



Application for Membership

Surname _____ **Forename** _____

Address _____ **Telephone** _____

Postcode _____

Occupation _____ **D.O.B** _____

Undertaking

If granted membership, I acknowledge that I

- a) have read and agree to abide by the Club Rules as may be modified from time to time and
- b) will provide up to 6 hours of my time per year to assist in furthering the aims and interests of the club.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Membership Categories:

Junior Members – under 18 years of age on 1st January of the subscription year.

Adult Members – over 18 years on the 1st January of the subscription year.

Procedure:

This completed application form must be returned to the Club Secretary or Treasurer. Applications will be considered by the Club Committee, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at which the applicant will be invited to attend. Applicants will then be advised of the Committee's decision.

No fee should accompany this application, however please bring the fees with you on the evening of application. Applicants may not use the facilities of the Club unless and until acceptance has been confirmed.

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Constitution of Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club December 1999 Amended 5th December 2008

- 1 **Name** Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club
- 2 **Objectives** To promote the sport of building and flying model aircraft.
- 3 **Membership** Membership of the club will comprise:
 - a) Junior members – under 18 years of age on 1st January of the subscription year.
 - b) Adult members – over 18 years on 1st January of the subscription year.
- 4 **Election of Members** Application for membership will made to the committee.
- 5 **Membership cards** Membership cards will be issued to all Club Members.
- 6 **Rules** Club Rules will be issued to all Club Members.
- 7 **Subscriptions** The Annual subscriptions for Club Membership will be determined at each A.G.M.
Subscriptions are payable during the first month of the membership year, beyond which parties will apply for membership as section 4 above.
- 8 **Committee** The structure of the committee will be as below and maybe altered as required at each A.G.M.
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Vice Chairperson
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) An uneven number of committee members to a maximum of 7.
 - f) A quorum shall be a minimum of half the committee plus 1.
- 9 **Legal Administration** The legal administration of the clubrooms shall be dealt with by the three trustees. They will be the presiding Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as identified within the deeds.
- 10 **Bank Account** A bank account will operate in the name of Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club.
All withdrawals from the account will require the signature of the Club Treasurer and the Club Chairperson or Secretary.
- 11 **Application of Monies** All monies raised by, or on behalf of the Club, will be used to further the club objectives, and for no other purpose.
- 12 **Amendments** Proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing, at least one month before the AGM to ensure inclusion in the agenda.
- 13 **Annual General Meeting** The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in December of each year.
Each member will be issued with an agenda at least 28 days prior to the AGM.



Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club Club Rules – 2nd November 2008

1.0 Membership

- 1.1 New members will be accepted for a probationary period of 6 months. At the end of that period, the Committee will review the New Members conduct and determine whether to continue or terminate the Membership. If the Membership is terminated, the Club will refund the remaining portion of the Annual Subscription.
- 1.2 Attendance at a minimum of 3 monthly meetings is required to ensure membership renewal. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Committee.

2.0 Insurance/Accidents

- 2.1 Pilots must have current and valid insurance cover. Proof of insurance must be presented to the Treasurer for verification at the start of the period of cover.
- 2.2 Should any member have an accident with a model involving a third party, or third party property, the Member must report details of the accident to the club Secretary without delay. On no account should liability be admitted.

3.0 Safety

3.1 General

- 3.1.1 In addition to following specific rules, members shall at all times exercise common sense to ensure that Aeromodelling is carried out in safety, without risk to persons or property.
- 3.1.2 Should any member witness unsafe conduct or misconduct on the part of another party (member, visitor, or member of the public), that member must draw the matter to the attention of the other party without delay and if appropriate bring it to the attention of a committee member as soon as possible.
- 3.1.3 Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times within the boundaries of the flying field whilst flying is in progress.

3.2 Model Construction

- 3.2.1 Models must be constructed to a standard such they will not fail under normal conditions of flight loadings. Particular attention should be given to the integrity and strength of control surfaces, linkages and connections.
- 3.2.2 Models must be thoroughly checked for structural soundness and correct radio function before each flying session and again after a heavy landing or incident, which could cause structural damage or radio malfunction. Models must not be flown if there is evidence of structural weakness or radio malfunction.
- 3.2.3 Damaged or metal propellers must not be used.
- 3.2.4 Spinners and nose cones must have a radius of not less than 7.5 mm.
- 3.2.5 Noise emissions shall not exceed standards set by "Code of Practice on Noise from Model Aircraft 1982" or any revision thereof.
- 3.2.6 Models in excess of 7Kg may be flown with prior consent of the club committee.



3.3 Transmitter (TX) Control

- 3.3.1 Pilots must be in possession of the frequency peg matching their TX crystal frequency before switching on. TX's must be switched off and the frequency peg returned to the pegboard between flights.
- 3.3.2 A TX pound will operate on occasions. When a pound is in operation, TX's must be deposited there on arrival and between flights.
- 3.3.3 TX aerials will not be retracted until the model engine(s) have been stopped and the receiver switched off.
- 3.3.4 A frequency peg off and a name peg on system will be used at the flying field.
- 3.3.5 Those flyers using 2.4GHz will put their name peg on the black square fitted to the peg board.

3.4 Pits

- 3.4.1 The Pits will be established at a safe distance (not less than 10 metres) from the car park fence to reduce risk to spectators and cars and will be confined within the marked area of the map, south of the tarmac starting area.
- 3.4.2 When starting or running an engine in the Starting Box area, the model must point into the field (ie directly away from the car park).
- 3.4.3 All starting of model engines will take place on the tarmac runway
- 3.4.4 All models must be restrained when being started; the assistance of another person may be enlisted when appropriate.

3.5 Flying Conduct – All R/C Models

- 3.5.1 A qualified pilot is one who has attained an S.A.A. Bronze, or equivalent award (BMFA 'A'). Only qualified pilots may fly "solo". A Qualified Pilot must supervise unqualified pilots when flying.
- 3.5.2 A Pilot Box will be established at the downwind end of the active runway and at a safe distance to its South Side. When flying, Pilots must stand together in the Pilot Box.
- 3.5.3 Models must not be taxied towards anyone. Models may be taxied towards the runway, but only if the Pilot Box is unoccupied.
- 3.5.4 The Main Runways (see plan) may be active at all times, except as detailed in rule 3.7.1. The safety line (see plan) is a line extended from the grey box on the railway line to the East of the flying field and through the trees to the North of the large shed. Take off, hand launching, climb out, approach, landing and low pass manoeuvres shall be on the SAFE SIDE of the Safety Line. When the north-south runway is use, it is only to be used for take off and landings. No fly zones are marked on the map by cross hatching detail. The safety line on the airfield is denoted by the burned grass at the edge of either runway. The safe fly zones are as marked on the plan.
- 3.5.5 Pilots must communicate clearly with each other. Request "Clear to take off?" Call low pass, landing retrieve model or dead stick as appropriate. Dead stick approaches have priority of use of the landing area.
- 3.5.6 Pilots must NOT attempt a low pass or landing, except dead stick, whilst another Pilot is retrieving a model from the landing area.



- 3.5.7 Pilots must keep models low and well clear of full size aircraft. Pilots should advise others of the presence of full size aircraft. The maximum altitude for flying any model is 400 feet as per CAP 658.
- 3.5.8 Models must not be flown within the cross hatched areas (see plan) or over the railway line. Models must not be flown low over users on the farm roads.
- 3.5.9 When the "peg" system is in use, the current field layout as marked (field) and approved by the Committee, will be adopted and adhered to.
- 3.5.10 On the occasion when the wind is from the east, Pilots and their models may be moved by the Safety Officer, or his delegate to the west end of the field as appropriate. On these occasions the north-south runway will be taken out of use and the safety line (dotted line on the map) will apply.

3.6 Flying Conduct – Additional Rules for R/C Helicopters

- 3.6.1 Helicopters may only be flown by members who hold a minimum qualification of S.A.A Bronze Helicopter Certificate and who have the express approval of the committee. Approval may be withdrawn at any time.
- 3.6.2 Helicopters may only be flown in the absence of fixed wing flyers, or with their consent.
- 3.6.3 Helicopters must not be taxied to or from the starting area.

3.7 Special Arrangements

- 3.7.1 Use of the Flying Field may from time to time be given over to special events (e.g. competitions) and the event Organiser may modify rules 3.3 – 3.6 for the duration of the event. The Organiser shall nevertheless have a duty to ensure that a safe environment is maintained and all participants are aware of the special arrangements in force. Notwithstanding the above, no Organiser shall have the power to permit over flying of the cottages to west or south east of the flying field.

4.0 Flying Times

- 4.1 Internal combustion powered R/C models will only be flown during the following times:
R/C Models – 9.00am to 9.00pm daily.

C/L models will only be flown during the following times:
Daily – 9.00am to 9.00 pm.

Silent models have no restrictions on flying hours.
- 4.2 Wednesdays are set aside for training. General flying will take place at the discretion of the committee.
- 4.3 R/C models must not be flown whilst unprotected farm workers are in any of the adjacent fields to the north or east of the flying field. When farm machinery is operating, it is recommended that an observer stand with the pilot.
- 4.4 Models must not be flown whilst field maintenance is being undertaken, except with the permission of the field maintenance operative.

5.0 Visitors

- 5.1 A visitor may be invited to fly at the Flying Field on not more than three occasions per year. On such occasions the host member must supervise the visitor and make



him/her fully aware of the rules. In the event of a misdemeanour on the part of the visitor, the member may be held to account for the visitor's action. Visitors may only fly helicopters with the prior permission of the committee.

- 5.2 No person who has been refused membership of the club may be invited as a visitor. Any member in doubt as to whether a prospective visitor has been refused membership must check with the Club Secretary.

6.0 Display Pilots

- 6.1 Display pilots will be at the committee's invitation.

7.0 Complaints Procedure

- 7.1 Should a member wish to pursue a complaint regarding the conduct of another member which cannot be satisfactorily resolved by direct action as set out in rule 3.1.2, that complaint may be submitted in writing to the committee, provided the complaint is also signed by another member who witnessed the event.

8.0 Disciplinary Procedure

- 8.1 If on receipt of a written complaint or otherwise, it appears to the committee that the conduct of the member may endanger the character, interest, good order or reputation of the club, the committee may take whatever action they deem fit including suspension or expulsion of the offending member, providing that-
- a) The committee shall first give the member details of the alleged misdemeanour in writing.
 - b) The member shall then have the right of audience before the committee prior to such a decision being reached.

- 8.2 Any decision taken by the committee shall be final.

9.0 Car parking at Clubrooms

- 9.1 Cars must not be parked on the block-paved area of Well Road or in the lane to the east, except for the purpose of loading or unloading. Cars may be parked on Woodside Road.

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