

Responsibilities & Duties of the Safety Marshal

The Safety Marshal is responsible for monitoring the safety of all persons at the flying site and ensuring that members and their visitors comply with the BMFA and club rules concerning the use of the Woodbury Common flying site.

It is the responsibility of every club member to comply with decisions made by the Safety Marshal.

Having regard to the CAA Air Navigation Order (ANO) articles 64 & 63, the Safety Marshal shall consider the safety of the public and of club members to be the prime criterion to be used in forming judgments and arriving at decisions.

The Committee hereby appoints all who from time to time are senior members of the club to the role of Safety Marshal. At every flying session senior club members present who are not in the process of operating their models are required to take their turn to serve as duty Safety Marshal (Junior members are not eligible). The responsibility may be passed among the members present provided only that the duty is manned continuously during flying operations at the site. It is every member's obligation to ensure that they are familiar with ANO articles 64 & 63, BMFA safety recommendations and the club rules, in order to be competent to act as Safety Marshal.

The Safety Marshal shall report to the Safety Officer.

The club Committee delegates to the duty Safety Marshal its full authority to require that members and visiting flyers:

- comply with the rules,
- act in other ways to eliminate potential or actual danger,
- in extreme or repeated cases of non-compliance with his instructions, leave the site.

The decision of the Safety Marshal shall be final.

In cases of dismissal from the site, the committee shall consider reports from the Safety Marshal and the Safety Officer, in addition to any other representations concerning the incident. Until this consideration is complete the individual dismissed will remain banned from flying at the site.

Appeals against decisions made by the Safety Marshal may be made after the event to the Safety Officer. The Safety Officer may decide that an appeal merits referral to the Committee for decision.

Decisions by the Safety Marshal on site shall be upheld by the Safety Officer and the Committee unless there is evidence that some substantial injustice has arisen therefrom or that they were not made in good faith.

The Safety Marshal's duties are:

1. To make repeated risk assessments of current visibility, weather, ground and other operating conditions (including flying operations), and accordingly determine whether or not flying may proceed.
2. To supervise the layout of the flying site, ensuring that it is arranged in the style of the attached diagram, and that it is rearranged to suit any significant change in wind direction. To marshal members of the public into safe areas and to prevent anyone from straying into the line of take-off or landing.
4. To alert pilots who are flying their models (e.g. by called warnings) to the presence of members of the public who are in the line of take-off or landing, are at risk of be overflown, or are approaching or crossing the site. Also, to inform pilots when such dangers have been cleared.
5. To supervise the correct operation of the frequency control system in operation at the site.
6. To liaise with troops on or near the site to ensure that Ministry of Defence personnel have priority and that club activities do not interfere in any way with MoD training.

Woodbury Common Model Flying Site Layout

