South Western Ontario Old Timers
MOTHER THERESA SCHOOL (5039)
Indoor Site Rules

MAAC Approved: November 12, 2026

SWOOT Club members 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*

Indoor Modeling Site/Event Rules

Administrative

Club: South Western Ontario Old Timers (#513, Zone M)

Coordinates: 43°02'54.6"N 81°15'06.8"W
43.048488, -81.251889

Event organizer: Dave Surry, MAAC 2352-L and/or Fred Schakel, MAAC 91285

Location: Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School,
1065 Sunningdale Rd. East, London, ON, N5X 4B1
In the large gymnasium (a double-size gym, approx. 800 sq. meters) located at the very Northeast corner of the school.

We fly every Friday evening, 7-9pm, during the school year, with some exceptions.

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

1. be MAAC members in good standing.
2. be a SWOOT Club member or an invited guest, and
3. follow the MAAC Safety Code, SWOOT rules and School rules

Beginners must fly under an experienced member's guidance

All MAAC rules can be found on the MAAC website.

SWOOT rules can be found in the club manual or ask any experienced member.

All school (LDCSB) rules are available by asking the event organizer.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, phone **911**. All incidents must be reported to MAAC and to the School Board. The civic address for first responders is:

1065 Sunningdale Rd. East, London, ON

Normal operating procedures and Site safety rules

This site allows the following modeling categories:

☒ mRPAS, SRPAS
☒ Tethered (control line)
☒ Free flight
☐ Space models
☐ Surface vehicles.

1. Any mRPAS, including fixed wing or rotor-powered, such as quadcopter and helicopter
2. Only electric or rubber powered RPAS that are suitable for indoor flying in an 800 sq. meter space
3. Free flight: any non-powered or rubber-powered
4. Tethered (control line), surface and space vehicles are not allowed

For members operating at this site:

All pilots shall gather along the North wall of the gym. This is the pit area. The flight line is established at 6' out from the North wall, shown by a blue line on the floor. Pilots need to stay behind the flight line or announce their intention to go "on the field" for retrieving models.

Spectators may use the bleachers on the second level, overlooking the gymnasium. This area is a "no fly zone" for pilots.

No static displays or swap meets will be held at this location.

1. All pre-flight inspections/assembly shall be done in the designated pit area.

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 determined by the aircraft currently in the air.

4. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying – off to one side of the pilot positions.

5. Launching/takeoff of Free Flight models shall be in a direction away from pilots and spectators.

6. Recovery of RPA or models that land/crash in the modelling/flying area will be done in agreement with all other modellers/pilots flying. Do not fly/operate a model directly over/near other persons recovering a model.

7. MAAC “spotters” are optional at our site. The following are site procedures for ensuring bystander safety. All pilots, crew and bystanders are encouraged to be aware of any approaching aircraft in their direction.

   The following are site procedures for ensuring bystander safety:

   a. Do not fly over the bleachers on the second level for the safety of any bystanders:
   b. When any member or other person spots a bystander that might come into the modeling area unsafely, they are to yell out “BYSTANDER” in a loud voice.
   c. ALL modellers must immediately stop modeling activities in that area and if possible, land/return to the pit area as soon as safely able.
   d. 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 and safety procedures

8. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a model and a bystander, ALL modelling 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:

   a. 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 modelling.
   b. If the member or Club/site/event organizer deems the event serious, modelling will not resume until members are given permission by the club/site/event organizer – in writing.
   c. If there is actual contact between a model and a bystander – all modelling will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
   d. This process is for your protection.

9. Site emergency procedures:

   a. The emergency phone number for the school is the On-Call Supervisor at 519-663-2088, ext. 43911.
   b. Emergency exits: the Northeast exterior door of the gym or the east entrance door of the building. (see diagram below)
   c. An AED is located just outside the main entrance door of the gym.
   d. Fire extinguishers are located in the hallway outside the gym.

10. There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at this modeling site.

11. The Club/Event organizer/executive will review these rules at least once a year.

Layout of school location and the gym:



