

Cape Breton RC Modelers – Margaree Airport site Safety Rules.

Introduction

Site safety rules are necessary to provide an understanding of the required actions to ensure aviation and public safety and to promote member safety, thus being in the best interest of members, the club, the community, and MAAC.

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.

Margaree “Airport” is an abandoned aerodrome which has been confirmed as closed to full-scale aviation. MAAC Safety Advisory Group approved our operations on that basis – May 15, 2023.

Definitions

Pilot – a MAAC member in good standing who has a ‘pilot’ status attached to their membership and/or has demonstrated basic competency in their category as required by the MAAC Safety Code. Pilots may fly unsupervised, unless a spotter or helper is otherwise required by the MAAC safety code, club policies, or competition rules.

Student – a MAAC member who has not yet demonstrated basic competency in their category as required by the MAAC Safety Code. Student pilots may only fly under the supervision of a club-appointed Instructor.

No Fly Zone – areas where flying models is prohibited by regulations, club rules, or agreement with neighbors as outlined in [the MAAC Safety Code](#).

- Hard copies of [MAAC safety code documents](#) may not reflect any changes made since the document was printed. (Available online).
- The Club Executive shall review club rules for compliance with [MAAC safety code documents](#) and Policy changes whenever an update or change is issued. This may result in club rule revisions as needed at any point during the year.
- Club rules apply to all club members, their guests and invited guest or spectators. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Pilots and Students must have a current MAAC membership. (International Memberships are not accepted). Temporary membership can be issued by one of the officers of the club, or online at [maac.ca](#).
- Pilots and Students shall be familiar with and adhere to all relevant [MAAC safety code documents](#), including all category-specific, type-specific, or venue-specific safety codes, advisories, and policies and procedures.
- All Members are responsible for respectfully advising fellow pilots of any rule infractions or best safety practices.
- Club executive shall conduct an annual survey of the flying area to ensure continued conformance with the [MAAC safety code documents](#).

Flight Safety Rule Reminders.

- Pilots and Students shall perform a thorough pre-flight check at the beginning of each flying day that includes a range check, confirmation of proper control direction, and proper failsafe operation.
- Pilots and Students shall not operate an aircraft in such a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger full-scale aviation safety or the safety of any person.
- Pilots and Students, or their [spotter](#), shall have the aircraft in visual line-of-sight at all times during flight.
- Pilots and Students shall give way to power-driven heavier-than-air full-scale aircraft, airships, gliders, balloons, and unmanned Air Vehicles (UAVs).
- Pilots and Students shall be fit-to-fly, including being free from drug or alcohol impairment.
- The only categories that can be operated at this site are RPAS, Surface.
- All RPAS models shall remain below the club's specified altitude limits.
- The maximum number of remotely piloted aircraft flying at one time is five (5) *(or as otherwise designated by the club)*.
- Pilots shall announce all take-offs and landings.
- Pilots shall abort any take-off where the aircraft veers towards the pit or parking area and call out to those in the pit area.
- Pilots shall not fly behind the flight line or in any other designated no-fly zone or within 30m of any by-stander. Every effort must be taken to prevent aircraft entry into no-fly zones, including intentionally grounding the model.
- Pilots shall call out if their aircraft malfunctions in flight and must be given landing priority.
- Landing aircraft have the right-of-way, but it is up to the landing pilot to warn of his approach.
- There shall be visible signs, barricades, or observers indicating areas that are not accessible to invited guests and spectators.
- Spectators and invited guests are permitted in the pit and pilot station areas only under the supervision of a Pilot.
- Unsupervised children and spectators are not permitted in the pits or flying area.
- Pets shall be leashed and are not permitted outside the spectator area.
- Members involved in or witnessing an incident or accident shall immediately advise the club executive and file a report.

Field Rules.

All flyers must be current MAAC members, in good standing.

- Visitors are welcome to fly as a guest of a Qualified Instructor or Pilot using the Buddy-Box training method.
- Members are responsible for any children and or pets in their care, and should ensure they are in a safe place and properly supervised.
- Pilots must stand behind the pilot stations to fly their models, and no taxiing in the pits.
- As a courtesy, pilots conducting a maiden flight should be afforded the entire airspace and field to themselves.
- Charging battery packs must be supervised by their owners. Do not charge near anything flammable.
- All 72MHz and FPV flyers must place a pin on the relevant frequency board before turning their transmitters on and must remove the pin after turning their transmitters off.
- People wishing to smoke must do so in the designated area only.
- No flying will be allowed while field or grass cutting operations are being conducted on the field.
- It is the responsibility of each pilot to ensure that his/her aircraft is airworthy and please use designated run-up stations.
- Any generators must be located downwind from the pits.
- Vehicles shall be parked in established parking areas.
- No alcohol or cannabis are allowed at the flying site.
- The last person leaving the flying site shall tidy up and lock the gate if there is one.

- **Emergency civil address for all Club flying fields if more than one:**

Margaree Airport:

Margaree Airport road of the E Big Intervale Rd.

Medows Road: Off 664 Medows Road by the sign on main road, see picture.



