

**Victoria R/C Modellers Society  
Saanich Commonwealth Place  
Indoor Rules, 2024**

*Victoria R/C Modellers Society - Saanich Community Place have been given permission to conduct MAAC modeling activities indoors and fully understand and agree any permission granted applies to **indoor activities only** – no exceptions*

**Administrative:**

Club: Victoria R/C Modellers Society (#275, Zone H)

Location: Saanich Commonwealth Place (SCP), Large Gymnasium  
4636 Elk Lake Drive, Saanich, BC, V8Z5M1. (48.5014, -123.3895)

Name of the site owner or event organizer: Duncan Ferguson

Dates and times for site use: Saturday afternoons, mid October to mid April.

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

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

These rules or requirements can be found in the members section of the VMRCS website.

A copy of these rules must be available on site either electronically or in hard copy.

In the event of an emergency, visit the receptionist at the front desk, or phone 911 and the civic address for first responder is:

**Saanich Commonwealth Place, 4636 Elk Lake Drive, Saanich, BC**

**Normal operating procedures and Site safety rules:**

This site allows the following modeling categories:

- mRPAS, Free flight, surface vehicles;
- maximum 250 grams for fixed wing mRPAS;
- maximum 100 grams for rotary wing or multicopter mRPAS.

For members operating mRPAS at this site:

Refer to the modeling site layout diagram as required

1. All pre-flight activities including assembly, pre-flight inspection, etc, shall be done in the designated pits area.

2. Batteries shall not be connected to electric powered models unless the model is either: restrained in the pits area, with the propulsion system deactivated/de-armed or otherwise inoperative; or at the pilots station line pointed towards the flying area – no exceptions.
3. The direction of take-off and landing must occur away from, or parallel to the pilots station line – never towards; the traffic pattern will be clockwise or anticlockwise, determined by pilots' agreement.
4. Hand launching and bungee launching shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying – directly away from the pilot station line into the flying area.
5. Recovery of RPA that land/crash in the flying area will be done in agreement with all other pilots flying. Do not fly/operate a model directly over/near persons recovering a model.
6. Site operator determined requirements:
  - a. Eye protection (prescription glasses, sun glasses, safety glasses, or similar) is RECOMMENDED for all Pilots, and REQUIRED for all Juniors and Bystanders.
  - b. Airborne models must remain within the flying area.
  - c. Pilots operating an airborne model may only do so when the Pilot is situated on the pilot station line.
  - d. No more than 3 fixed wing mRPAS, plus 2 rotary wing/multicopter mRPAS (5 total) airborne at any one time.
7. MAAC “spotters” are optional at our site. The following are site procedures for ensuring bystander safety:
  - a. Be careful of approaching bystanders, who may enter **from the main doors or any of the service doors in the pits area.**
  - b. When any member or other person spots a bystander that might come into the flying area unsafely, they are to yell out “BYSTANDER” in a loud voice.
    - i. ALL modelers must immediately stop modeling activities in that area and if possible, land or return to the pilots' stations as soon as safely able.
    - ii. When the bystander's safety is confirmed, the person who gave the warning shall yell “ALL CLEAR”, or the pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume flying.

### **Emergency or safety procedures**

8. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a model and a bystander, ALL modeling 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 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 modeling.
  - b. If the member or Club/site/event organizer deems the event serious, modeling will not resume until members are given permission by the site/event organizer – in writing.
  - c. If there is actual contact between a model and a bystander – all modeling will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
  - d. This process is for your protection.
9. Site emergency procedures:
- a. Fire Exits are marked on the diagram.
  - b. Fire extinguishers are marked on the diagram.
  - c. There is no public phone or phone number - use your cell phone.
  - d. The civic address to provide to emergency responders is **4636 Elk Lake Drive Saanich.**
10. There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at this modeling site.
11. The Site/Event organizer and Club Executive will review these rules at least once a year.

**Modeling Site Layout Diagram:**  
(fire extinguishers marked with red dots)

