

PHOENIX

MODEL FLYING CLUB (CONISBROUGH)

Constitution of the club

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Rules of the constitution

- a) The club will be known as Phoenix model Flying Club (Conisbrough)
- b) The Club site is Park lane, Conisbrough, Doncaster.
- c) The Club its representatives and officials shall under no circumstances be held responsible for death, injury or damage for claims whatsoever arising from the activity of any club member or non-member flying with other members of the club or flying alone whether or not the person or persons are properly insured.
- d) The object of the club and its officials is to strive to improve the social and sporting interests for its members.

Membership

- a) Application for Membership shall be made with a membership form, in writing and submitted to the Club Secretary upon completion with payment in full to the amount stated on the membership form.
- b) All members of the club must be insured and will not be permitted to fly until proof of membership to the B.M.F.A has been seen and recorded.
- c) The total number of members shall not exceed available frequency allocation that is deemed to be workable by the committee.
- d) The committee reserves the right to place a specific limit to the number of members where the circumstances require such limits.
- e) The club reserves the right to refuse membership by a vote being made by the committee and its members.
- f) The membership term will be from the 1st of October each year
- g) New members will be permitted to join at any time of the year.
- h) No members will be allowed to let their membership lapse past the AGM. A full yearly fee will then be required.
- i) No six monthly memberships are permitted unless the person is a new member to the club.
- j) Any person who has previously been a member of Phoenix model flying club (Conisbrough) will be required to pay the full club fee unless a period of no less than 1 full year has lapsed since the last payment was received from that said former member.

Officials of the club

- a) The club will form a committee consisting of four club Officials :-
Chairman
Club Secretary
Treasurer
Safety officer
- b) The ten founding members will form the first voting committee
- c) Additional voting committee members may be added if deemed necessary by the founding members committee at the AGM.

Election of the committee and its officials

- a) The club Officials shall be nominated annually at the AGM by the committee.
- b) The proposed Official(s) must be willing to stand for the post
- c) The Official nominated must be proposed and seconded.
- d) If the Official posts are not filled then the committee reserves the right to appoint the position at the closing of the AGM.
- e) Upon resignation of a club Official then a replacement shall be co-opted by the committee for the remainder of the term of office.
- f) Committee members will remain committee members for the existence of the club or until their resignation is submitted in writing and may not be dismissed from rejoining the club unless their membership fees have lapsed for more than 1 full year.
- g) In the event that a committee member leaves the club then a new committee member may be asked to join the members committee, and will be appointed and voted on by the remaining committee members
- h) A list of the original ten founding members committee and the current members committee are available on request from the Club Secretary.

Club Business

- a) The business of the club will be conducted by the club officials.
- b) The finances will be handled by the club officials
- c) All other business will be voted on at the AGM

Committee Procedures

- a) The elected chairman or in his absence the club secretary shall take the chair at any club meeting.
- b) No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present.
- c) A quorum shall be no less than two thirds of the committee members

- d) The club secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings and such records shall be available to all club members on request.
- e) If the Club Secretary is absent then a deputy will be appointed for that meeting only from those members present.
- f) Voting at all meetings shall be by simple majority; In the event that a vote is tied then the chairman shall have an additional or casting vote.
- g) An Extra-Ordinary General meeting may be called by the two thirds of the committee or by six paid up members of the club in writing to the Club Secretary if it is deemed necessary.
- h) All notices posted or sent to members shall be approved by the club Officials.
- i) Policy matters will be decided by a majority vote by the committee at the AGM or an Extra-Ordinary General meeting.
- j) Non-policy matters will be conducted by the club Officials only.

Annual General Meetings

- a) The AGM shall be held no later than the 1st of October
- b) Items for discussion shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary no later than 1 week prior to the AGM.
- c) The Club Secretary will notify all paid up members via letter on the club notice board and by post 14 days prior to the date of the AGM the Venue, time and date of the meeting.
- d) No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present consisting of no less than two thirds of the committee members.
- e) Voting of the election of Officials and rules will be made only by the committee members.
- f) All other business shall be voted on by all paid up members.
- g) Membership fees and B.M.F.A fees for the following year will be collected at the AGM.
- h) All decisions voted on by the members committee will be final.

- i) Postal voting will not be permitted.

Extra-Ordinary General meetings

- a) An Extra-Ordinary General meeting may be called at any time at the request of no less than 6 paid up members of the club, Reasons for submitted to the Club Secretary in writing and signed by the 6 members who have requested the meeting.
- b) The Club Secretary must convene the Extra-Ordinary General meeting within six weeks of the request and notify all members in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting giving reasons, venue, time and date of the meeting.
- c) No business will take place unless a quorum of no less than the six paid up members who requested the meeting and two thirds of the committee members are present.
- d) The reasons for the meeting will be discussed and then voted on by the members committee.
- e) All decisions voted on by the members committee will be final.
- f) Postal voting will not be permitted

Club Finances

- a) The club financial year runs from 1st October each year this is to pay for the rental of the field.
- b) The annual club and B.M.F.A fees are payable on or prior to the AGM each year, are updated as needed and voted on at the AGM.
- c) The club Treasure handles all club funds and is responsible for a balance sheet to be available on request at the AGM by all members.

Model Restrictions

- a) The Committee reserves the right to refuse or restrict permission to fly models considered to be unsuitable.
- b) No control line models are permitted in this club.

- c) Models must be less than 82Db
- d) The club reserves the right by no less than two committee members one of which to be the safety officer if that person is present to restrict any model from flying for safety reasons.

Disbandment

In the event of the club being disbanded, after all its liabilities have been met its assets shall be disposed of in a Special General Meeting. The members of the club shall receive a proportionate share depending on length of membership with a mandatory membership period being no less than 2 full years.

General Club rules

- a) All members shall be members of the B.M.F.A
- b) Members shall adhere to the B.M.F.A guidelines, it's latest amendments and codes of practices,
- c) All members will comply with instructions given by the Club Safety Officer or a club Official.
- d) All Learner flyers are to be accompanied by an experienced flyer (until a club instructor deems that they are competent) this does not require a test but a good general knowledge of the B.M.F.A guidelines.
- e) In any arbitration B.M.F.A rules on safety take precedence.
- f) Model aircraft types are limited to RC Fixed wing only, Control line and RC Helicopters are excluded from flying at this site.
- g) Flying times are from 08:00 until dusk
- h) Access is via a locked gate which must be re-locked at all times after use.
- i) Motor vehicles are not permitted on the field when the field is wet.
- j) No pets other than dogs that are at all times on a leash and away from the pit area are permitted on the club field. Dogs fouling the field are strictly forbidden. Any Dog deemed to be a nuisance will be permanently banned from the field
- k) Caravans, Motor homes and Tents may only be allowed on the field during organized events scheduled by the committee.
- l) Failure to adhere to the General rules, field specific rules, codes of practice and the Transmitter Pegboard system will result in disciplinary action being taken by the committee with a possible dismissal from the club for persistent members with no refund of club or B.M.F.A fees.

Field Specific rules

- a) Flying times are between the hours of 08:00 – 19.00
- b) You must lock both gates when entering and leaving the club site

- c) Vehicles are not permitted on the field if the Ground is wet
- d) All models must be below 82 Db.
- e) All models Must Be tethered to the ground while being started.
- f) You must abide by the Transmitter Pegboard system, even those on the 2.4 GHz frequency.
- g) No more than 5 aircraft to be in the air at any one time.
- h) Fuel shall not be allowed to be spilt on the grass.
- i) Visitors must not stand near aircraft unless they have been given permission by the model owner to view or help with the model.
- j) You are responsible for the rubbish you bring to this field and you must take it home at the end of the day.

The Pegboard transmitter system

- a) Members must put a peg on the pegboard on the channel being used.
- b) If the channel is taken then members must identify those sharing channels and take turns to fly, remembering to only remove your peg from the board when not in use.
- c) You must not remove a peg from the board unless it is your peg, Do not assume that the channel is not being used! Ask first.
- d) Members who do not have conflicting channels do not have to remove their peg until the end of the flying day.
- e) Do not turn your transmitter on until you have identified if the frequency channel you are about to use is not in use.

Codes of practice

- a) Use a restraint when starting you engine
- b) Make sure other members are away from the engine at high RPM
- c) If you are in need of help ask for it.
- d) Do not Run-in engines in the pit area
- e) When taking off call “ taking off “ and when landing call “ landing “

- f) Check your aircrafts control surfaces before every flight
- g) No flying over or near to the pit area
- h) Do not take your transmitter onto the field
- i) If you hear “ dead stick “ move away from the landing area and allow ease of approach for the pilot in trouble
- j) Under no circumstances are you allowed to fly without insurance.
- k) Failure to adhere to the codes of practice, General club rules Filed specific rules and the Transmitter pegboard system will result it disciplinary action being taken by the committee and may result in dismissal from the club with no refund. If you have been deemed to have blatantly caused an accident then you may be found liable.
- l) Vehicles are kept at the site at the owners own risk and the club is in no way responsible for their wellbeing or damage done to them by visitors, vandals, pets, wildlife or model aircraft.
- m) All none-members vehicles are not permitted onto the field.

Insurance

- a) You must be insured to fly at this club
- b) You as a club member of this flying club are responsible for your own insurance cover,
- c) For Existing members of the club, the club is happy to register you with the B.M.F.A insurance each year at the AGM when you pay your fees.
- d) For new members with no insurance the club can register you for insurance with the B.M.F.A If it does you are covered from the moment you pay your B.M.F.A and club fees.
- e) This is a B.M.F.A registered club No 2620 .All members must be insured with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 and proof of insurance should always be brought with you when flying.
- f) Members of this club are requested to photocopy their B.M.F.A member card or show it to the Club Secretary as proof of insurance and a record will be kept of their B.M.F.A number

- g) Non members of the club should show proof of insurance before they are permitted to fly.
- h) There are no days of grace with insurance. If your B.M.F.A insurance has lapsed so has your insurance cover and you will not be permitted to fly.

Vulnerable adults and children policy

Definitions

A “junior member” or “junior” is defined as a person under 18 years of age.

A “vulnerable adult” is defined as a person of 18 years of age or over but through mental or physical attributes requires a higher level of supervision than would be normally commensurate with an adult member

Ruling

All Vulnerable adult members and Junior members must at all times be supervised by a parent or named Guardian. The named Guardian must have written consent from the parent\guardian to perform these duties, be willing and take full responsibility for their actions at all times, and adhere to the club and BMFA codes of practice.

Vulnerable Adults and Juniors who are non members must at all times be under the supervision of a parent\guardian or named guardian whilst on the club premises.

The field

It is every member’s responsibility to look after, tend to the field and maintain the access road. Help out when you can as it takes a lot of hard work. So let’s share it out a bit.

Acknowledgements

As a club we want to fly safely and enjoy our sport, Our sport however is under constant pressure from groups of people and governing bodies that see us as a pest of some kind and try in vain to stop our sport, We would rather it be classified as a

pastime or hobby. But as model aircraft flying is classified as a sport we also have to implement rules so we may protect it.

We are an open club and we welcome good input from everyone involved, so if you have an idea that you think is a good one we would love to hear it.

Most of all enjoy yourself at our club and fly safely.

Club Chairman	K Trow
Club Secretary	M Mackie
Club Treasurer	J Trow
Safety Officer	T M Bates