



Burns Country Flyers (BCF) Local Safety Rules

The BCF club operates within the Safety Code as published by the Scottish Aeromodellers Association (SAA)

http://www.saaweb.org.uk/downloads/saa/SAA_SAFETY_CODE.pdf

1 The Club operates within the land known as Boghead Farm near Tarbolton.

2 Designated areas

Pits

- A pits area is bounded by a fence and all models except those which are too large, should be parked in this area.
- Propeller driven models should where possible, be parked and started facing out and Jet powered models should be facing into the hedge with jet exhausts pointing outwards.
- Transmitters should be placed in the area below the peg board. And the peg system should be used if more than three transmitters will be used.
- Tx aerials should be extended only at the take off area.
- Full power should only be used very briefly in the pits area.
- Once an engine is running, pilots and helpers should remain behind the propeller line.
- Models must not be taxied into or out of the pits area.
- Lengthy engine run ins etc should be made outside the pits area.

Pilots Stance

- Normally the pilots stance should be between the pits area and the runway and may be agreed verbally.
- Pilots should inform those flying that they intend to enter the runway.
- The first turn once airborne is to be away from the pits.
- Pilots should inform each other of their intentions if performing a specific manoeuvre such as a touch and go.
- Inform other pilots of the intention to land by the phrase "Landing"
- Priority must be given to "dead stick" landings.
- If any model has mechanical, structural or radio problems, other pilots should be informed and the model landed immediately
- Do not cross runway without informing other pilots.
- Once landed, a model should be removed from the side of the runway if other models are airborne.
- It is recommended that no more than 4 models are flown at one time.

Flying Area

- All models, including helicopters, must take off or be hand launched from the runway.

- Circuit direction should be agreed amongst those flying.
- Models must not be flown, over the pits, car park, any person, public roads, farm machinery, buildings or gardens.
- Additionally, as the field is near Prestwick Airport, models must not be flown above 400 feet and must not conflict with aircraft.
- Models must not be flown when the visibility is too poor to safely fly.

3 Spectators

Whilst the Club has no specific spectator area, members should ensure that any guests are accompanied in the pits. They should be advised to stay clear of the runway and to remain at a safe distance from models with running engines.

4 Grass Cutting

- The club has access to lawnmowers for field maintenance. Members must ensure that they are familiar with the controls of the grass cutting equipment and should seek advice from a committee member if they are unsure.
- Petrol is stored in cans next to the lawnmower hut. There must be no smoking in this area.
- Models must not be flown when the grass is being cut.

5 First Aid

A first aid kit is available in the lawnmower shed. Flyers are advised to have the shed open when at the field in order to access the kit if required.

6 Fire Extinguishers

Members flying gas turbine powered models, must ensure that they have a fire extinguisher available.