MAAC safety, PDQ Field Etiquette and safety rules, to the satisfaction of the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI).
- e. Not fly if he/she does not have a MAAC membership; no exceptions. American AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) credentials are no longer recognized in Canada.

**NOTE: During a military/police/fire department deployment, the field is closed to flying.**

### 2. PIT AREAS & PILOTS

- a. All MAAC and PDQ Club Rules must be obeyed at all times, no exceptions.
- b. All non 2.4 GHz transmitters must be impounded in the old pilot shack situated in the shelter, when not flying. Before flying non 2.4 GHz radio, flyers must have the proper channel pin installed on the MAAC frequency station / control board. Pilots shall restrict their use of the operating frequency to 15 minutes when other are waiting.
- c. The field is divided into two zones; a flying area and a non-flying area. The flying area consists of the cut grass runway and the surrounding flight envelope, while the non-flying area consists of the flying stations, pit area and spectator / parking areas. The two zones are separated by the white flight line, which is end to end of the cut grass field.  
**Absolutely no aircraft may fly behind the flight line.** Aircraft flying 3D maneuvers can come no closer to the flight line than the centre line of the runway (approximately 30' in front of the flight line).
- d. All aircraft must be restrained when starting or being run up. There are T-tables and tail restraints in the middle of the pits, as well as vertical wing restraints on the South and North ends of the pit areas. Whatever restraints you use, all aircraft must be facing towards the runway and **not towards bystanders/spectators/visitors.**
- e. A successful radio equipment ground range check must be carried out before the first flight of the day.
- f. All pilots must fly their aircraft while standing in a pilot station, all of which are situated next to the flight line.

- g. Prior to and after flying, the pilot must communicate his/her intentions. The pilot must say loudly “ON THE FIELD”, TAKING OFF” or “LANDING” as appropriate, so that others on the flight line can hear. A direction may be included if necessary.
- h. Absolutely no alcohol or cannabis are to be used on the premises. Flyers are reminded that some prescription drugs may impair one’s ability to fly, so care is required. Use of spotters is encouraged.
- i. See and avoid. When a full scale airplane is passing overhead at such a low altitude that may pose a threat, a pilot/any member shall say in a loud voice “FULL SCALE” and then airborne models must **immediately** descend to a lower altitude until the full scale aircraft has passed.

### **3. FIELD ETIQUETTE and FIELD SAFETY**

- a. First person at the field is responsible for ensuring that someone phones in to the gate house to advise it that the field is in use.
- b. No starting or flying of fuel burning models before 10:00 AM, any day of the week. All fuel burning engines must have mufflers. Aircraft must not produce noise in excess of club standards as outlined in the noise levels specifications of the noise level Committee.
- c. No more than 5 electric or fuel burning aircraft can be in the air before 5 PM and only three after 5 PM.
- d. For any event, all models flying must have had a minimum of six proving flights prior to being flown at the event.
- e. When a model is to have a maiden flight, the pilot must announce this event to members present. All pilots are asked to stand down during the maiden flight and allow the pilot to a clear airspace. Watch the flight from the pits and give a hearty cheer for a successful flight.
- f. Smoking or vaping is not permitted in the flying stations or pit area. Please be respectful of others.
- g. Children must be properly supervised at all times.
- h. Pets must be on a leash during active flying and are restricted to the spectator / parking areas only.
- i. Fixed wing, helicopters and drones are all welcome at the field, but cannot fly at the same time.
- j. Fail Safe must be configured for either throttle off or low throttle position if radio is capable.
- k. All garbage must be taken away by whoever brought it in.
- l. Parking in parking areas only. Respect handicap parking area.
- m. No taxiing into or out of the pit area.
- n. All MAAC safety regulation are to be followed. Copies are available from the Club or from [www.maac.ca](http://www.maac.ca).
- o. The last person leaving the field for the day must lock the gate and is responsible to make sure that the gate house has been advised that everyone has left the premises

#### 4. GUEST PILOTS

Guest Pilots shall:

- a. Be accompanied and sponsored by a current PDQ Club member in good standing.
- b. Have earned their wings, and have a current MAAC membership card with them.
- c. Use R/C aircraft/helicopter and radio TX/RX equipment that is serviceable and safe to fly.
- d. Obey all MAAC and PDQ Field rules.
- e. Fly in a safe, courteous, and competent manner.
- f. Obtain a PDQ Membership after three visits in order to continue flying at the PDQ flying field

- **Respect your fellow flyer.**
- **Exercise common sense.**
- **We are here to have fun.**
- **Have a great day**