## **Southern RC Flyers** (Club Rules 2023)

## **Normal Operating Procedures and Club Safety Rules**

A copy of these rules must be available to RPAS pilots at the site, either electronically or in printed version. The club will endeavor to provide a printed copy at the site.

- 1. Model assembly should be done in the designated pit area or under the sunshade.
- 2. Batteries shall not be connected to electric models unless the model is restrained in the start-up area **no exceptions**.
- 3. Gas/glow/turbine models must be restrained and started in the start-up stands or similar, located in the start-up area. Do not conduct prolonged tuning if other pilots are flying.
- 4. The direction of take-off landing, and traffic pa8ern will be determined by the prevailing winds. If no wind, all take-offs etc. shall be north or south but away from the sun.
- 5. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying normally off to one side of the pilot stations.
- 6. Our flying area as measured from the center of the pilot stations is a box 310m left, 310m right and 380m straight out. Refer to the site flying area map for no-fly zone depictions. No flying south past the windsock and no flying west of the flight line. Stay west of the eastern tree line and North in line-of-sight limits.
- 7. Recovery of RPA that land/crash off the runway but in the flying area will be done in agreement with any. pilots flying. Only 1 person to enter farmers field to limit damage and all aircraft parts are to be recovered or must be reported to exec. to inform the farmer.
- 8. A fire extinguisher must be present for all powered RPA operation.
- 9. If there is an accident requiring emergency services, cellular service is adequate to call 911. The civic address: 1182 Road West, Kingsville, ON.
- 10. Pilots may fly in formation provided they agree to do so. only 5 airborne RPA allowed at any time.

Southern RC Flyers Club operates within 3nm of an aerodrome as listed in the CFS or CWAS and is required to provide all members with the following information:

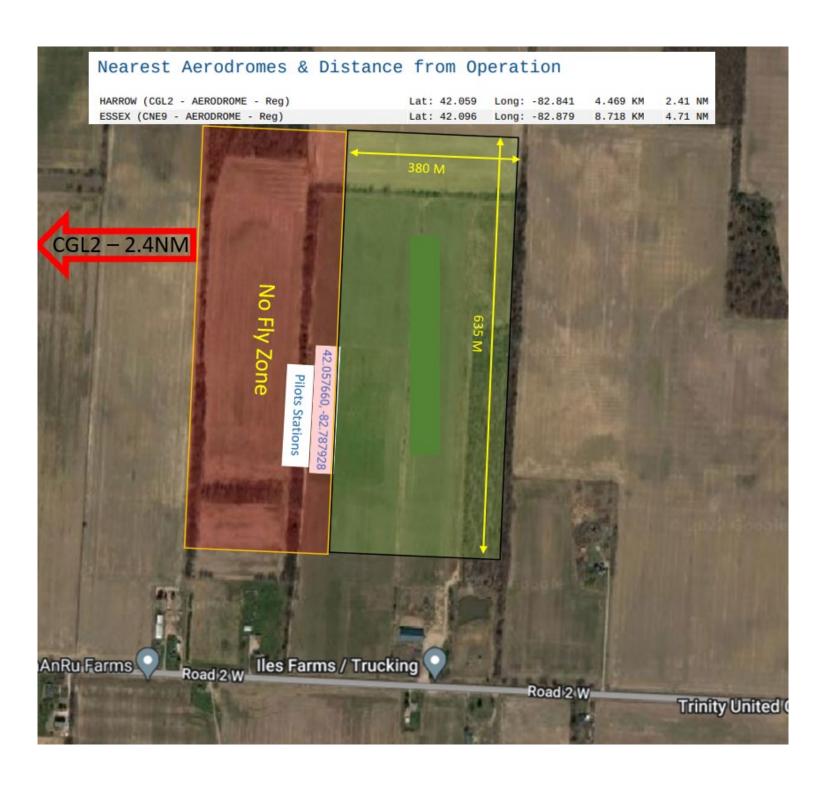
- 11. The aerodrome name is Harrow (CGL2) and is located 2.4nm West of our modeling site. The runways are orientated North South, and the normally expected traffic pattern should not be an issue for our site.
- 12. There are no CFS RPA procedures and no other CFS PRO comments that affect our modelling site.
- 13. In the event of a "fly-away" towards Harrow Airport, you may call the aerodrome operator at 519-733-2935 and advise them of the issue. Our site is in uncontrolled airspace so there is no need to notify ATC.
- 14. Southern RC Flyers club members should check for related NOTAM either using the <a href="NAV CANADA">NOTAM</a> portal or using RPAS Wilco app or similar. If you are the first pilot of the day and have printed a RPAS Wilco site survey, please leave it at the site for fellow modelers to reference.
- 15. No flying will commence until after 10am and will end a half hour before sunset, the time of which is available on the Weather Network App for the town of Kingsville. Night flying is not allowed at Southern RC Flying Club.

- 16. Visual observers and MAAC "spotters" are required at our site. The following are club procedures for ensuring full scale aviation safety:
  - a. When any member or other person spots a full-scale airplane that <u>might</u> come near the site, they are to yell out "AIRPLANE" in a loud voice or use the airhorn in the club house or ring the bell.
  - b. ALL Pilots **must** immediately descend to as low an altitude as possible and then land as soon as safely able.
  - c. When the full-scale airplane is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning shall yell "ALL CLEAR", or the pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume flying.
- 17. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a full-scale aircraft and our RPA, **ALL FLYING**SHALL cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to the Club executive 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. Submit a copy of the form to the club executive when able and recall you must keep this form for one year (CAR901.49 (2)). Resume flying when done.
  - b. If the member or Club executive deems the event serious, flying will not resume until members are given permission by the Club executive in writing.
  - c. If there is actual contact between an aircraft and a MAAC RPAS all flying will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
  - d. This process is for your protection.
- 18. No RPA or other model aircraft flying will occur below the Club mandated weather minimum:
  - a. If cloud is present below 1000 feet above the model flying area
  - b. a horizontal visibility requirement of less than 3 statute miles around the flying area, and
  - c. if there are other obscuring conditions (fog, smoke, haze etc.) which could make spotting full-scale aircraft difficult.
  - d. If you can see the opposite line of trees clearly, approx. 600meters.
- 19. There are no other risk mitigation strategies required at the Southern RC Flyers Club. The MAAC "see and avoid" practice is deemed sufficient to ensure aviation safety.

## **Visual Observers Responsibilities**

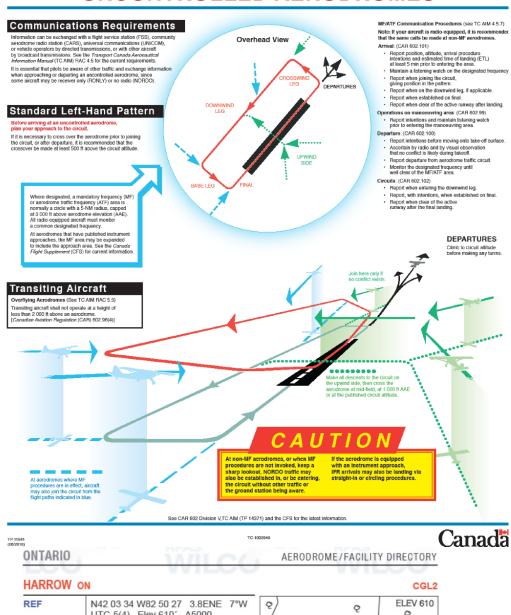
The sole role is to scan the sky for approaching full-scale aircraft – do not watch the RPA. Pay particular attention to aircraft approaching from the West.

- 1. The visual observer should stand or sit at the start-up stand closest to any pilots flying, but away from the start-up stand(s) in use. Be close enough so they can hear you.
- 2. When spotting a potential conflict yell AIRPLANE in a clear loud voice.
- 3. When you believe the airplane is no longer a problem yell ALL CLEAR.
- 4. Whenever a visual observer is required, all other club members present must keep unnecessary ambient noise to a minimum. NO run-ups on adjacent start up stands.





## **VFR CIRCUIT PROCEDURES AT UNCONTROLLED AERODROMES**



HARROW o	N	CGL2
REF	N42 03 34 W82 50 27 3.8ENE 7°W UTC-5(4) Elev 610' A5000	Q Q ELEV 610 Q
OPR	Louis & Thérèse Levesque 519-733-2935 Reg PN	2400 Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q
PF	C-1,2 E-3,4,5,6	
FLT PLN FIC	London 866-WXBRIEF (Toll free within Canada) or 866-541-4104 (Toll free within Canada & USA)	
RWY DATA RCR	Rwy 01/19 3000x100 turf Thids 01 & 19 displ 400'. Rwy soft when wet. Opr Ltd win maint	
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PRO	Pilots are requested to avoid fit below 2000 ASL when flying over the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary (Kingsville, Ontario N42 04 W82 45) & over Point Pelee National Park.	
CAUTION	Trees 500' fr Thid Rwy 01, 60 AGL. Marked hydro poles 400' fr Thid Rwy 19 (buried hydro line). Essex A/D 3NM NW.	