

Lake Erie Barnstormers (LEBS) Membership Application and Official Rules

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General Rules

1. Absolutely NO Flying under the influence of ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON LEBS PROPERTY. Operating R/C Aircraft under the influence of ALCOHOL or DRUGS is strictly prohibited. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE Policy.
2. All pilots, guests and spectators must abide by the MAAC safety code and the LEBS rules at all times.
3. All members, guests and spectators are to be treated with respect and in a civil manner – Violence, hostility and threats will not be tolerated!

Membership Eligibility

1. Membership eligibility and renewal is at the sole discretion of club President John McIntosh.
2. Each **Membership Term** begins on Jan 1st and runs through Dec. 31st of the same calendar year.

Pilot Eligibility

1. All pilots flying from the club site must be current members of MAAC.
2. All pilots flying from the club site must be current members of the Lake Erie Barnstormers.
3. Any GUEST pilots must obtain permission from the club president before flying.
4. All pilots must have passed the LEBS Wings program or a similar MAAC style Wings program.
5. Children of Members in Good Standing (under 18 years old) may fly at the club field as long as they are accompanied by their Member parent and they have a valid MAAC Membership.

Flying Field Access

1. The club field is open at the discretion of the club president.
2. Park only in designated areas.

Pit Operation

1. All engines must have a muffler.
2. Each airplane must be range checked before the first flight of the day.
3. All aircraft must be tied down while the engine is running in the pit area.
4. No excessive running of engines in the pit area while others are flying. (Engine break-in should not be done at the field!)
5. Engines must be capable of being shut down from the transmitter.
6. All pilots must use the designated taxiway when leaving the pit area.
7. Pilots using a gasoline engine must have a fire extinguisher within reach when fueling and starting gasoline engines.

Flying Operations

1. Pilots must follow the MAAC Safety Code and abide by and MAAC Safety notifications or guidelines at all times.
2. The flying field is cut to a uniform height and thus there are no designated runways. All landings and takeoffs are normally conducted into the prevailing wind.
3. Circuits must always be flown away from the pit area, houses, barns, trees to the west, processing plant, spectators, road, and any neighboring farms. Pilots must fly within the designated flying zones.

4. FULL SIZE Aircraft have the right of way at all times – if a FULL SIZE aircraft is detected in the area, pilots should safely reduce altitude and make plans to safely land – flying operations should cease until the FULL SIZE aircraft has left the area.
5. All pilots must stand in the designated area while flying, unless taking off.
6. All pilots must make everyone on the flight line aware of their intention to land or take off, and await a response from the other pilots.
7. Immediately after takeoff you must go to the designated pilot station.
8. An aircraft that is dead on the field may not be retrieved unless the retrieving pilot clears the retrieval with all other flying pilots. Flying pilots must adjust their flight path to avoid the areas where the retrieving pilot will walk to retrieve his plane. No landings can take place while a plane is being retrieved.
9. A new aircraft should be ground checked and given its initial test flight in the presence of a qualified pilot. A qualified pilot is one who has several seasons of flight experience and has experience with the type of plane that is to be test flown (low wing, giant scale, aerobatic, engine type, etc should all be considered).
10. A maximum of 5 aircraft in the air at one time.
11. Absolutely NO SMOKING in the pits.
12. A model aircraft will not be flown in the presence of spectators or during a club event until it has been proven air worthy by having been previously flight tested.

Flying Restrictions

1. Flying is only allowed after 10am in the morning until Sunset – NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. NO flying within the NO-FLY ZONE areas. (Fly within the Flight/Field boundaries).
3. Pilots must abide by any current altitude rules and/or restrictions.
4. Absolutely no flying over parking areas, lane ways, houses, barns, trees to the west, processing plants, spectator or pit areas. (Do not fly west of the pilot stations/flight line!)
5. Absolutely no flying over any field workers or neighbouring farms.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unsure of the boundaries, please ask!!! We cannot afford to have planes outside of these boundaries.

Crash Response

1. In the event of a crash in one of the neighbouring fields only 1 person may retrieve the aircraft. This is to keep crop damage to a minimum. This must be strictly adhered to. Pilots are to call out "CRASH" immediately so others can help pinpoint the crash site. With the aid of spotters, one person may enter the property at a point of least intrusion to recover the downed aircraft.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

MAAC#: _____

Each member of the Lake Erie Barnstormers must be in good standing with MAAC. Each member will abide by all of the Lake Erie Barnstormers club rules (listed within this document) and all of the published rules of MAAC. Refusal will result in expulsion from the Lake Erie Barnstormers.

As a member of the Lake Erie Barnstormers, I understand that engaging in air modeling activities may be dangerous. I agree and accept to use the membership facilities (the flying field, or any associated club flying area/location) at my own risk and that in the event of personal injury, injury to others/spectators, or property damage, I agree to hold harmless the Lake Erie Barnstormers organization, John McIntosh, Dawn McIntosh, the McIntosh family, McIntosh Farms Inc., any Lake Erie Barnstormer member, Lake Erie Barnstormer Club Executive, and, the land owner of any membership facility(I.e. the flying field, school gym, event location, etc), any Lake Erie Barnstormer. affiliates, or any Lake Erie Barnstormer. sponsors.

SIGNATURE:_____ DATE:_____

Parent or Guardian if application under age of 16:_____