



Halifax Electric Flyers Association (HEFA)

..chartered member of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC)

Our Association has compiled a list of rules, guidelines, and procedures for the safe, responsible, and fun operation of electric radio-controlled airplanes that pertain to sites where the HEFA members will fly.

We will try to keep this list up to date for the membership, but this does not exclude the member, to take it upon themselves, to keep informed of the rules of MAAC and the Association, and any changes to them.

Of primary concern is the MAAC Safety code, as well as RC Field Operations, RC Field Etiquette, RC 3d Aerobatics, and RC Electric codes. All these MAAC rules can be accessed from either the MAAC website <http://www.maac.ca/edocs.php> or from the HEFA website, www.halifaxelectricflyers.com

For Insurance purposes, among other reasons, we draw attention to a MAAC rule, under “All Categories” item 5,

“ I will not operate my model while under the influence of alcohol or judgement impairing drugs.”

General Rules and Regulations: 2013

1. All members and guests must have a valid MAAC or AMA membership card.
2. All members and guests must follow the MAAC Safety code, Etiquette code, Field Operations code, and observe all safety guidelines of the current MAAC Electric rule book.
3. Guests are to be paired to an existing member. The member will review with the guest these general rules and regulations.
Local guests have three opportunities to enjoy the facilities; then at the discretion of the Directors, may be asked to join our Association.
4. A new member or guest must be approved to fly by one of our Instructors or Directors. This is to insure that both the plane and the flyer can operate in a safe and competent manner, according to these general rules and regulations.
When approved to be a pilot, the Directors will note them as a “pilot” on our current membership list.
Any flyer not certified in this manner will be considered a “student” and will require an instructor or a member pilot with them each time they fly, until signed off by an instructor or director, according to the above procedure.

HEFA Field Operation Rules: 2013

All HEFA fields:

1. All flyers shall be current MAAC members.
2. Parking will be in the designated area.
3. A Transmitter Frequency Control System will only be required for non 2.4GHz radio systems.
4. Pilots are to fly from pilot stations. A maximum of five pilots can fly at the same time.
5. Pilots shall not fly over the pit area or behind the flight line.
- 5a. The flight line is 10 meters in front of the pilot stations at Shannon Park, and 7 meters at the PLF.
6. Pilots shall call out when taking off, landing, or going onto the field. **(make sure you are heard)**
7. HEFA members are permitted to fly alone, however it is not encouraged, due to personal safety.

Shannon Park Field:

1. Parking must be at least 40 meters back from the Flight Line.
2. Only Electric powered models are to be flown at the Shannon field.
3. The weight limit for a model at this is field is six (6) pounds or ninety six (96) ounces.
4. Any model over the weight of 3.5 pounds (56 ounces) ready to fly, must be checked by an instructor or director prior to flying. If flown satisfactorily, it will not have to be rechecked again unless changes are made to it.
5. This is a public park, please remove personal garbage or defective parts such as broken props.

Porters Lake Field (PLF):

1. A MAAC member who is not a HEFA member is not permitted to fly at the PLF unless accompanied by a HEFA member.
2. Parking is allowed in the designated area. The distance restriction at Shannon does not apply at PLF due to space restrictions.
3. The weight limit at the PLF will be set to the MAAC standard for now, with possible revision in future.
4. Do not fly on the "lake side" of the runway. (this would also be behind the flight line.)
5. Nitro models are not to be started prior to 8 AM.
6. Turbine powered models are NOT to be flown here.
6. Please keep the site clean.

