

ACLE Model Flying Club

Membership Secretary



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Membership Application Form (Please Complete In Block Capitals)

Name: _____
Address: _____

Post Code: _____
Email: _____
Tel: _____ Mobile _____
Date of Birth: _____

- Please tick if you are willing for your name and email address to be included in a list to be circulated to other club members on that list
- If you hold a BFMA Proficiency Certificate, please give details
- If you hold a membership through another club or as a Country Member, please give your BMFA Membership number
- Are you new to model flying and require training (Yes / No)
- Please indicate your method of payment:
 - Cheque (enclosed)
 - BACS – Sort Code 60-15-31. Account No. 77640209
 - Cash
- Please tick to indicate which type of membership you require:
 - Club & BMFA Membership
 - Club Only (see note 3 below)
 - Junior or family Membership

Signature

If under 18, signature of parent / guardian

Note:

1. All members agree to abide by the club rules and accept the terms of the club's privacy notice.
2. For insurance reasons, all flying members must be members of the BMFA and be CAA registered
3. Please check that your membership details are correct by logging into the BMFA Membership website at <https://bmfa.azolve.com> where any changes to your details can be made. Your BMFA membership card is also available for download from this site.
4. All members must read and fly in abeyance of the club's health and safety assessment



New Member Information Sheet

First of all, welcome to the club! We hope that you have a really great time flying with us.

To All New Members

As with all clubs, we have rules which are designed to protect everyone's safety and enjoyment. These are formally set out in the club constitution and flying rules, which we would ask you to acquaint yourself with and refer to if you have doubts about a particular issue. New trainee members are required to hold printed copies of the BMFA Members Handbook, the BMFA guide "A Flying Start" and the Club Rules.

Some of the club rules are about flying hours and noise levels. These are based on the conditions of our planning permission for the flying field. If we are found in breach of these conditions, we could lose permission to use the site. For that reason, we ask members to take particular care with these issues. These are summarised below:-

- Electric powered and glider models may be flown at any time during daylight hours up to 8.00pm or dusk, whichever comes first, except on Sundays and Bank Holidays when flying must cease at 3.00pm.
- i.c. powered models may not be flown on Mondays and Fridays (unless that day happens to be a Bank Holiday). On other days, i.c. models may be flown between 10.00am and 8.00pm or dusk, whichever comes first, except on Sundays and Bank Holidays when flying must cease at 3.00pm.
- All i.c. (internal combustion) powered models must be noise tested by a club committee member before being flown. Once a model has passed the noise test, it will be issued with a sticker which must be fixed to the model (e.g. on the fin). If you make changes to a model which could alter its noise performance (for example, a change of engine, muffler or prop. size/type), it must be re-tested.
- In general, electric models do not need to be sound tested. However, some types, such as ducted fan and pusher prop types can be noisy and must be assessed by the sound officer before being flown. If you think your model could have a noise issue, please do the decent thing and get it assessed.
- Always enter your name, arrival and departure times on the flight log sheet kept in the field shelter.

Training Requirements

- If you already have a BMFA Proficiency Certificate

You may straightaway fly the type(s) of models for which your certificate is valid although bear in mind that it may be necessary for your model(s) to be sound tested.

- If you are able to fly unsupervised but don't have a BMFA Certificate

You will need to take a club "A" test. This will be carried out by two of the club instructors. You will be required to show that you can fly the schedule specified for the BMFA "A" test and answer questions on safety and the club and BMFA rules. You will be expected to provide the model for this test.

- If you are new to model flying and/or need training to reach the club "A" standard

The club offers flight training to BMFA "A" standard. Club instructors are happy to give their time free of charge. However, do not expect them to be able to give you their undivided attention for several flights in succession. They may have other trainees to look after and would also like to fly their own models from time to time! After the first couple of familiarisation flights, please help with costs by bringing a supply of fuel for the trainer aircraft. Training will be carried out using i.c. powered models, even if you intend to eventually fly electric powered models.

As important as learning how to control a model in the air are the aspects of setting it up, fuelling and starting the engine, checking the controls and handling it safely on the ground.

Initially, your flying will be with the club trainer but we expect that during your training you will acquire your own model and ancillary equipment, such as radio gear, starter, fuel pump etc. Instructors and other club members will be happy to help you with the choice of equipment and may be able to offer second-hand gear if you are on a tight budget.

To minimise wear and tear on the club's trainer aircraft, the later stages of training will be with your own model, especially once you have reached the stage of practicing take-offs and landings. This has the advantage that once you have passed your test and start flying solo, you will already be familiar with your model.

Flight training is done using the "Buddy Box" system and it will be helpful if your transmitter is compatible with the club's Futaba 6EXA unit – ask your instructor for advice.