



# Humber Valley RC Flyers Multi-Rotor Flying Policy Statement and Guidelines January 14, 2019

**The purpose of this document is to clarify our current policies with respect to the use of multi-rotor aircraft at the club. These policies shall remain in effect unless updated by an official club publication in the future.**

## **Background**

Our Constitution states that the purpose of Humber Valley RC Flyers is “the advancement and safe enjoyment, to the fullest extent possible, of the recreational and competitive activity of radio control fixed wing model aircraft.”

The club however recognizes that the rapid advancement of technologies has led to a surge in popularity of multi-rotor aircraft including helicopters, STOL aircraft, and drones. Current policies allow multi-rotor flying under certain conditions while at the same time preserve the rights of fixed wing flyers in accordance with the Constitution and purpose of the club.

## **Policies Prior to 2019**

- 1) Students are not permitted to fly multi-rotor aircraft.
- 2) Cleared fixed wing pilots are permitted to fly multi-rotor aircraft at the heli-port and on the main field as limited below.
- 3) The operation of any multi-rotor aircraft on the main field is prohibited while any fixed wing flying is taking place unless, by unanimous consent of all fixed wing pilots present at the field at any given time permission is granted to allow multi-rotor flights for that time period.

## **Additional Policies as of January 14, 2019**

- 4) Multi-rotor only applicants (i.e. those without fixed wing flying intention or skills) may be recommended to the Executive Committee for acceptance as a member with “Pilot” status. Applications will be considered for approval if:
  - a) The applicant is endorsed by an existing member.
  - b) The applicant is responsible and respectful of club safety rules.
  - c) The applicant is a competent multi-rotor pilot.
  - d) The applicant completes the club’s current flight training lessons #1 and #2.
  - e) The applicant agrees to follow all existing club safety and field operations guidelines and MAAC guidelines as stated on the application form.
  - f) Once accepted into the club and issued a “Pilot” card, the member agrees not to attempt to fly fixed wing aircraft without enrolling first in the club’s flight training program and being explicitly cleared for fixed wing flight.
- 5) There is currently no multi-rotor “Student” class. However it is the intention of the club to develop a vetting process in the future that would allow for the acceptance of multi-rotor students, pending the creation of a training program that could be supervised by qualified instructors. The club does not have the resources currently to administer such a program and is also waiting to review and assess the impact of new Transport Canada Guidelines which will take effect on June 1, 2019. There is no current timeline or commitment to members or applicants as to when, or if, new policies will be approved by the executive.