

ModelAir at Old Warden – Pilots Briefing Notes (Radio Control Line)

Welcome to Old Warden and thank you for bringing your models to fly at a ModelAir event. We really appreciate your support. This new RC line location has much more available space in which to enjoy flying your models. We want your day's flying with us to be as enjoyable as possible in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, but for the safety of yourself and others, there are certain regulations that you must comply with.

- We will introduce our friendly and helpful team to you at the briefing, as well as locations of toilets, catering facilities etc.
- Please book in with transmitter control, with proof of insurance and competency. All pilots must have a BMFA B certificate or equivalent unless flying a slow vintage type aircraft where a minimum A Certificate is required. Your transmitter will also be checked for compliance (CE mark or SMAE/MHTF Type Approval).
- The maximum weight limit for the RC line is 15kg
- 35MHz is allowed and a peg system will be in operation from transmitter control.
- Flying can take place between 10am and 17.45pm (16.45 in September). All models and pilots must be clear of the airfield by 18.00 (17.00 in September), when the airfield becomes live again.
- All pilots must attend the Pilots Briefing at transmitter control at 10am each day. At the briefing you will be given a wristband for yourself and your helper. Only people with these wristbands will be allowed to be airside. Late comers can be briefed separately, but only briefed pilots will be allowed to fly.
- All models must be in the start-up box before starting or being made live. Models must face away from spectators and be restrained. Before your first flight, your model will be checked by a marshal for a working failsafe and your current CAA operator number. The model will be issued with a sticker to show this has been done.
- All pilots are responsible for the airworthiness of their models. Pilots must be current on and completely familiar with the models they are flying. They must know their own and the model's limitations and fly well within them at all times.
- When you want to fly, please bring your model to the start-up box and a marshal will give you a running order. We always try to group models of similar type together. If you want to fly with a particular person, we can be very accommodating!
- Every pilot must have a helper. Please wait to be directed by a marshal to go out to the flying area. Pilots must stand in the pilot's box when flying so you can communicate with your fellow flyers.
- The take-off/landing area is 30m from the spectator fence. When flying, you must not come any closer to the fence than this 30m line, even when on landing approach. Any incursions into this or any other no fly zone and you may be asked to land.
- For models over 7.5kg, they must be flown no closer to the spectator fence than the 50m line apart from take-off or landing, where they must fly no less than 30m from the spectator fence.
- No taxiing towards the spectators or closer than the 30m line is allowed.
- Other flying boundaries, circuit direction, no fly zones, effects of weather conditions, acceptable flying styles etc will be explained during the briefing.
- Any crashes might have to be reported, so please liaise with a member of the flight line team if any incident occurs.
- This is an active airfield, so please be careful to pick up any FOD. Any debris could be dangerous to full size aircraft and could jeopardise our use of the airfield.
- Lastly, we really hope you enjoy your day with us and want to come again. Old Warden is a fabulous place and please explore the rest of the event and the collection itself. If you have any questions or comments, please see one of the team, who will only be too happy to assist you.

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