

**CHINOOK WIND RC CLUB  
HIGH RIVER, AB  
Rules 2025**

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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.

Club: Chinook Wind RC Club (#160, Zone Alberta)

Site Name: Chinook Wind RC Club

Location: 82166 120 466 Ave East, High River, AB

Pilot Station Coordinates: 50° 38' 6.8"N, 113° 51' 6.00"W  
(50.635222, -113.851667)

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All persons using the CWRCC modelling site:

1. Must be MAAC members in good standing.
2. Must be a member of Chinook Wind RC Club, or an invited guest of a member of CWRCC.
3. 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 site operator is responsible to take reasonable steps to ensure a modeller briefing occurs for each modeller using the site.

As a member of Chinook Wind RC Club (CWRCC) you agree to hold yourself, and other CWRCC members, accountable to the appropriate rules and procedures as laid out in this document. At CWRCC we hold each other accountable and provide feedback to other members and guests when these requirements are not being followed. CWRCC is a friendly and welcoming club, any feedback provided will be done so in a professional and friendly manner with the goal being to make CWRCC a safe, fun place for us all to enjoy the hobby we love.

1. Guest pilots:
  - a. Guest pilots must produce proof of MAAC membership if asked to do so during their visit.
  - b. Guest pilot compliance with the CWRCC Rules and Procedures is the responsibility of the hosting CWRCC member. It is the hosting member's responsibility to ensure the guest pilot:
    - Is aware of location of emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers, first aid, etc.
    - Flies within the appropriate flight box.

- Is familiar with the locations of visitor seating, the pits, start stations and pilot stations.
  - c. A guest pilot is allowed up to three (3) flying day visits to CWRCC within a calendar year.
  - d. Guest pilots are welcome to fly at CWRCC on any day the field is open to general flying, including at a Fun Fly or BBQ.
  - e. A CWRCC member may host a maximum of one (1) guest pilot on a given calendar day and must be on site with the guest pilot.
2. Smoking:
    - a. Smoking is only allowed in the parking lot or in a vehicle.
    - b. When a fire ban is in place, smoking is allowed in vehicles only.
  3. Garbage:
    - a. Please take home what you bring out to the field. CWRCC does not have garbage service so please take home your garbage including crashed aircraft parts, empty fuel jugs, pop cans, food wrappers, etc.
    - b. Please do not leave food items open as it attracts rodents.
  4. Gate and Hours of Operation:
    - a. Members must lock the gate when they are the last to leave.
    - b. The gate combination number is not to be shared with guests or non-members of the club.
    - c. There is no starting of engines or flying of aircraft prior to 8:00 AM local time on weekdays, weekends and statutory holidays. All flying and starting of gas and glow engines must be completed by 9 PM. Quiet electric aircraft may fly until midnight.
  5. Pets are not allowed in pits, start-up areas or on runways, clean up after your pet and pets must always be on a leash.
  6. No discharging of any weapons on the CWRCC site.
  7. Do not drive vehicles on neighbouring properties.
  8. The Town of High River does not allow overnight camping at our site.
  9. Always behave and act in a way to portray CWRCC as a good neighbour.
  10. These rules will be reviewed by the club at least annually. Changes to this document be submitted to the MAAC for approval. The current version of this document is posted on the CWRCC website, on the bulletin board at the field location and on the MAAC website.

### **Site Emergency Response Requirements**

**In the event of an emergency, dial 911. The site address to be provided to first responders is:**

**120 82166 466 Ave East, High River.**

**The GPS coordinates of the site are:**

**Latitude 50° 38' 5.74" N(50.635)**

**Longitude 113° 51' 7.26" W (-113.852)**

1. Fire extinguishers are available in the green deck box located at the North-East corner of the pergola. The combination of the lock on the box is the same as the gate. A number of members also carry fire extinguishers in their vehicles or trailers and these may be closer and easier to access.
2. Only attempt to fight a fire if it is safe to do so.
3. If the fire is at risk of spreading or cannot be quickly brought under control with a fire extinguisher, call 911.

- If the fire is located on an adjacent property the property owner must be notified, preferably by a CWRCC Officer.

### **Modelling Rules**

#### **MAAC Approved Modelling Categories:**

The following categories of MAAC modelling are approved at this site. 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	Less than 250 grams	400' AGL
RPAS	25kg or less	400' AGL/ <b>1700'</b> agl
Tethered (Control-Line)	Not approved	
Free flight		
Space Models		
Surface Vehicles		

#### **MAAC Approved Site Add-ons:**

The following “add-ons” have been approved at this site, provided all relevant MAAC rules, policy and SFOC conditions are adhered to by the site and its users.

Approved Add-on	Weight/Power Limits	Altitude/operating limits
RPAS Weight (25-35kg)	Not approved	
RPAS Altitude	Less than 25kg	1700'agl
RPAS Altitude and Weight >25kg	Not approved	
RPIC	See section below	1700'agl

#### **RPAS/Model technical specifications or requirements or restrictions:**

- mRPAS are not registered with Transport Canada. mRPAS are regulated under CAR900.06 and part VI of the CAR. Compliance with MAAC safety code meets those requirements. mRPAS at advertised events must comply with the MAAC Event SFOC.
- RPAS CAR requirements – There are no special CAR restrictions on RPAS models operated under 400'agl. All RPAS operated over 400'agl or under the MAAC SFOC must conform to the MAAC Manufacturer Declaration/Safety Assurance.
- Club/Site/Event requirements
  - Noise requirements - No aircraft engine may be louder than 98 dB at full throttle measured at 3 meters.
  - No FPV flight
  - No gas turbine powered RPAs
- MAAC Add-on requirements – RPAS Pilots operating over 400'agl must comply with the MAAC/SFOC RPAS requirements listed in the add on section. All visitors must be briefed to ensure compliance with these requirements..

### **RPAS Pilot/operator qualifications or requirements:**

1. mRPAS do not require an RPAS operators' certificate but are regulated under CAR900.06 and part VI of the CAR. Except at Advertised Events, there are no MAAC or CAR age restrictions on mRPAS flight. Compliance with MAAC safety code meets all requirements.
2. All RPAS pilots using this site must have Basic or Advanced RPAS certification.
3. CWRCC recommends all mRPAS/RPAS Pilots have MAAC Wings, however its use is not mandatory.
4. MAAC Add-on requirements – RPAS Pilots operating over 400'agl must comply with the MAAC/SFOC pilot requirements listed in the add on section of this document.

### **CREW qualifications or requirements:**

1. mRPAS requirements - mRPAS do not normally require crew under the CAR.
2. RPAS CAR requirements - Visual observers are **optional** for operation below 400'agl. Spotters are **required** during operation over 400'. Spotters are required to ensure no persons or insured items of value are using the riding area to the south, or the waste management facility to the west, or the propane loading facility. This duty shall not be assigned to the Visual Observer.
3. Club/Site/Event requirements – Spotters are optional for operation under 400'agl
4. MAAC Add-on requirements - - RPAS Pilots operating over 400'agl must comply with the MAAC/SFOC pilot requirements listed in the add on section of this document.

### **Crew Rules:**

#### **Visual Observers:**

1. Visual Observers (VO) are **mandatory for RPAS operation over 400'agl, RPAS events open to the public** or where specified by MAAC. When required at this site, no member shall operate an RPAS unless:
  - a. The VO has been briefed or trained on any site procedures required upon spotting a potential conflict with full-scale aircraft.
  - b. VO must not watch the RPAs, their sole role is to scan the surrounding sky for approaching full-scale aircraft.
  - c. Position the VO where they have unobstructed sight lines, sitting in the shade beside a camper/structure is not acceptable. They must be situated to have a reasonable communication ability with all pilots/modellers.
  - d. 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.
  - e. While operating RPA above 400', the VO or other non-flying person shall monitor 123.2 MHz 123.0 for both High River Hospital (CHR2) and Foothills Regional Airport (CEN4) inbound/outbound traffic. If radio monitoring is not possible, all flying above 400' shall cease until radio monitoring resumes.
2. Per CAR (901.23(vii)) each site must have rules to ensure a clear full-scale detection and avoidance command/response protocol is in place – there is no time for debates or confusion. MAAC has adopted the following minimum:

- a. **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.**
- b. 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.**
- c. 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.
- d. **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.
- e. 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”.
- f. If any "official person" such as a peace officer, ATC or their delegate, has given a stop flying order, guidance or similar, all model flying **shall** stop immediately and shall not resume until permission to do so is obtained from person or body that issued the stop flying order.
- g. Thereafter modeling activities may resume as normal.

#### **Program Director, Air Boss, ATC Coordinator**

This site is in uncontrolled airspace – a Program Director or an Air Boss is not required

#### **RPIC – RPAS Pilot in command**

These are the options for any MAAC member to provide RPAS Pilot in Command (RPIC) direct supervision to another person at this site. **THESE RULES ARE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE.**

1. **Basic RPAS Certificate Holder - Direct Supervision options** – any MAAC member with a current and valid Basic RPAS certificate may perform RPIC duties as follows:
  - a. supervise a **single** non-certificate holder at a Basic site
  - b. Shall not supervise a group of other people regardless of any certificates.
  - c. Shall not supervise any other member in any “advanced scenario”.
2. **Advanced RPAS Certificate Holder - Direct Supervision options** – any MAAC member with a current and valid Advanced RPAS Certificate may perform RPIC duties as follows:
  - a. supervise a **single** non-certificate holder at **any site** or Basic scenario,
  - b. supervise up to 5 “Basic” Certificate holders in **uncontrolled airspace** advanced scenarios (above 400’), as outlined in site rules.
3. **PPL+ with no RPAS Certificate - Direct Supervision options** - any MAAC member with a current or expired PPL, may perform RPIC duties as follows:
  - a. supervise a **single** non-certificate holder at any Basic site,
  - b. supervise up to 5 Basic Certificate holders in **uncontrolled airspace** advanced scenario (above 400’), as outlined in site rules.
4. **RPAS Flight Reviewer – Direct Supervision options** – any MAAC member with a current and valid Flight reviewer Certification may perform all the duties of an Advanced RPAS Certificate holder. RPIC does not affect the Transport Canada flight reviewer program or CAR regulations associated with it.

**NOTE** - While able to provide direct supervision (only), RPIC members cannot operate an RPAS on their own, unless meeting the CAR RPAS Pilot certification level (Basic or Advanced). Meaning a member with a PPL **only** cannot legally fly an RPAS in Canada, unless supervised by a Basic or Advanced RPAS Certificate holder. Equally, two PPL holders do not equal one RPAS Certificate holder and cannot supervise one another – one of them must have a valid RPAS certificate for the airspace/scenario being conducted.

See RPIC Add-on Section below for rules, procedures and details

### **Instructors/Demo flights**

1. New CWRCC members are required to complete a pilot competency test and site orientation, including flight box training, with a CWRCC instructor prior to their first solo flight at CWRCC.
2. Student members may fly only under the direct supervision of a CWRCC instructor. Only CWRCC instructors may train student pilots at CWRCC.
3. CWRCC instructors may provide orientation flights for people interested in learning how to fly RC planes when connected by a buddy box system such that the instructor may at any time take complete control of the RPA.

### **Spotters**

Spotters are **required** to ensure no persons or insured items of value are using the riding area to the south, or the waste management facility to the west, or the propane loading facility at any time RPAS operations occurs.

This duty shall not be assigned to the Visual Observer.

### **Airspace requirements or permissions**

This site is in Class G, uncontrolled airspace.

The nearest airspace vertically is Class E T727 airway at 2200'agl. Calgary Class E CAE is at 5800'MSL (2,711' AGL)

The nearest controlled airspace laterally is CYC Class C control zone (SFC-3000') located 22nm North.

Site elevation is 3392' MSL (1034m)

### **Adjacent Aerodrome Procedures (within 3 NM)**

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

High River Hospital Heliport (CHR2) is located 3.71 NM south of our location and The High River Regional Airport (CEN4) is located 6.15 NM south.

### **Normal mRPAS/RPAS/model operating procedures**

1. Prior to daily operations, an RPAS Wilco site survey shall be consulted. MAAC endorses the use of a single shared RPAS Wilco site survey provided:
  - a. 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.
  - b. All site survey information is readily available to all RPAS pilots on site (electronically or in print).
  - c. 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.
  - d. Members must confirm there are no changes to site layout affecting distances to unsheltered bystanders
  - e. Members must each visually confirm no changes to site obstructions, local obstacles and that weather conditions stipulated in any MAAC requirements are met.

NAV CANADA 56-Day Publication schedule - ensure you complete a new RPAS Wilco Site Survey on these dates:

2025	2026	2027	2028
20-Feb-25	22-Jan-26	18-Feb-27	20-Jan-28
17-Apr-25	19-Mar-26	15-Apr-27	16-Mar-28
12-Jun-25	14-May-26	10-Jun-27	11-May-28
07-Aug-25	09-Jul-26	05-Aug-27	06-Jul-28
02-Oct-25	03-Sep-26	30-Sep-27	31-Aug-28
27-Nov-25	29-Oct-26	25-Nov-27	26-Oct-28
	24-Dec-26		21-Dec-28

2. The MAAC mandated minimum weather conditions to commence or continue MAAC RPAS operations are a minimum of ALL of the following.
  - a. 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.
  - b. The RPA will be able to remain 500' vertically and 1 SM horizontally clear of any cloud and
  - c. an **estimated** horizontal visibility of 3 SM (5km) or more around the flying area.
  - d. No other obscuring conditions (fog, smoke, haze, etc.) which could make spotting full-scale aircraft difficult.

NOTE – RPAS pilots may estimate cloud ceilings and visibility, provided they do so in good faith understanding the purpose of weather limits is to ensure approaching full-scale aircraft are visible.

3. Each RPAS pilot is responsible to ensure the following MAAC procedures and requirements have been met prior to commencement of any RPAS operation:
  - a. Any required MAAC manufacturer declaration provisions have been met, including all RPAS technical specifications verified, pilot and crew requirements, and
  - b. All RPA and required equipment have been maintained and all mandatory actions completed before the flight, in accordance with the manufacturer declaration and
  - c. all paperwork such as pilot declarations, required operating manuals or similar is present, and
  - d. That any required crew members are properly qualified, have made any required declarations and are briefed on the operation.

4. Members shall not operate an RPAS between sunset and sunrise unless it is brightly lit, weighs less than 25kg, and remains below 400' AGL. Members shall use the High River weather channel time to determine legal night.
5. There may be a maximum of four (4) aircraft in the air at any one time. Pilots may fly in formation provided they agree to do so.
6. Refer to the attached map for normal site set-up areas such as spectator areas, pit, or assembly areas, and start-up/run-up areas.
7. MAAC required buffer distances are variable and at this site are:
  - a. 7m from flight line to pilot stations, 10m from flight line to pits, and 30m from flight line to spectator and parking.
8. All models will be assembled in the pit or designated assembly area. Unpowered testing of controls and failsafe may occur here as well. All powered testing must occur in a start up area.
  - a. No active cell phones are allowed within 3 meters of any active R/C radio transmitter
  - b. Maintain a minimum distance of 20 feet between operating 72 MHz transmitters. Frequency pins must be picked up and displayed for 72 MHz radios
  - c. All flying is to be done from behind a pilot station fence, except for CWRCC instructors teaching student pilots takeoff techniques.
9. All models, including electric powered models, will be restrained before being tested, armed or started in the designated startup areas. Complete a range check on each RPAS prior to its first flight of the day.
  - a. Failsafe must be configured and confirmed active.
  - b. Perform a pre-flight inspection of each RPA.
  - c. Engines, irrespective of fuel type (gas, electric or nitro), are not to be armed or started in parking lot or pit areas.
  - d. No taxiing of aircraft in the pits.
10. 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.
  - a. There are two flight boxes that can be flown at CWRCC. A flight box is aligned to each of the runways. Only one flight box may be active at a time.
  - b. Aircraft with a wingspan of 80" or greater, flying the east/west runway, may overfly the east boundary of the east/west flight box when approaching from the east to land only if there are no workers in the field to the east and north-east of the site AND there are no people or vehicles on the road running along the east side of the river.
  - c. There may be times when livestock are located on land adjacent to one or more of the flight box boundaries. When this is the case, please adjust your flight path to avoid potential conflict between your airplane and farm animals. In doing so consider how noisy your plane is, your altitude, wind direction, etc.
11. The following are the site take-off, approach, landing and recovery procedures:
  - a. Runways are for takeoff and landing only and shall be kept clear when aircraft are flying. If you must enter the active runway to place or retrieve your aircraft while aircraft are in the air, first



ask permission from the other active pilots. Enter and leave the runway quickly and let other active pilots know when the runway is clear.

- b. Takeoffs from behind the active flight line are not allowed.
- c. The active runway and direction of flight will be determined by the direction of flight of the aircraft already in the air.
- d. Only one runway may be active and in operation at one time with the exception that the non-active runway may be used only for landing in case of a wind change while flying. Final approach prior to landing may never be from behind the active flight line. Prior attempting a landing on the non-active runway announce your intention to all other active pilots.
- e. To minimize noise distraction to pilots, all lengthy engine run-ups, tweaking, tuning, breaking-in, revving, must be done at a start station near the end of the non-active runway.
- f. Pilots, or the Visual Observer, shall call out all model movements.
- g. Hand launching of RPAs, including gliders, shall be done in agreement with any pilots flying.
- h. On take off the plane's first turn shall be away from the flight line.
- i. No person shall proceed past abeam the pilot stations without permission of other pilots flying.
- j. The recovery of downed RPAs 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 RPA is recovered. No flying directly over the recovery crew.

## Emergency procedures

### **Fly-away, lost link:**

RPAS pilots are required to know who to notify in the event of a RPAS fly-away outside our MAAC approved flying areas **which could reasonably enter** the nearest controlled airspace volume. Note this process is not required for temporary flight immediately outside the MAAC approved flying area, or for known crashes/off site "landing" outside the MAAC approved flying area.

1. If you experience a RPA fly-away, and in your judgement as the RPA pilot in command (including RPIC scenarios) the RPA has sufficient energy or capability to fly to and enter the identified controlled airspace volume (either laterally or vertically, or both), you are legally required to attempt contact with listed agencies below and advise them of the fly-away situation.
2. MAAC has assessed this site and determined the following:

This site is wholly in uncontrolled airspace. The nearest controlled airspace volume is

- a. Laterally

Nearest Controlled Airspace – Fly-away - Laterally				
Altitude	Name, Class, Type	Distance and Direction	Altitude	Contact Info
Below 400'	CYYC Class C CZ	22nm North	SFC-3000'	Edmonton Flight Information Region (780) 890-8397
Above 400'	CYYC Class C TCA @4800' MSL	14nm North	Based at 1400'AGL	

- b. Vertically

If you experience a fly away while operating at higher altitudes (above 400'), or if the model is climbing uncontrollably and in the pilot in command's judgement may enter overlying or adjacent controlled airspace, contact the listed agency as soon as possible.

Nearest Controlled Airspace – Fly-away - Vertically				
Location	Name, Class Type	Based at	Other	Contact Info
Over site	T727 Class E Airway	2200'AGL		Edmonton Flight Information Region (780) 890-8397

### Incident/Accident:

1. 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.
  - 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. 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.
  - b. If the member or Site/Event operators deems the event serious, flying/modelling will not resume until members are given permission by the Site/Event organizers – in writing.
  - c. 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.
  - d. This process is for **your** protection.



### Transportation Safety Board (TSB) Protocols

1. In addition to MAAC reporting requirements, according to TSB Regulations and policies, RPAS occurrences shall be reported to the TSB to 819-994-3741 or 1-800-387-3557 as soon as possible after the occurrence:
  - a. if an RPA with a MTOW (maximum take-off weight) greater than 25 kg is involved in an accident as defined in 2(1)(a) of the TSB Regulation;
  - b. if a person is killed or sustains a serious injury as a result of coming into direct contact with any part of an RPA, including parts that have become detached from the RPA; and
  - c. if a collision occurs between any RPA and a traditional aircraft.

A full report shall be forwarded to the TSB within 30 days of the occurrence:

<https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/incidents-occurrence/aviation/index.html>

**Model damage/repair protocol:**

1. 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.
  - a. Any repair other than minor (replacing broken propeller etc.) shall be treated as a maiden flight/operation. Ensure RPAS logbook entries are made.
  - b. 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.

**Service Difficulties**

A service difficulty is defined as any condition that affects or that if not corrected, is likely to affect the safety of aircraft or any other person. As MAAC has made a safety assurance declaration to Transport Canada that is used in many of our RPAS flying privileges, it is critical and a regulatory requirement MAAC is informed of any issues related to our safety assurance declaration. Bear in mind MAAC has fully adopted a Just Culture and will not penalize or discipline members for reporting safety concerns, not matter how large or small, when done in good faith.

1. If a mRPAS or an RPAS is being operated under any manufacturer declaration (MAAC or other), the RPAS pilot shall ensure, without delay, a report is filed with the manufacturer if they encounter any of the following:
  - a. Any inability to meet the position determination standards (Standard 622) associated with the manufacturer declaration, related to equipment or the performance of equipment.
  - b. Any failure of a critical command and control component not attributable to normal wear and tear or obvious misuse (example dead/low battery), and
  - c. any other aspect of RPAS operation where the safety assurance declaration was not met.

## **MAAC Add-ons:**

### **RPAS Operations Above 400'AGL**

MAAC has conducted an airspace and site review per the SFOC SORA (specific operations risk assessment) and determined the following requirements for members to operate an RPAS above 400' at this site.

#### **Airspace Assessment**

There are no controlled airspace volumes (based at the SFC or starting higher) within 2nm laterally of this site. The nearest controlled airspace laterally is 22nm North (CYYC Class C Control Zone). Controlled airspace vertically over this site is based at 2200'AGL (T727 Class E Airway).

1. RPA are required to remain 500' below the base of any overlying controlled airspace, and 2nm laterally clear of any controlled airspace volume, therefore **the highest altitude MAAC can approve is 1700' AGL (above ground level).**

#### **Sufficient Communication requirements**

There are no aerodromes within 3nm of this site. However, there are protected airspace volumes, depicted air routes, or commonly used tracks near this site that require communication capabilities. Assessment of the normally expected traffic patterns yields the following:

1. The route between Calgary International (CYYC) and the High River Hospital (CHR2) will pass directly over the RPAS Site.
2. The missed approach path for Runway 25 at High River/Foothills Regional Airport (CEN4) is a climbing right turn which will pass directly over the RPAS Site.
3. While operating an RPA above 400', the VO or other non-flying person **shall** - monitor VHF frequency 123.0 for traffic inbound or outbound from either CEN4, or CHR2. Inability to monitor shall result in all RPA remaining below 400' until monitoring resumes.

#### **Visual Observer (VO) assessment**

The location of the pilot stations, general assessment of the topography and direction of the flight line and flying area generate the following requirements for the VO:

1. At least one VO shall be positioned near the flight line, within earshot at normal conversational voice levels. If need be, equip the VO with a noise-making device to supplement any aircraft warnings.
2. The VO, or another non-flying person shall be equipped with a VHF radio to monitor 123.0.
3. The VO shall be equipped with any support equipment determined by the club to be relative to the duration of duties, such as water, a chair, or shade from the sun provided it does not interfere with VO duties.
4. As the MAAC approved altitude flying area is within 2nm laterally or 500' vertically of adjacent controlled airspace, the VO cannot assume any other roles.
5. As the MAAC approved altitude flying area is more than 2nm or 500' or more below the base of controlled airspace, the VO may also be an RPIC.

#### **The Club/site/event shall:**

1. Ensure a copy of the MAAC SFOC #930433 and SFOC application form 26-0835 are present and available to all RPAS pilots when operations are occurring.
2. Ensure a copy of these rules, in their entirety are available to all RPAS pilots at the site.

3. Communicate to all Club members and mark this site as closed for RPA operations above 400'AGL, **if there are any substantial changes to the site survey criteria** (CAR901.27 a through h), unless or until MAAC has been advised, has conducted a new SORA, and issued new permission.

**The RPA pilot shall:**

1. **Only** operate an RPAS registered, declared and meeting the MAAC Manufacturer Declaration requirements. Other manufacturer's declarations are **not** transferable to this policy.
2. Not operate an RPAS above 400'agl unless in possession of a valid and current Advanced RPAS operators' certificate, or under the direct supervision of an RPIC in accordance with MAAC policy.
3. Ensure all RPAS pilot CAR and SFOC paperwork requirements have been met and are available,
  - a. Certificates of registration, pilot RPAS certification and recency proof,
  - b. Govt issued photo identification,
  - c. Manufacturer owner's declaration for each RPA,
  - d. An altitude determination declaration as appropriate (pilot or each RPA) and
  - e. RPAS Pilot has completed Crew training and fitness requirements and signed declaration.
4. Ensure a recent site survey and NOTAM check have been completed,
5. Ensure any crew declare themselves as properly trained in accordance MAAC policy. Verbal confirmation is sufficient.
6. Ensure the RPA meets the MAAC technical requirements, including the MAAC Manufacturer declaration, before flight commences, and terminate any flight if technical requirements are no longer met.
7. Ensure the RPA is operated VLOS only (no FPV permitted – including with a spotter) and that it remains within the site approved flying area at all times.
8. Ensure the RPA does not carry "cargo" or any other items onboard that are not required for flight. On board cameras and associate gear are permitted provided all components are securely affixed to the airframe or housed in a compartment that cannot be easily opened in flight.

**Any RPAS Crew shall:**

1. Ensure all SFOC paperwork requirements have been met and are available (crew training declaration)
2. Comply with the instructions of the pilot in command
3. Perform their duties diligently and in accordance with MAAC policy and
4. Inform any person responsible of any issue that prevents them from meeting their obligations.

**The RPA shall be equipped with**

1. Functional "fail- safe" type device(s) or design per the MAAC manufacture declaration.
2. Anti-collision beacon/light(s) per MAAC policy,
3. Sufficient fuel/energy to complete the intended flight duration, plus 25% at the minimum throttle setting sufficient for controlled level flight and includes a MAAC required minimum reserve to enable one balked landing/missed approach and circuit back to a successful landing. Fuel/energy spent taxiing to the pits or any shut down procedures thereafter does not count in these calculations. Non-powered RPA (gliders) must have sufficient receiver battery power for the flight plus reserves as noted above, excluding a balked landing attempt.

<b>MAAC Declared minimum fuel/energy guidelines 25%</b>		
Intended flight duration	Required reserve (@25%)	Total Fuel/energy required
15 mins	3.75 mins	18.75 mins
10 mins	2.5 mins	12.5 mins
6 mins	1.5 mins	7.5 mins
5 mins	1.25 mins	6.25 mins
3 mins	45 seconds	3 mins 45 seconds

**RPAS Operations Above 25kg** - Not approved

**RPAS Operations Above 400'AGL and Above 25kg** - Not approved

### **RPAS Pilot In Command**

#### **General site rules – More than one-to-one Direct Supervision**

This site is in **uncontrolled airspace**. MAAC allows more than one-on-one direct supervision provided the terms of this program are met. RPIC in this regard is not to be considered RPA instruction or how to fly – its intended to be supervised flying of **competent students** who do not possess the correct ratings or paperwork. The following constitutes the MAAC program under the MAAC Manufacturer declaration instruction provisions:

1. The primary role of the RPIC is to provide airspace regulatory compliance, safety and situational awareness. In one to five scenarios, the RPIC is not expected to provide hands-on “instruction” to each student, which is why each student must possess at least a Basic RPAS operator certificate and competent RPA piloting experience.
2. In all cases, the RPIC is the “control station” and while RPIC is being provided their decisions, directions, and commands on the flight line are final and definitive as follows:
  - a. No other person, including Club or event officials, shall attempt to override or countermand a RPIC command related to the provision of the RPIC program.
  - b. The RPIC, however, shall obey all cease flying orders based on decisions or directions of Site, Club or event officials.
  - c. The RPIC shall obey any flight safety directions issued by other members, such as detect and avoid call outs “Airplane” and shall direct an appropriate response to all students without reservations or delay.
3. All students shall be briefed and agree the RPIC is in charge and all his decisions, commands and instructions are final and shall be complied with immediately, including up to potential destruction of the RPA (intentional crashing in a safe location/manner).
  - a. Students shall not start or arm or otherwise make an RPA ready for flight unless directed by the RPIC.
  - b. No student shall move an RPA from any designated start up area until directed to by the RPIC. The intent being an orderly “launching” of all models under the RPIC control.
  - c. No student shall take off or launch an RPIC unless permitted by the RPIC. Such permissions may be issued to all students/pilots or given individually.
  - d. Thereafter, once their RPA is airborne, the students shall operate their RPA independently, but under the general direction of the RPIC.

- i. RPA to RPA traffic patterns, collision avoidance and similar remain the domain of the students, unless spotters or other parties intercede.
    - ii. Any commands a RPICs issue to an individual RPA shall be acknowledged by the individual pilot (student)
    - iii. Any group RPIC commands shall be acknowledged by all students.
  - e. Students, upon hearing any flight safety directions such as “airplane” are free to comply with stipulated site responses without waiting for the RPIC to issue the command. They shall, however, confirm any such action with the RPIC as soon as possible thereafter.
  - f. Any student experiencing a dead stick or urgent landing situation is permitted to take whatever actions they deem appropriate to ensure the safety of their model, and the site occupants.
  - g. In the event of a disagreement between RPIC and students, other site officials or members, the student shall follow the RPIC directions or commands.
4. The maximum number of students to one RPIC ratio is five,
  - a. all students shall possess a “Basic” RPAS operators certificate and be able to independently operate their RPA.
  - b. The RPIC shall have a valid advanced/flight reviewer RPAS certificate or PPL+
  - c. The type of “instructional control” system is irrelevant (buddy-box or voice command)
5. The RPIC shall be positioned and remain within earshot, at a normal conversational level, of all students while any RPA is airborne.
  - a. Conversely, regardless of physical pilot stations arrangements, RPIC shall not occur unless all students are within earshot of the RPIC.
  - b. Where this is not possible, additional RPIC shall be utilized or limitations placed on the number of students to remain within earshot.
6. The site shall ban or otherwise prohibit all extraneous noise to ensure a solid verbal communication ability between RPIC and students.
7. The site rules shall contain provisions mandating the operating condition for all other categories of models.

**Rules for other attendees/pilots at a site where multiple students are receiving RPIC**

8. IF forming part of an RPA flight line (at the pilot stations) that includes one of the maximum allotted “student” spaces (up to 5), and where there is more than one-on-one RPIC supervision be provided,
  - a. Other RPA pilots agree they **shall** follow all RPIC commands related to RPA operation as if they were a student receiving direct supervision. If they do not agree, either suspend RPIC operations or do not permit individuals to operate other RPA during the time RPIC is active – this is a site responsibility.
  - b. The RPIC direction will most commonly be associated with commands to descend, land or otherwise cease RPA operations because of aviation safety concerns.
    - i. This rule is intended to ensure there is ultimately no confusion about who is doing what. All other active modellers must comply, so the RPIC knows the scenario is safely under control.
    - ii. Other pilots may still exercise independent control authority for landings etc., provided they inform the RPIC of their intentions.
9. NO other RPA pilot may join an already active multi-student RPIC session without the permission of the RPIC.

- a. Thereafter they agree to follow the same RPIC rules as if they were there at the start of the session.

### **Event Approval:**

1. 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.
2. **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.***

3. **“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 - Not approved**

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

1. The club/event organizers shall:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Ensure the event complies with MAAC event policy and any CAR or SFOC requirements.
  - d. Ensure all attending modellers/RPAS pilot are **current MAAC members**.
  - e. Take reasonable steps to ensure all attending modellers/RPAS pilots **receive a briefing** on site or event rules using the MAAC minimum checklist (attached).
2. 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:
  - a. MAAC warning signs are posted at all public entry points.



- b. A copy of the MAAC SFOC and application are on site and available to all RPAS pilots.
  - c. All RPAS pilots sign the Transport Canada sign in sheet.
  - d. All RPAS pilots receive a briefing on site rules and
  - e. A visual observer is always present RPAS are flying.
  - f. Ensure all follow up actions are completed after the event, most notably any Transport Canada paperwork.
3. Any member attending an event shall
- a. Comply with all CAR, SFOC, MAAC and club/event rules as required.
  - b. Not operate a model or RPAS unless they attend or obtain a pilot briefing.

## Diagrams/Maps

Following is an aerial photo showing the layout of the Chinook Wind RC club field with the important facilities marked. Some of the important dimensions are

- a. East-West pilot stations: 16m from East-West runway centreline
- b. North-South pilot stations: 21m from North-South runway centreline
- c. East start-up stations: 33m from E-W runway centreline
- d. West start-up stations: 37m from E-W runway centreline
- e. Assembly stations: 44m from E-W runway centreline
- f. Guest seating: 48m from E-W runway centreline, near pergola
- g. Fire Station: 48m from E-W runway centreline, in NE corner of pergola
- h. Parking: the fence denoting the limit of the parking lot is located 50m from the East-West runway centreline.

Figure 1: Site Set-Up



Figure 2 East-West Flight Box Boundaries

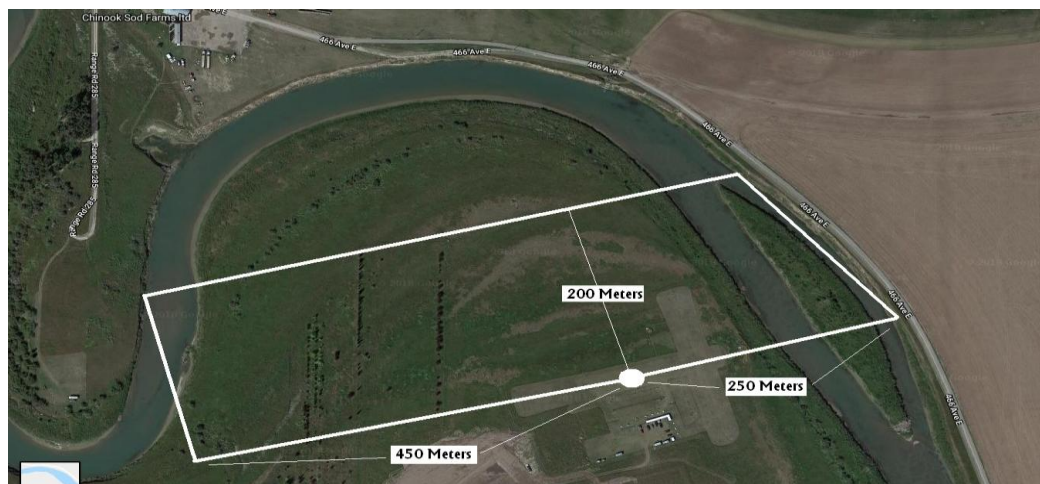
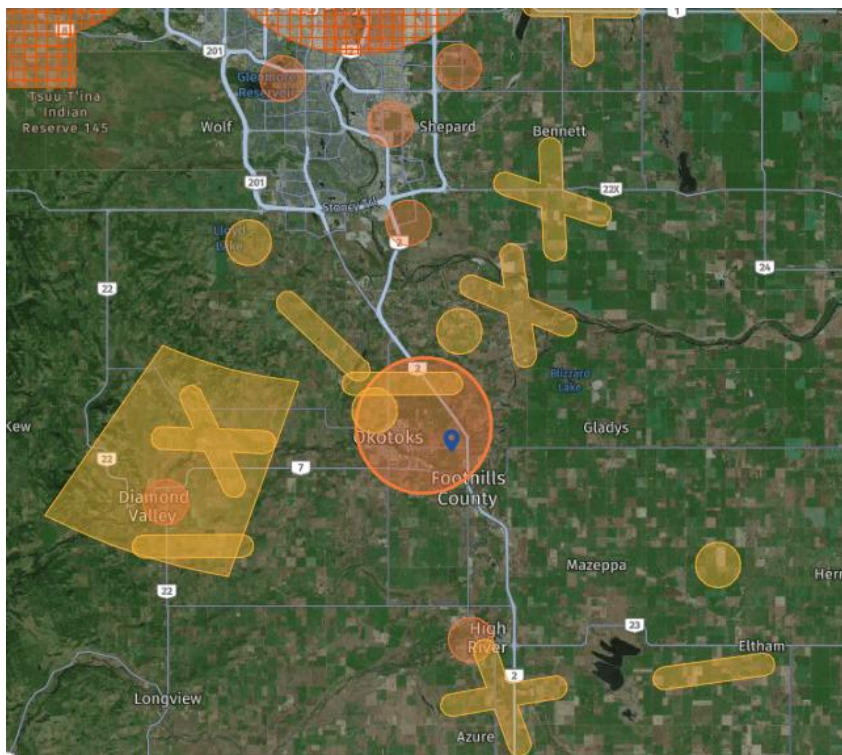
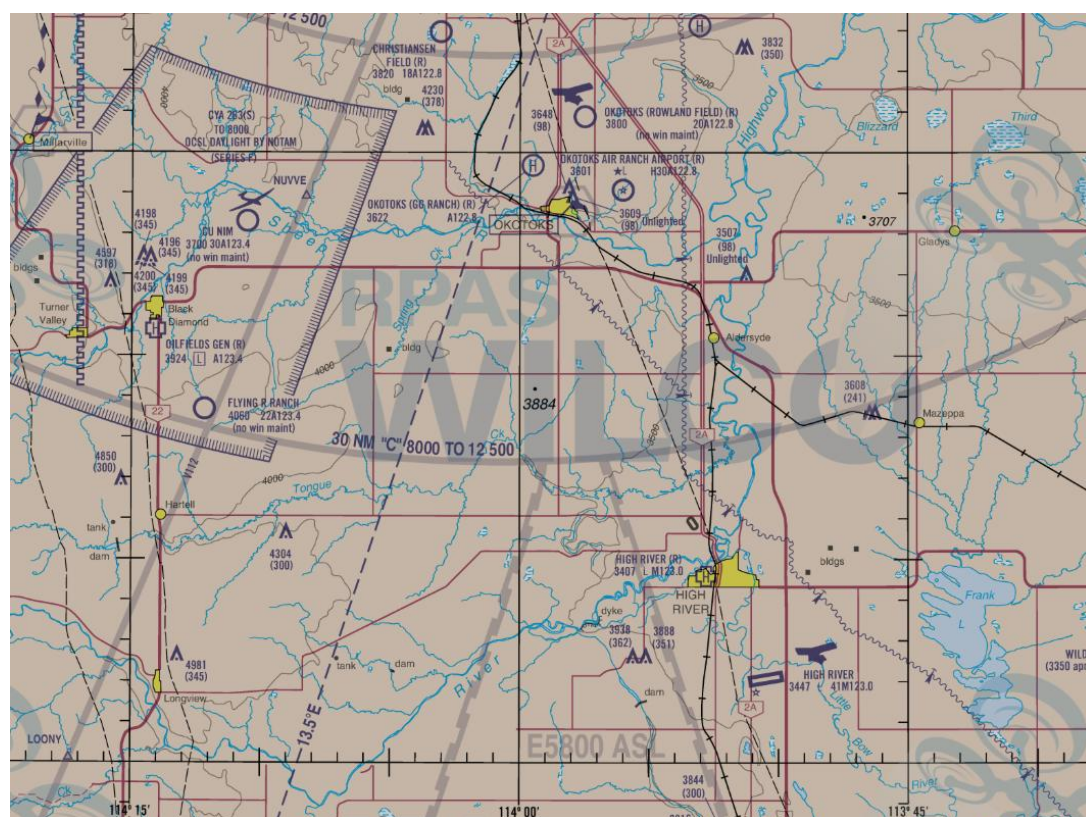


Figure 3 North-South Flight Box Boundaries











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