

SOUTH COAST HELICOPTER CLUB



The Club Rules

- All club members are required to read the BMFA handbook for guidance on rules and safety. You can download the handbook from the club website
- Please park your vehicle in the designated parking area. Please do not park so that you block the exits to the field, just in case the farmer needs access or we need access for emergency services.
- Due to the risk to the farmer's livestock. All broken parts from any crash should be collected and taken away from the field (this includes any litter).
- If children are brought to the field, they should stay 10ft behind the flight line at all times.

Club Safety Code

- Make sure your channel is not in use **before** turning on your transmitter. Check the peg board.
- Start any nitro model whilst holding the main blades and hand carry your model to the flight line.
- Electric models should not have their battery connected in the pits area
- All pilots are required to check their model over before every flight
- Never fly your model within 10 metres of the pit area, other pilots or over the car park area.
- Never fly a model if you are aware that it has a fault
- All models must have a failsafe set before they may be flown
- Check all controls before flight to ensure correct function
- Check your Tx and Rx battery packs have sufficient charge
- No flight permitted if you are at the field solo

Model maintenance

With model helicopters, you are the pilot and mechanic. Because of the nature of the helicopter, there is a great deal of vibration and stress. Vibration can cause nuts and bolts to come loose. Vibration and stress can cause cracks and other damage. Before each flight and after any incident, you must do a pre-flight check on the model. An incident is anything that could have caused damage. Hitting the blades on the ground during a flight, might not cause visible damage, but it can cause damage such as a minute cracks near the blade holders, bent spindle and main shafts. If not checked in time, this could cause the blades to separate from the holders thus becoming a very dangerous projectile. With the blades rotating at 1850 RPM, they have the potency of a bullet!

The number one rule is if in doubt, change the part.

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