



Rules for flying in the Free Flight Area

September 2022

Airfield access 10:00 to 16:45

All people, models and equipment must be clear of the airfield by 16:45 each day. Please take any rubbish with you as this is an active airfield and any FOD could jeopardise our future use of the airfield.

Free flight and Radio assisted models are restricted to:

A 500g (18oz) weight limit and a power of a maximum 0.8cc or 100W

All models over 250g must carry a current CAA operator number.

The only radio models in the free flight area should be qualifying radio assist models. All other radio-controlled models should be on the RC flight line. There is a concession for light electric powered models where speed control is allowed along with two further channels. These must not be flown low over the heads of spectators or flyers.

It is the pilot's responsibility to make sure that any flight can be made safely. Weather conditions must be taken into account and before launching, the pilot must be confident that the model can remain within the designated area.

Modellers must sign in

Those with free flight and/or radio assist must sign in at the SAM35 tent once per weekend for each TX used. Your BMFA membership card will be checked and membership number recorded, plus name and a signature is also required. You will then be issued with a wrist band for proof of eligibility to fly.

You should carry your BMFA card with you onto the field as it may be checked.

There are a number of Marshalls on duty, please respect their decisions.

Safe flying is the responsibility of all of us.

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Radio Assisted Free Flight Guidelines

1 Models must be free flight in original design and concept with radio fitted solely to assist in trimming and recovery. Models must be operated in a 'free flight' manner with a clear climb to height followed by a glide phase.

2 Radio assist is limited to rudder plus one other function (which must be either elevator or throttle). Additional channels may be used, but only as a motor cut off and/or to activate a dethermalizer.

3 Only 2.4GHz radios are to be used in the free flight area. No other frequencies are allowed. All transmitters must be legal and carry a CE mark.

4 Only fly on sites that are clear with adequate open space in compliance with any local rules or conditions and with due consideration for other people and property.

5 When radio assisted free flight is taking place on a multi-use site, it is important that one person is nominated to co-ordinate the activity and liaise with other site users.

Note: Where a group of flyers wish to fly assisted free flight, one would expect their flight line to be adjacent to the free flight line in all cases.

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