

Red Dirt Flying Club - Indoor Modeling Site Rules

Three Oaks Senior High School Gymnasium

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Red Dirt Flying Club have been given permission to conduct MAAC modelling activities indoors and fully understand and agree any permission granted applies to indoor activities only – no exceptions

Administrative

Club: Red Dirt Flying Club (Club 882, Zone B)
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Location: Three Oaks Senior High School Gymnasium
10 Kenmoore Ave, Summerside, PE C1N 4V9
Site Coordinates: 46.400365° N, 63.778001° W

Conditions for use - All people using this modeling site must:

1. be MAAC members, in good standing
2. be members of the Red Dirt Flying Club, or an invited guest of a member of the club.
3. agree to follow the MAAC Safety code and all other site rules.
4. agree to follow recreation dept rules of facility access

In the event of an emergency, **dial 911**. The civic address for first responders is:

10 Kenmoore Ave, Summerside, PE C1N 4V9

Normal Operating Procedures and Site Safety Rules

Pilot Requirements:

1. All pilots must be deemed competent by club executives or have a competent pilot at their side to assist.
2. Novice pilots will fly one at a time under instructor supervision

Model Requirements

1. mRPAS of all types not to exceed 250g
2. RPAS deemed inappropriate by club executives in terms of size, speed or application for the facility shall not be flown.
3. Electric, hand launch or rubber power RPAS only

Flight Operations

1. Pilots will stand within the designated pilot station area of the gymnasium during flight operations (see attached diagram of flying site)
2. Pilots will use discretion and fly appropriate RPAS types when flying in groups. (ie: No fast larger RPAS when multiple slow fliers in use)
3. Members or a suitable designate shall monitor gym access door(s) for errant access of others not involved
4. Pilots will refrain from flying behind the flight line- this area is designated for pit operations, model storage and piloting.
5. Pilots engaged in flying shall stand with backs to the outside wall on the south side of the gym.

Safety Protocols

1. All pre-flight inspections or assembly shall be carried out behind the flight line.
2. Batteries shall not be connected to electric powered models unless the model is restrained in the start-up area, or the propulsion system deactivated/de-armed or otherwise inoperative – no exceptions.
3. The direction of modeling/take-off landing, and traffic pattern will be established by first flight and maintained by all subsequent flights.
4. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying – normally off to one side of the pilot stations.
5. Recovery of RPAS that land/crash in the modeling/flying area will be done in agreement with all other modelers/pilots flying. Do not fly/operate a model directly over/near other persons recovering a model.
6. MAAC “spotters” are optional but preferred at our site. The following are site procedures for ensuring safety of others:

When any member or other person spots a bystander that might come into the modeling area unsafely, they are to yell out “BYSTANDER” in loud voice. ALL modelers must immediately stop modeling activities in that area and if possible, land/return to the pit area as soon as safely able. When the bystander’s safety is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning shall yell “ALL CLEAR”, or the modelers/pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume modeling/flying.

Emergency Procedures

If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a model and a bystander, ALL modeling SHALL cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to MAAC and the club/site/event organizer and follow MAAC policy with the following exceptions:

1. If the member(s) involved believe the risk was very minimal, they may complete their own self declaration or risk assessment using the MAAC form, and resume modeling.
2. If the member or Club/site/event organizer deems the event serious, modeling will not resume until members are given permission by the club/site/event organizer – in writing.
3. If there is actual contact between a model and a bystander – all modeling will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
4. In the event of a power outage or Alarm, all persons are to exit the buildings at an orderly pace. A club executive will make contact with custodial staff to inform them that all are cleared.
5. Fire extinguishers are located at specific doorways. Ensure you are familiar with the locations.
6. Dial 9-1-1 for medical emergencies- provide location as “Three Oaks Senior High School Gymnasium, 10 Kenmoore Ave, Summerside” to dispatcher.
7. The Club executive will review these rules at least once a year.

