



Club Etiquette, Rules and Safety Rules

MAAC Rules and Safety Guidelines are in force and in conjunction to the below.

Basic Club Rules & Etiquette

1. MAAC Membership is mandatory.
2. MAAC Wings Program is in force.
3. Mufflers are required on engines over .074 cu. inches.
4. All aircraft must meet noise restriction of 96 Db on soft surface or 98 Db on a hard surface measured at a height of 24 inches and a distance of 25 downwind from the engine.
5. Internal combustion engine powered aircraft (i.e. Gas, glow fuel, etc.) are not permitted to fly at the field prior to 9:00 am on Sundays only.
6. CRAMS & MAAC Membership cards must be displayed on the appropriate frequency number on the board before turning on your transmitter. This includes 2.4GHz!!! (Hanging up your car keys is NOT permitted). This helps in pilot identification and also how many active pilots are present at the field.
7. When you are sharing a 72Mhz frequency with another member and you are not flying, place your transmitter in the tray on the frequency board and remove your tag. It is advise that you obtain a transparent luggage tag and display both cards back to back as this will protect both and allow all info to be easily read.
8. Pilots must stand at the pilot stations behind the safety fence while flying not on the runways or in the runway access.
9. No more than four (4) planes flying at one time.
10. Members must follow strict announcements procedures at all times where pilots call out to other flyers any intention to move out to a designated runway ("On the Runway"), taking off ("Taking off from left/right . . ."), or to landing ("Landing from left/right . . ."). Acknowledgement of another flyer's intention is also required usually by responding "Thank-you".
11. NO PETS OR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 ALLOWED IN THE PITS!!!! (This does not apply to younger CRAMS or MAAC Members.) Children must be under their parents close supervision at all times.
12. Please inform your guests of restricted areas (pit, runways and field beyond safety fences) and the locations of viewing areas. No more than 3 flying "guests" at any one time at the field other than at MAAC sanctioned events and no more than 3 guests per membership per year.
13. All pets must be on leash at all times.
14. Keep your flying field clean, looking good and safe! We all share the responsibility for repair, maintenance, improvements and housekeeping. Please take **all** your garbage and recyclable containers with you.
15. If you are the last person to leave the field, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to close the field gate behind you.
16. Please ensure the Encana gate at Range Road 263 is closed behind you if you are the last to leave.

Safety

1. The runway in use must be kept clear at all times during flying activity. This means **no flying "behind"** the pilot stations or flight line for the active runway. The runway is designated "active" by pilots who are airborne when you take off. Only one runway is "active" at any time. The runway is designated by the first pilot to fly and is usually determined by wind direction at take-off.
 2. Helicopter fliers are to use the inactive runway when hovering: the far south end of the N-S runway if it is inactive; and the far west end of the E-W runway if it is inactive. Pilot stations are located and marked for this activity. Helicopter flying on the inactive runway is limited to hovering. If the helicopter is doing significant forward, reverse or lateral motion then this flying must take place on the active runway just like any other aircraft.
 3. Flyers are to stand in the designated pilot stations behind the safety fence while flying; these are designated by the cement patio slabs.
 4. Flying is to be done only over authorized areas. No flying is permitted over restricted areas such as pits, parking areas and spectators.
 5. Aircraft are to be restrained at the starting stations. Uprights are provided on the starting tables or at the ground stations and must be used at all times. Do not start engines or fuel up on the prep tables in the pit area, these are for set up and take down only.
 6. Aircraft are to be under physical control by the pilot or a helper until the flight line is reached. No taxiing in any area behind the pilot station fence.
 7. Members must do everything possible to minimize danger to others. Models shall be maneuvered at all times with due regard for the safety of other persons and property. Members should be constantly aware that hazardous situations may arise at any time due to equipment malfunction, interference or pilot error.
 - 7.(a) Absolutely no flying is permitted during field maintenance (grass mowing, field cleaning, etc.).
- * DANGEROUS FLYING OF ANY MANNER WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
8. You are not to fly while under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.
 9. No smoking in the pit areas or on the flight line.
 10. All flyers must take immediate action to avoid and remain well away from any full size aircraft or balloons.
 11. If you see a vehicle in or out bound on the access road, or the occasional horse rider or farm equipment in the area around the perimeter call out to other pilots so they know to allow enough height as to not startle the driver or rider (or horse!)
 12. Occasionally there may be a low flying aircraft or perhaps even a balloon that could overfly the field area and this should be called out to pilots to make them aware of this.
 13. There are two fire extinguishers, one by the flight line wind sock, the other by the frequency board, there is also a small first aid kit at the frequency board, please familiarize yourself on their locations in case of emergency.

Flight Control

1. Members who wish to fly solo must have passed the wings test as per the CRAMS Wings Training Program or possesses an equivalent to the MAAC Wings Program or perform a flight check with an instructor to verify the NEW member's capabilities.
2. Members who are students in the club training program must be supervised by a club instructor or assistant designated by the instructor.
3. The frequency control system shall be used at all times. Place your CRAMS and MAAC Cards on the appropriate frequency number on the board before turning on your transmitter. **HANGING UP OF YOUR CAR KEYS ONLY IS NOT PERMITTED!** Members should display channel identification plaques on the antenna of their transmitters. Members sharing a frequency should place their transmitters in impound when not in use.
4. Members should be ready to fly when their turn comes up. If unable to do so within a reasonable time (10 minutes) they should relinquish their turn.
5. Members should limit their flying to a reasonable duration (15 minutes) in consideration of other flyers.
6. During contests and organized events, the flying field shall be under the control of the Event Director. Any non-participants wishing to fly must have the approval of the Event Director.

Before Your First Flight:

We strongly recommend that you have your model thoroughly checked out (for airworthiness) by experienced and qualified fliers before having our Training Coordinator line you up with an instructor. We encourage you to bring your model(s) to our monthly meetings or to the flying field for inspection; this includes ready-to-fly (RTF) models.

Contact any member of the executive, there are always qualified people to help you out and give you valuable advice!

Please, if you have never flown a model before do not attempt to fly any model without qualified help, you are almost guaranteed to fail, probably damaging or losing your model and therefore losing your enthusiasm for this great hobby.

Please check the CRAMS website (www.crams.ca) for the Training Coordinator contact information.

***CRAMS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE MEMBERSHIP AT ANY TIME FOR DANGEROUS FLYING OR DANGEROUS OR OBJECTIONABLE ACTION OF ANY SORT. CRAMS HAS, AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY GUEST OR TO ASK ANY GUEST TO LEAVE AND NOT RETURN WHEN FLYING AT OUR CLUB'S FIELD FOR ANY EVENT.**