

**SKY SEEKERS
BEDE AIRFIELD
CLUB RULES 2024**

The following rules package must be available to all RPAS Pilots while operating RPAS at this site, either electronically or in print. Nothing in these rules relieves the RPAS pilot of their individual CAR compliance requirements.

Administrative Rules

Club: SKY SEEKERS RC CLUB (#411, Zone D)
Field Name: BEDE FIELD
Location: Provincial Rd 345, Bede, Manitoba

Pilot Station Coordinates: 49 24 1.4 N, 100 58 3.20 W

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

- be MAAC members in good standing.
- be members of Sky Seekers RC Club, or an invited guest of Sky Seekers RC Club and
- agree to follow the MAAC Safety code and all other site rules.

Any MAAC member attending an Event at this site must agree to attend any modeller briefing, or otherwise read and follow all site/Event rules. The Club or site operator is responsible to take reasonable steps to ensure a modeller briefing occurs for each modeller using the site.

Site/event emergency response requirements

In the event of an emergency, call (9-1-1 or phone number) - the site address to be provided to first responders is D. Miner Farm, Provincial Road 345, Bede Mb.

Modelling Rules

MAAC Approved Modelling Categories

The following categories of MAAC modelling are approved at this site/event. In addition to the MAAC Safety Code, there may be site specific rules contained in this document.

Approved Category	Weight/Power Limits	Altitude/operating limits
mRPAS	<i>Less than 250 grams</i>	<i>400'agl</i>
RPAS	<i>25kg or less</i>	<i>400'agl</i>
Tethered (Control-Line)	Not approved	
Free flight		
Space Models		
Surface Vehicles		

MAAC Approved Site Add-ons

This site has not been approved for any MAAC add-ons.

Approved Add-on	Weight/Power Limits	Altitude/operating limits
RPAS Weight	Not approved	
RPAS Altitude		
RPAS Altitude and Weight		
Permanent Event Approval		
RPIC		

RPAS/Model technical specifications or requirements or restriction

- mRPAS requirements – mRPAS cannot be registered with Transport Canada. mRPAS are however regulated under CAR900.06 and part VI of the CAR. Compliance with MAAC safety code meets those requirements.
- RPAS CAR requirements –There are no special CAR restrictions on RPAS models *or* All RPAS must conform a Manufacturer Declaration/Safety Assurance provision, either MAAC's or another manufacturer.
- Club/Site/Event requirements - This site is in a noise sensitive area and all IC powered models must be muffled and checked for excessive loudness. No model louder than 95db measured at 3ft, is permitted.

RPAS Pilot/operator qualifications or requirements

- mRPAS requirements – *mRPAS* do not require an RPAS operators' certificate however are regulated under CAR900.06 and part VI of the CAR. **There are no MAAC or CAR age restrictions on mRPAS flight.** Compliance with MAAC safety code meets all requirements.
- RPAS Pilot CAR requirements. All RPAS pilots using this site must have BASIC RPAS certification.
- Club/Site/Event requirements - This site recommends all mRPAS/RPAS Pilots have MAAC Wings, however its use is not mandatory. There are no other qualification requirements.

CREW qualifications or requirements.

- mRPAS requirements - mRPAS do not normally require crew under the CAR.
- RPAS CAR requirements - There are no special requirements at this site.
- Club requirements – Any crew such as visual observers or spotters, where required, can be any responsible person, including family or friends.

Crew Rules

Visual Observers

Visual observers (VO) are **optional**. When required at this site, no member shall operate an RPAS unless:

- A visual observer(s) is present who has been briefed or trained on any site/event procedures upon spotting a potential conflict with full-scale aircraft.
- A minimum of one visual observer per flight line is required.
- VO must not watch the models – their sole role is to scan the surrounding sky for approaching full-scale aircraft.
- Position the VO where they have unobstructed sight lines – sitting in the shade beside a camper/structure is not acceptable. Equally they must be situated to have a reasonable communication ability with all pilots/modellers.

- Use visual aids as required – sunglasses, wide brim hats, sunshades, binoculars or similar. If positioned far from pilot stations, provide suitable notification means such as air horns, lights, radios etc.

These rules ensure a clear command/response protocol is in place – there is no time for debates or confusion. MAAC has adopted the following minimum:

- **MAAC models/RPA shall give way/get out of the way of full-scale aircraft in all circumstances – no exceptions. There is never any onus on full-scale pilots to yield to models – ever.**
- Upon spotting/hearing or being advised of any airplane that might pose a hazard with modeling activities, the VO shall yell in a loud clear voice “AIRPLANE”. **If in doubt, issue the warning.**
- Upon hearing this command, all pilots shall descend to as low as altitude as safely possible, and if required land. The goal is to vacate the airspace vertically and then determine if RPA can continue to operate safely.
- **Lateral deconfliction maneuvers are prohibited above 60’AGL.** Descending to 60’agl (tree top level) is the accepted Transport Canada initial response. Members operating near/off aerodromes have different specific response requirements.
- Upon determining the full-scale aircraft is no longer a threat, the VO or other persons shall yell in a loud clear voice “ALL CLEAR”.
- Thereafter modeling activities may resume as normal.

Air Boss – ATC Coordinator

Not required

RPIC – RPAS Pilot in command

Not required

Instructors/Demo flights

There are no special provisions for instruction or demonstration flights at this site.

Spotters

Spotters are required for all pilots any time there are more than 2 RPAS in the air. Spotters are also required for any night flying.

Airspace requirements or permissions

This site is wholly in uncontrolled airspace – no airspace permission required

Adjacent Aerodrome Procedures (within 3nm)

There are no aerodromes within 3nm of this site, therefore MAAC see and avoid procedures are deemed adequate for aviation safety.

Normal mRPAS/RPAS/model operating procedures

- Prior to daily operations, at least one member shall check the Aviation NOTAM for CYVD (Virden/ RJ Andrew Rield Regional) using either the NAV CANADA website or RPAS Wilco. They may share the results with other site users either verbally, electronically or in print. Every member is still responsible to ensure they have the latest NOTAM information in some fashion.

- The MAAC mandated minimum weather conditions to commence or continue MAAC RPAS operations are:
 - no cloud ceiling (BKN or OVC) **estimated** at 1000'agl if the site approved altitude is less than 400', or less than 1000' above any higher site approved altitude, and
 - the RPA will be able to remain 500' vertically and 1 sm (statute mile) horizontally clear of any cloud, and an **estimated** horizontal visibility of 3sm (5km) or more around the flying area, and
 - no other obscuring conditions (fog, smoke, haze etc.) which could make spotting full-scale aircraft difficult.

NOTE – there is no aviation weather available for *Bede Field* or *CYVD* so RPAS pilots may estimate cloud ceilings and visibility, provided they do so in good faith understanding the purpose of weather limits is to ensure we can see approaching full-scale aircraft.

- MAAC endorses the use of a single shared RPAS Wilco site survey provided:
 - A new site survey is conducted/checked at least once every 56 days (NAV CANADA schedule), and if there are changes the updated site survey is made available to all members.
 - All site survey information is readily available to all RPAS pilots on site (electronically or in print).
 - Prior to each flying session, members must check Aviation NOTAM for critical flight safety information, or changes to airspace or aerodromes. Members may share NOTAM information verbally or in print with other members at the site.
 - Members must each visually confirm no changes to site obstructions, local obstacles and that weather conditions stipulated in any MAAC requirements are met.
- Members shall not operate an RPAS at night unless it is brightly lit, weighs less than 25kg, and remains below 400'agl. Members shall use the CYVD or Virden weather channel time to determine legal night.
- There is a limit of 4 RPAS in the air at any one time. Pilots may fly in formation provided they agree to do so.
- Refer the attached map for our normal site set-up areas such as parking, spectator areas, pit, or assembly areas, and start-up/run-up areas including confirmation of the MAAC required buffer distances are as follows:
- All modellers shall conduct any pre-flight assembly and daily testing requirements per the MAAC safety code in the designated areas. Do not conduct prolonged tuning of motors while others are flying.
- All models, including electric powered models, will be restrained before being armed or started in the designated startup areas.
- Refer to the attached map for a depiction of the flying area, including any no-fly zones, a description or depiction of the flight line, safety line, runways, taxiways, and any other pertinent flying area demarcation.
- The following are the site take-off, approach, landing and recovery procedures:
 - Pilots, or their spotter, shall call out all model movements.

- Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying – normally off to one side of the pilot stations.
- Pilots shall take off into the prevailing winds, or otherwise in agreement with all pilots flying.
- No person shall proceed past abeam the pilot stations without permission of other pilots flying.
- The recovery of downed models in the flying area shall not be done without the agreement of all pilots flying. Thereafter no new models may take-off until the downed model is recovered. No flying directly over the recovery crew.

Emergency procedures

Fly-away or lost link.

This site is wholly within uncontrolled airspace. There are no fly-away requirements.

Incident Accident

- If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a full-scale aircraft, bystander and our RPA/models, **ALL FLYING/MODELLING SHALL** cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to MAAC and the Site/Event organizer and follow MAAC policy.
 - 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 Site/Event organizers when able and recall if this involved RPAS you must keep this form for one year (CAR901.49 (2)). Resume flying/modelling when done.
 - If the member or Site/Event operators deems the event serious, flying/modeling will not resume until members are given permission by the Site/Event organizers – in writing.
 - If there is physical contact between a full-scale aircraft, a by-stander, a spectator and a MAAC RPAS/model – all flying/modelling will cease until MAAC confirms you may resume operations.
 - This process is for **your** protection.



Model damage/repair protocol

- In the event of any normally expected modelling mishap which requires any degree of repair, the model may only be “field repaired” if all normal modelling supplies and tools are present and used in accordance with established modeling practices or manufacturer instructions.
 - Any repair other than minor (replacing broken propeller etc.) shall be treated as a maiden flight/operation. Ensure RPAS logbook entries are made.
 - Any repair that cannot be fixed at the field, shall only be repaired at the modellers/owners shop or other repair facility. Ensure RPAS logbook entries are made.

MAAC Add-ons

RPAS Operations Above 400'AGL, over 25kg, or both

This site is not approved for any add-ons.

Event Approval (Permanent or individual)

This site has not been approved for permanent event approval – all events must be processed per below. If you have any doubts about your event, contact your Zone Director or the SAG directly.

- ALL MAAC events that require approval or want MAAC insurance must occur at SOC sites and be approved by MAAC. All outdoor events with operable RPAS must be approved by MAAC.
- **Outdoor events that are clearly listed as “member-only” events** regardless of reason such as competitions, fun-fly’s, fly-in’s, airshows, air racing, demonstrations or any other organized gatherings do **not** require MAAC Event SFOC compliance. **All advertising/notice including internal to MAAC must include the following phrase:**

This event is closed to the public - only MAAC members and crew may attend. Invited guest(s) of a MAAC member are permitted provided they are supervised.

- **“Advertised events”** - regardless of what you “named” your event, if your outdoor event includes operable (flying) RPAS **and** is open/advertised to the general public in any fashion, you **must** meet the MAAC SFOC requirements (the SAG will work with clubs on the rules required). All advertising/notice, including internal to MAAC **must** include the following phrase:

This event is open to the public and all MAAC members, crew, and their invited guests. MAAC Event SFOC compliance is required.

Foreign RPAS Pilots (US or other)

MAAC has already obtained Transport Canada approval for foreign RPAS pilots to operate RPAS at our MAAC sites and events (MPPD14 approved July 2023). Foreign pilots simply join MAAC and follow the provisions of MPPD14 (on the website). Also see the RPAS Wilco NOTAM (2024-02).

Over 400'agl and above 25kg

MAAC is aware of which clubs/sites qualify for above 400'agl and will soon begin to issue approvals site by site, with conditions specified in the rule’s packages. Where there are events requesting over 400’ or over 25kg, the Event SFOC rules listed above also apply, as well as the “higher and heavier” SFOC requirements.

The following are the normally expected process and rules for an event.

- The club/event organizers shall:
 - Prior to submitting an event approval application, ensure they have read all MAAC policy and have submitted an event package indicating they have complied as best as possible.
 - Ensure the site meets all MAAC event organizational and logistic requirements such as signage, parking control, spectator safety barriers, washroom and food provisions, and fire/medical safety requirements commensurate with the expected attendance.

- Ensure the event complies with MAAC event policy and any CAR or SFOC requirements.
 - Ensure the MAAC events warning sign is posted for the event.
 - Ensure all attending modellers/RPAS pilot are **current MAAC members**.
 - Take reasonable steps to ensure all attending modellers/RPAS pilots **receive a briefing** on site or event rules using the MAAC minimum checklist (attached).
 - Ensure all follow up actions are completed after the event, most notably any Transport Canada paperwork.
- In addition to all the above and the club rules, at any event where the public is in attendance under the MAAC SFOC, the event organizers are responsible to ensure:
 - MAAC warning signs are posted at all public entry points.
 - A copy of the MAAC SFOC and application are on site and available to all RPAS pilots.
 - All RPAS pilots sign the Transport Canada sign in sheet.
 - All RPAS pilots receive a briefing on site rules and
 - A visual observer is always present RPAS are flying.
 - Any member attending an event shall
 - Comply with all CAR, SFOC, MAAC and club/event rules as required.
 - Not operate a model or RPAS unless they attend or obtain a pilot briefing.

Diagrams/maps





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