



# **BRETONS MODEL FLYING CLUB**

**affiliated to: BRETONS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**flying site: RAINHAM ROAD, RAINHAM, ESSEX**



## **BRETONS MODEL FLYING CLUB RULES – November 2009**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL RULES**

1. That the Club be called Bretons Model Flying Club.
2. That the aims of the Club be to promote Radio Controlled and Control Line model flying.
3. That two senior members be elected by the members, prior to the Annual General Meeting , to act as Auditors.
4. That the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) of the members be held during the month of November when the Accounts shall be presented. The Committee shall consist of Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary (electable biannually on odd years), Deputy Chairman, Secretary and other elected posts (electable biannually on even years), but all subject to annual confirmation, and may include up to five general members (electable annually). All nominations for the elected posts to be with the Secretary seven days prior to the A.G.M.
5. That an Extraordinary General Meeting (E.G.M.) may be called at any time at the request of ten senior members.
6. That there shall be a minimum of ten senior members present at any General Meeting to form a quorum.
7. That the Committee shall have the power to make decisions in the running of the Club, including day to day expenditure.
8. That there be a minimum of five Committee members present at any Committee meeting to form a quorum.
9. That membership will be open to seniors and juniors. (Juniors must be under the age of 18 and in full time education). Any Junior member must be accompanied at all times by their Parent or Guardian and any Vulnerable Adult member must be accompanied at all times by their Parent, Guardian or Carer, whilst engaged in any activity associated with Bretons Model Flying Club. Junior and Vulnerable Adult members not to exceed 25% of total membership. That any person wishing to be elected to membership must be proposed by one senior member other than a Committee member.  
Prospective members holding an 'A' or 'B' Certificate to have their flying proficiency assessed by a Club Examiner before taking up membership. The prospective member and his proposer then to be interviewed at a Committee meeting and a decision made by Committee vote.
10. That the Club maintain Insurance Cover against Third Party Risks including Individual Member Cover.
11. That all Proposals affecting the Constitutional Rules of the Club must carry a two-thirds majority vote at an A.G.M. or E.G.M.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. Any member not complying with the Club Rules and codes of practice will be liable to disciplinary action.
2. The membership subscriptions to be determined at each A.G.M. and will be payable not later than January 1st. following the A.G.M. After this deadline membership will lapse, and you will not be permitted to fly until fees, including a rejoining fee, have been paid. Any member failing to comply with this rule will be liable to exclusion. All new members accepted for membership will be required to pay the current joining fee, as determined at each A.G.M.
3. Any member electing to resign from the Club to give written notice to the Secretary. Any member leaving the Club without such written notice and subsequently applying to rejoin, would become liable for appropriate arrears.
4. All Proposals for consideration at the A.G.M. to be received by the Secretary seven days prior to the Meeting. Any Proposal not so received may be considered only at the discretion of the Chairman.
5. Notice of the A.G.M. to be forwarded by the Secretary to all members 21 days prior to the A.G.M. Notice of an E.G.M to be forwarded to all members 7 days prior to the E.G.M.
6. Open Club meetings will normally be held on the 2nd. Monday of the month. Special Meetings may be held at any reasonable time at the request of ten senior members. The Secretary to give notice at open Club meeting, seven days prior to such Special Meeting.
7. The Council to have the right to suspend flying for any reason at any time upon such notice as is reasonable in all the circumstances.
8. All reasonable instructions from the Council regarding the use of the land shall be complied with.
- 8a Disabled, blue badge holders, who have club permission to park at the designated field parking area are allowed vehicular access to the rear of the pits area to load and unload
9. Radio frequencies used for controlling model aircraft shall be limited to those prescribed in current legislation as issued by the responsible authorities.
10. The Club shall not permit any activity which may result in nuisance, annoyance, inconvenience or damage to the Council or the site.
11. The purveying of flight tuition (except the Club trainer which is Committee approved) in exchange for goods or remuneration is prohibited on any Bretons M.F.C. site.
12. It is strongly recommended that Instructors, both present and future, obtain Criminal Records Bureau (C.R.B.) clearance to permit them to instruct Juniors and Vulnerable Adults.

## FLYING SITE RULES

- (a) Any member acting or flying in a manner deemed to be dangerous or to the detriment of the Club shall be instantly banned from flying for a period of 30 days by a member of the Committee. The offending member to have the right of appeal to the Committee. On any subsequent violation, the said member may be summoned before a meeting of the Committee with a view to possible expulsion from the Club.
- (b) There shall be a maximum peg/flight time of 15 minutes.
- (c) There shall be a maximum of 6 aircraft in the air at any one time.
- (d) All members must display an orange pegboard (35 megs) bearing their name and Crystal No., with peg corresponding to their transmitter frequency (black for 2.4 gigs). The pegboards to be placed in numerical order in the ground, parallel to and to the rear of the flight line, grouped in their respective frequencies. The peg of the first member to arrive on any particular frequency to be the only one used. Pegs to be returned to the pegboard when not in use. Pegboards/pegs for 2.4 gigs. to be black/square and grouped to the right of the orange pegboards. No Transmitter to be switched on unless the corresponding peg is actually clipped on to the transmitter.
- (e) The Flight line to be a straight line parallel to the airspace in use. Models landing to have precedence over those waiting to take off. The pilot of the landing model to call out his intention to land on the down-wind leg.
- (f) No encroachment on to the runway while flying except when taking off or landing.
- (g) No "running-in" of engines near the flight line during flying periods. Only normal pre-flight adjustments to be made.
- (h) All models must:
  - (1) conform to Club code of practice noise limit of 82 decibels and hold an appropriate test certificate signed by an officer of the Club. The Club may require a model to be re-checked at any time,
  - (2) be flown in a manner which does not constitute an annoyance to other Club members, residents, or members of the public.
- (i) Any member learning to fly must be under the direct supervision of an Instructor and must conform instantly to his instructions and directions. When 'Signed off' for all 'Flight Patterns / Briefings' to "A" Certificate standard, he will be permitted to fly under the supervision of a qualified "A" Certificate holder. When he has qualified for the B.M.F.A. "A" Certificate of competence, he will be permitted to fly unsupervised.
- (j) R/C flyers must fly with due care and attention to Control Line flyers.
- (k) Models to be flown only within the notified airspace for the flying field in use.
- (l) The flying site to be left free of litter/debris at the end of any flying session.
- (m) Any member approached with a complaint shall respond with courtesy and respect and refer the person to a Committee member.
- (n) The Pits area to be sited 40 metres from the centre of the bridle path (to the east of the flying site) and to be parallel to the wind direction and may be a single or double line. Field boxes, batteries etc. to remain in the Pits area.
- (o) Models to be launched into the wind from the downwind side of the take-off/landing area (subject always to the Primary consideration of safety of the Flight Line / Pits). The pilot then to take up position on the Flight line.
- (p) At displays : (1) models to have made at least three recent, recognised as satisfactory flights, without modification prior to the event.
  - (2) control line models to be subjected to a B.M.F.A. approved pull test.
- (q) All members are expected to contribute to the upkeep of the flying site.
- (r) P.C.M. equipped models must be set to "motor -stop (or minimum idle)" when in 'fail-safe' mode. Motor to "stop" on electric powered models.
- (s) No flying to take place when adjacent football pitches are in use.

(t) Helicopters may be flown on the site only by members holding a B.M.F.A. 'A' or 'B' (Helicopter) licence and that member shall have been a participating member for a minimum of two years.

(u) The term "model" shall include flying machines up to but not exceeding 7 Kgs. in weight (exclusive of liquid fuel) either un-powered or powered by rubber, electric motors or internal combustion engines. All models to be operated with a ground based method of control.

(v) The term "glider" shall include electric-assist gliders.

(w) Individual members shall be responsible for determining whether conditions are suitable for flying.

(x) **Safety:** To take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of club members and/or any other persons within the vicinity whenever flying takes place.

(y) Mobile phones must be switched 'Off' whilst on the Flight Line or in the pits.

(z) These rules may change at the discretion of the Committee.

(Note : Rules amended or added since the previous issue are marked with a vertical line.)

#### CLUB FLYING TIMES

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	09.00-13.00	13.00-17.00 (or Dusk if earlier)
<u>Monday</u>	09.00-Dusk ----- <u>(Silent flight-gliders only)</u> -----	09.00-Dusk
<u>Tuesday</u>	14.00-20.00	13.00-Dusk
<u>Wednesday</u>	13.00-20.00	12.00-Dusk
<u>Thursday</u>	13.00-20.00	12.00-Dusk
<u>Friday</u>	09.00-Dusk ----- <u>(Silent flight-gliders only)</u> -----	09.00-Dusk
<u>Saturday</u>	12.00-17.00	12.00-17.00 (or Dusk if earlier)

**BANK HOLIDAYS - NO FLYING**