

## Northern Helicopter Modellers Club N.Z.

The Purpose of this document is to outline the Aims and Rules of the Northern Helicopters Modellers Club NZ.

To promote the sport of Radio Controlled Model Helicopters.

This will be achieved by welcoming any visitor to the NHMC flying field and encouraging them to join NHMC.

By acting in a courteous manner towards all other club members and visitors.

By helping new members where ever possible.

By practicing good airmanship and safety procedures as set out in the NHMC rules.

Northern Helicopter Club N.Z. will be administered by a Committee elected by financial club members.

The Committee will consist of the following positions: -

Executive: -

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain.

Committee: -

Five Committee Members, three of who will be the Club safety Officers

All committee positions will become vacant immediately before the next AGM at which a new Committee will be elected by members present, proxy votes shall be allowed from Members who are Financial at the date of the AGM.

The AGM will be held in April of each year, the date to be set by the existing Committee and Club members advised of the intended date.

Only Members who are "Financial" at the date of the AGM may stand for a position on the Committee. All nominations for Committee positions must be received or lodged with the Committee two weeks prior to the AGM.

Proxy votes must be received by Committee one week prior to the AGM.

The "Flying Site" shall deemed to be the Northern Helicopter Modellers Club N.Z. flying field situated at: -

537 Waitakere Road, Kumeu.

NHMC rules will be in force twenty four hours, seven days a week including public holidays.

## Rules

### Safety Section:-

1. Safety must be our first priority. Safety is NO accident.
2. The Safety Officers are the responsible Committee members over seeing the adherence of these rules by all members of NHMC, but any Committee member can act on their behalf.
3. All members must at all times actively seek to identify aeromodelling hazards and reduce or preferably eliminate them.

**If you are requested to act on any point of safety or noise etc, you must do so immediately. Failure to act when requested may result in expulsion from the field and any repeated breaches could result in permanent expulsion.**

**No modeler is to willfully or negligently cause or permit a model Helicopter or aircraft to endanger any person or property.**

4. No modeler is to do or say anything that would cause another modeler to perform an unsafe act.
5. All model Helicopters and Aircraft **must** be flown in accordance with CAA Rules Part 101. If you cause an accident whilst in breach of CAA Rules, you may be deemed to be criminally negligent.
6. No modeler is to operate a model while being legally intoxicated with drugs, alcohol or any other substance.

7. Any new aircraft not flown before must be inspected by a Club safety Officer before it can be flown at the NHMC field.
8. Only NZMAA approved frequencies are permitted.
9. All transmitters are required to display a frequency flag (as per NZMAA rules)
10. A range check must be carried out before flying.
11. It is the flyers responsibility to know the frequency their transmitter is operating on.
12. The radio control frequency pegboard system must be correctly used by all R/C users. If the shed isn't open then check with all other pilots at the flying site and ensure that your frequency is not being used.
13. New members learning to fly under the guidance of a club instructor have a three month period of grace before they must join the NZMAA for insurance purposes. Should any member have NZMAA membership through another NZMAA ratified club they will be required to show proof of their membership by producing their NZMAA membership card prior to flying at the NHMC field.  
All other NHMC members must be members of NZMAA before they may fly.  
Guests will be required to join NHMC after three visits where they flew their Helicopter or fixed wing aircraft.
14. Flying Visitors or Guests are to be accompanied by a club member and the site flying rules must be explained to the Visitor or Guest.
15. Maximum number of flyers in the air at one time is to be 5.
16. Model pilots must use safe starting procedures; the motor must not be accelerated so as to cause the clutch to engage. The main rotor must be restrained from rotating whilst in the pit area.
17. Before moving onto the flight line to take off, pilots must check to ensure that there are no models approaching the landing pad to land either under power or by autorotation, either forced or practice.
18. All flyers shall stand in the designated pilot's areas.  
**NO flying over the pit area, vehicles or spectators.**
19. Visitors and spectators must be kept at a safe distance from all models.
20. Children must be supervised around models.
21. Dogs must be restrained while at the flying site.
22. Turbine models cannot be flown on this site once a fire ban has been enforced by the Rodney District Council, or at members concern for safety.  
**Any Member who consistently contravenes the NHMC rules will have their membership reviewed by the Committee.**  
**When model classes cannot be operated concurrently with safety, flyers concerned shall negotiate agreed periods during which each flying activity will have exclusive use of the relevant flying area(s).**
23. Any flyer causing a "shoot-down" is personally responsible for fully compensating the owner of the affected model.
24. The unsupervised flying of any R/C model Helicopter or aircraft at the site is forbidden unless the flyer has passed the NZMAA proficiency test appropriate to that Helicopter or aircraft type.
25. Any R/C flyer out of practice must enlist the assistance of an experienced flyer until renewed competence is demonstrated.
26. Those R/C flyers who have not passed the NZMAA Wings Badge test shall have their new models and those that have been repaired after a crash, checked by an experienced flyer/builder before they are flown.
28. In the case of an accident or fire, there is a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in the shed.
29. Any accident or incident where a person is injured or there is a near miss which endangered other persons or their property must be reported to the Club Captain. The report sheet kept in the shed must be filled in.
30. No flying over livestock.

## **Radio Section:-**

1. The Peg system must be used leaving your name peg when taking your frequency.
2. Do not take a peg from a flier without their permission.
3. Members are to be courteous in their use of the frequency pegs.
4. The club may require evidence of a transmitter frequency check periodically.

### **Flight Section:-**

1. All flights must comply with CAA part 101 requirements.
  2. All flights must comply with NZMAA rules.
  3. Maximum altitude is 400 feet above ground level
  4. All flying is to be in front of the respective flight line being used for each discipline. Flyers finding themselves behind the flight line will immediately return so as to be in front of the flight line.
  5. When transiting the front training area to the rear flight line pilots are not to fly above 10 meters or perform aerobatics until within the confines of the rear flight line
  6. No flying before 1000 (10am) or after 1800 (6pm.)
- No flier shall fly in a reckless, dangerous or careless manner at any time.**
7. All fliers are to remain clear of full sized aircraft as required by CAR part 101.
  8. Where possible an observer will be used. Flyers that do not hold a current wings badge must have an observer.
  9. Hovering or taking off in the pit area is forbidden at all times.

### **General Section:-**

1. All fliers shall stand in the designated area.
2. There shall be two separate flight lines.
3. The flight lines will be delineated by painted posts on both side boundaries of the paddock in which we operate.
4. The flight line closest to the road will be marked by two white posts, one on each side of the paddock.
5. The second flight line which is towards the back of the paddock will be marked by two red posts, one on each side of the paddock.
6. Mufflers shall be used on all IC engines, (refer NZMAA 90db limit)
7. The club reserves the right to disallow any flier at the club site if it is believed that any part of that fliers equipment is sub standard such that it may adversely affect safety.
8. These rules and by laws may be amended from time to time by the Committee.
10. R/C model fixed wing aircraft and R/C model vehicles shall be allowed to be operated at the field with full consideration of the safety of all other members, live stock and all related property. However Helicopter flying will take precedence at all times.
11. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked inside the flying site during the winter months or at any time that the ground becomes too soft to be driven over or water logged. Drivers will take care not to spin the wheels of their vehicles so as to avoid damage to the grass.
12. All flyers must be courteous, considerate and fair when sharing these facilities.
13. All rubbish must be taken away from the flying field.
14. Care must be taken to prevent fuel and oil spills onto the grass.
15. Noise must be kept to a minimum in consideration of the neighbours.
16. When leaving the flying field, if you are the last out you must close the gate.
17. On special event days, Commercial Displays, tents etc. may be allowed at the Committee's discretion.
18. Any member observing any other member breaching the rules is requested to report the incident to either the Safety Officer or the Club Captain.

### **Enforcement Section:-**

1. All members and visiting pilots are subject to these rules.
  2. Any member that gives cause to the Owner of the flying site to restrict the use of the site by NHMC will be excluded from flying at the site.
  3. Any pilot who having been asked to desist continues to fly over the farmers stock on either side of the site paddock will be excluded from further flying on the day of the incident
  4. Any flier not complying with these rules shall be approached by the Club Captain or Safety Officer and requested to comply.
  5. Any flier willfully or deliberately ignoring the club rules will be required to cease flying immediately by the Club captain or the Safety Officer.
  6. Any member whose conduct is not in compliance with the club rules or whose activities are such that concern exists regarding safety, that person may be required to appear before the committee to offer any explanation that they may wish to make regarding the said incidence.
  7. The committee shall then determine what, if any action shall be taken. This may be expulsion from the NHMC.
  8. Any member, who has been dealt with in accordance with the above rules, shall have the right to appeal to a special general meeting of members called by the committee.
- The majority decision shall be final.