

Administrative regulations

Anyone who uses this site must:

1. Be a member in good standing of MAAC.
2. Be a member of the Phoenix Model Aircraft Club, or be a guest and
3. Comply with the MAAC Safety Code and all club regulations.

In case of emergency call 9-11 and notify a member of management. The address to be provided to first responders is 147, 2nd row St-Georges (St-Jean-de-la-lande sector).

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

Normal operating procedures and Club safety rules

This club allows the following categories of model making:

RPAS, control line, free flight, rocket models, multi rotor, helicopter.

1. A fire extinguisher must be present for all motorized model operations.
For members operating RPAS on this site:
2. All members must comply with the Canadian Aviation Regulations for RPAS.
3. All pre-flight or assembly operations must be carried out in the designated area.
4. Accumulators (battery) must not be connected to electric models unless the model is retained in the starting area – without exception. A table with retainer is your disposal for the smallest models.
5. Internal combustion models shall be retained and started in the starting stations or equivalent located in the starting area. Do not make extended adjustments if other pilots are flying.
6. The direction of take-off and landing and the traffic pattern will be determined by prevailing winds. If there is no wind, all take-offs, etc. must be done from left to right.
7. Manual and bungee launch must be performed in agreement with all pilots in flight - normally on one side of the cockpits.
8. Our flight area is defined in the diagrams in this document. It is strictly forbidden to fly outside the flight area established by the club. The MAAC and CAR rules prohibit theft within 30 m of any person, property or "thing" of non-MAAC value.
9. The recovery of RPAS that land/crash off the runway but in the flight, area will be carried out in agreement with all pilots in flight.
10. Pilots may fly in formation provided they consent. There is no limit to the number of RPAS in flight.
11. No flight will start until half an hour after sunrise and will end half an hour before sunset, the time of which is available on the Weather Network app for the city of St-Georges. Night flying is not allowed at Club Avions Miniatures les Phoenix, unless your RPAS is well lit.
12. MAAC observers are optional on our site. Here are the club's procedures for ensuring full-size aviation safety:
 - a. When a member or other person sees a full-size aircraft approaching the site, they should shout "PLANE" aloud.
 - b. ALL pilots must immediately descend to as low an altitude as possible, and then land safely as soon as possible if the situation calls for it.
 - c. When the full-size aircraft is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning must shout "CLEAR", or the pilots can make this decision themselves and resume flying.

13. In the case of an out-of-control aircraft to St-Jean-de-la-Lande, you can call 911 and inform them of the problem. Our site is located in uncontrolled airspace, so it is not necessary to inform the ATC (Air Traffic Control).
14. In the event of a near miss or safety issue between a full-size aircraft and our RPAS, ALL FLIGHTS MUST CEASE immediately. Affected members must complete a MAAC Reportable Event Report and submit it to the Club Executive and follow MAAC's policy with the following exceptions:
 - a. If the member(s) concerned felt that the risk was very minimal, they may complete their own declaration or risk assessment using the MAAC form. Submit a copy of the form to the Club Executive when possible and remember that you must keep this form for one year (CAR901.49(2)). Resume the flight when you're done.
 - b. If the member or club executive deems the event serious, flights will not resume until members receive written permission from the club executive.
 - c. If there is actual contact between an aircraft and a MAAC RPAS - all flights will cease until MAAC confirms that we can resume operations.
 - d. This process is for your protection.
15. No RPAS or other aircraft flight model will take place below the minimum weather conditions imposed by the Club. Members may determine the weather themselves by direct observation or use any other source:
 - a. If clouds are present below 1000 feet above the flight area
 - b. a horizontal visibility requirement of less than 3 mt around the flight area, and
 - c. if there are other obscuration conditions (fog, smoke, haze, etc.) that could make it difficult to locate full-size aircraft.
16. No other risk mitigation strategy is required at Club Avions Miniatures les Phoenix. The "see and avoid" MAAC technique was considered adequate to ensure aviation safety.
17. The Club Executive will review these rules at least annually.

Diagrams



