

Miniature Aircraft Society of Truro Indoor Site Rules

*Miniature Aircraft Society of Truro have been given permission to conduct MAAC modelling activities indoors and fully understand and agree any permission granted applies to indoor activities **only** – no exceptions.*

Administrative

Club: Miniature Aircraft Society of Truro (#50, Zone L)

Truro Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26

42 Brunswick St, Truro, NS B2N 5E5, upstairs meeting hall

Flying every Thursday evening from 19:00 to 21:00 unless the hall is in use for other events.

Conditions for use - All persons using this modelling site must:

1. be MAAC members in good standing.
2. be members of MAST, or an invited guest of MAST.
3. agree to follow the MAAC Safety code and all other site rules.

Must have completed the MAST Wings program or be in the process of doing so with a club instructor.

MAST site rules will be available on the MAST Website.

General rules for using the hall:

- Clear all tables and chairs from the flying area before starting the flying session.
- Clean up after the flying session, ensure that all tables and chairs are put back where they were.
- Turn out lights when exiting the hall.

In the event of an emergency, phone 911. The civic address for first responders is:

42 Brunswick St., Truro NS

Normal operating procedures and Site safety rules

This site allows the following modeling categories: mRPAS, and Free Flight

- Appropriately sized, slow flying models to be used.
- Electric mRPAS and rubber powered Free Flight aircraft only.
- Maximum speed to be less than 15 Kmh
- Maximum weight to 250g

For members operating RPAS at this site:

See included diagram for flying area details.

1. All pre-flight inspections or assembly shall be done in the designated area.
2. Batteries shall not be connected to electric powered models unless the model is restrained in the start-up area, or the propulsion system deactivated/de-armed or otherwise inoperative – no exceptions.
3. The direction of modeling/take-off landing, and traffic pattern will be determined by cleared area of the hall.
4. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying – normally off to one side of the pilot stations.
5. Recovery of RPA that land/crash in the modelling/flying area will be done in agreement with all other modellers/pilots flying. Do not fly/operate a model directly over/near other persons recovering a model.
6. MAAC “spotters” are optional at our site. The following are site procedures for ensuring bystander:
 - a. See site diagram for areas where bystanders might enter. The exit doors are kept closed during flying operations.
 - b. When any member or other person spots a bystander that might come into the modeling area unsafely, they are to yell out “BYSTANDER” in a loud voice.
 - c. ALL modellers must immediately stop modeling activities in that area and if possible, land/return to the pit area as soon as safely able.
 - d. When the bystander’s safety is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning shall yell “ALL CLEAR”, or the modelers/pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume modeling/flying.

Emergency or safety procedures

7. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a model and a bystander, ALL modelling SHALL cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to MAAC and the club/site/event organizer 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, and resume modelling.
 - b. If the member or Club President (or his designate) deems the event serious, modelling will not resume until members are given permission by the club/site/event organizer – in writing.

- c. If there is actual contact between a model and a bystander – all modelling will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
- d. This process is for your protection.

8. Emergency procedures:

- a. In case of medical emergency, injury, fire or any other occurrence deemed appropriate, dial **911**.
- b. Exit locations – The Entrance/Exit door (South end of the room) is clearly identified with a lit sign as is the emergency exit at the east end of the room (this door is to be kept closed to prevent anyone from entering the area while flight operations are underway).
- c. Fire extinguishers are mounted on the wall for easy access.

9. There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at MAST modelling site.

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

Modelling Site Layout

