

Pacific Aeromodeller Club Rules

Administrative

The **Pacific Aeromodellers Club(379)** is a control line only (tethered aircraft) club that operates from a flying site in the **Abbotsford** area. All persons using these modeling sites must:

- 1) be MAAC members in good standing.
- 2) be members of the Pacific Aeromodellers Club, or an invited guest and
- 3) agree to follow the MAAC Safety code and all other club rules.

In the event of an emergency, phone 911 and the civic address for first responder is:

Clayburn Park,34819 Clayburn Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7Z1

Normal operating procedures and Club safety rules

RPAS and mRPAS (sub-250) are prohibited at this site under the MAAC SOC.

The agreement with the Clayburn Village only permits recreational **control line model aircraft** operation at the site, provided we meet the following conditions:

1. Flying is not permitted if either site is occupied. DO NOT breach this rule – wait for others to finish or come back another time.
2. The site is limited to operation starting at 8:00am ending 5:00pm
3. Members are not allowed to hold events or competitions unless the club has received an additional permission from the village.
4. Safety cones must be used to mark the flying area – no exceptions.
5. Clean up after you leave – do not leave any garbage or crashed airplane parts behind.
6. All damage to the turf, trees or other park features will be charged back to the club or members.
7. Always have a copy of the Village agreement with you while flying.

These rules are available in print or online.

- 1) A fire extinguisher must be present for all powered model operations.
- 2) All pre-flight inspections or assembly shall be done in the designated area.
- 3) Batteries shall not be connected to electric powered models unless the model is restrained – no exceptions.
- 4) Gas/glow powered models must be restrained and started in the start-up or designated area.
- 5) Our flying area is Control line type of 150ft x 250ft – including any no-by-stander zones. NOTE – MAAC has variable rules stipulating NO bystanders permitted within certain distances of any flying area.
- 6) No flying will commence until 8 am and will end 5 pm, the time of which is available on the Weather Network App for the town of Abbotsford, BC
- 7) Barriers:

- a. Orange safety cones/pylons must be set up 15 meters around the southern outer edge of the flying area – at 3-meter intervals.
 - b. a yellow surveyors' tape must be attached to the safety cone markers on the south side of the flying area, to alert bystanders of the flying area.
- 8) MAAC “spotters” are optional at our site. The following are club procedures for ensuring bystander safety:
- a. When any member or other person spots a by-stander approaching the flying area that might present a safety concern, they are to yell out “BY-STANDER” in a loud voice.
 - b. ALL Pilots must immediately climb the model to as high an altitude as is possible (above head height) OR land immediately. This may require an intentional forced landing/crash away from the approaching bystander.
 - c. The spotter or pilot should endeavor to warn the bystander to remain clear of the flying area and outside the safety buffer distance. Yelling in a firm loud voice “**STOP - stay back**” and waving your arm(s) is suggested.

There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at **Pacific Aeromodellers Club**.

The Club executive will review these rules at least once a year.

Diagrams

