



DARTMOOR SLOPE SOARING CLUB

SITE RULES FOR LITTLE HALDON

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All members must abide by the following club rules drawn up by DSSC committee members. The aim is to promote safe model flying practices and adhere to new legislation. Also we must remember that we have use of this site with the owner's permission. The other aspect to consider is that this land is open to the general public for walking and their safety is of course paramount. These rules will be subject to variation as and when deemed necessary.

a) Ensure both access gates from the carpark and on to the site are locked shut at all times, last man out lock the gate. Fly tipping and unauthorised vehicular access to this SSSI site has been a big problem in the past.

b) All members using this facility must be familiar with the relevant sections of Article 16 and the BMFA Handbook and hold a current 'Competency Test Certificate'. The BMFA Achievement Scheme is there for all model flyers to improve and prove skills and safety with emphasis on the A and B certificates. See our website for links.

c) Think S.W.E.E.T.S

S- Sun

W- Wind

E- Eventualities

E- Emergencies

T- Transmitter (Frequency) control

S- Site Rules

See BMFA Handbook
General Model Safety.

d) Position of the pits, take off and landing area must be agreed by the majority of participating pilots prior to any flights being made. Consider the Sun position and Wind direction and if necessary move the pits during the session.

e) DO NOT over fly the pits**, main road, carpark or golf course.

** Gliders circling in a thermal above 200ft (61m) are exempt.

f) Eventualities & Emergencies we recommend that you have the “what three” words” locations for the Strip and the Car park saved in your phone.

g) Before crossing the flight line from the pits call out your intention to do so and take notice of any responses from pilots already flying. Before taking off, landing or dead stick landing, call/shout out your intention to others.

h) Ensure safe model/person separation from the pit area and uninvolved members of the public. (see Art 16 for appropriate distances)

i) EVERYBODY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLIGHT THEY ARE ABOUT TO HAVE. They must be in no doubt the flight can be carried out safely. Any doubts, DO NOT FLY. Fly responsibly.

j) ALL members present have a duty to keep a watchful eye out for approaching full size aircraft and shout a warning to flying pilots. Flying pilots MUST take avoiding action by either landing, flying below 100ft (30m) or flying away from direction of approaching aircraft. Special care should be taken when operating models over 7.5kg above 400ft (122m). In the event of a full size aircraft entering the model flying area fly away from the approaching aircraft. Our NOTAM only advises full size aircraft that there is model flying activity but does not negate your responsibility to take clear avoiding action.

k) ALL members present have a duty to warn pilots of approaching uninvolved members of the public especially if on the strip where safety advice should be *politely* given.

During an event ‘safety marshals’ will be nominated with regard to rules i & j).

l) INCIDENT REPORTING. It is a requirement under Article 16 for any serious incident or other occurrence to be reported. This can be done via the BMFA Online Reporting Form see club website for link. Also the club committee needs to be informed.

m) On departure from the site/carpark ensure all rubbish or other discarded items are removed and both gates padlocked with the code scrambled.

n) Before flying models over 7.5kg over 400ft (122m) please contact the holder of the NOTAM phone (07474 424630), check the NOTAM is in place and you understand the additional rules you must follow.

Thank you for reading.
DSSC Club Committee