



Field Opening Sunday June 7th, 2020!



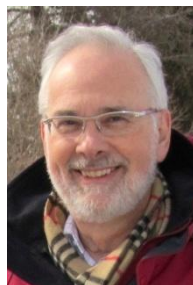
GREAT NEWS -- I am very pleased to announce that the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department has issued us a new permit to use Thackeray Park! This is the news we were all waiting for!

Please read this newsletter very carefully to understand how we will be operating under the City's

COVID-19 Conditions and the Health and Safety Protocols we have put in place.

We understand these are very difficult times for everyone and as much as we all are eager to get flying, this is a time when we must all be considerate, respectful and courteous to other members.

As President, I am counting on all members to do the right thing and do your best to follow our protocols and cooperate with one another. There are bound to be issues and some confusion as we get up and running. Please report any issues or incidents to me or any member of the Executive Committee you may see at the field.



Thanks in advance and I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

Tom Gottlieb, President

What is the Humber Valley COVID-19 Risk Agreement and Protocols Form?

The form was described in the May Flyer. We gave it to the City and think it was the main reason we were issued the permit. Many of our protocols were copied into the City's General Permit Conditions which are described on the next page.

All pilots are required to acknowledge and agree to accept the risk of COVID-19 and to follow our published protocols. If you wish to fly you must submit the "[COVID-19 Risk Agreement & Protocols Form](#)" which is available in the Members Section Menu of our web site. This form is also posted in the Library under the Guidelines and Policies folder.

NOTE: If you have not already submitted the form and want to fly, go online **NOW** to fill out and submit the [COVID-19 Risk Agreement & Protocols Form](#). A summary of our new Health and Safety Protocols is provided on the next page. Read them carefully to understand the protocols that you must follow to minimize the risk of any further COVID-19 outbreaks.

NOTE: You may not book time at the field unless you have submitted this form. Members booking time and flying without submitting this form will have their flying privileges suspended until a review by the Executive is conducted. Please govern yourself accordingly.

New Online Field Booking Procedure

Because we had to agree to follow all Provincial Emergency Orders, we had to replace the Field Login Procedure with a new Online Booking Form. We are limited to a maximum of 5 persons at the field at any time. So to make that work, our Webmaster, Zoltan Pittner has implemented a new online booking process. Here's how it works.

Go to the Field Booking Form in the Members Section Tab. You will need to login first.

- You may NOT book time at the field unless you have previously [submitted the COVID-19 Risk Form](#).
- Select the date you want to fly from the booking calendar.
- Available time slots are shown in 2-hour blocks. There are 5 available bookings for each time slot to allow a maximum 5 people at the field at any time according to Provincial guidelines.
- If a time slot is grayed out for a specific day, that time slot is already fully booked, so you must choose a different time slot.
- Click on the time slot you wish to book and then enter your Name, Email Address and MAAC Number and click the "Submit" button. You will receive a confirmation of your booking by email.
- You may book time slots several days in advance.
- You may book one slot per day, but if the field is not busy, you may book the adjacent slot from your smart phone when you are at the field and stay longer.
- If you booked a time slot and cannot make it, please [email our Webmaster](#), Zoltan Pittner who will attempt to delete your booking and free it up for other members.

TIP: Our permit allows flying up to 9:00pm. So if you book the 6pm to 8pm slot (18:00 to 20:00), and there is still enough light to fly, you can stay until 9:00pm! Love those long summer days! What a deal!

PLEASE BE PATIENT, COURTEOUS, AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO WANT TO FLY AND DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE THE BOOKING SYSTEM WORK.

Here you can see the booking calendar at right. Notice that 2-hour time slots have been set up. The calendar will accept bookings of up to 5 members for each time slot on any day. When bookings are full, the time slot will be dim and you will not be able to select it.

Flight Reservation

June 2020						
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08:00-10:00	10:00-12:00	12:00-14:00
14:00-16:00	16:00-18:00	18:00-20:00



What Happens Next?

After you book your time slot you will receive a "Thank You" page with the following content.

Thank you for booking your visit to the field. A confirmation email has been sent to you to confirm the date and time of your booking. Please make sure of the following:

- Do not arrive at the field earlier than your starting time.
- If you arrive earlier, please wait in the cricket field parking lot.
- Drive up to our field when your time begins.
- Start packing your things 10-15 minutes before your time is up, so you can leave the field on time as a courtesy to the next person.
- Leave the field 2 minutes before your time is up, so there are never more than 5 people at the field.

TIP: If the field is not busy and you wish to stay, you may check the online booking calendar on your smart phone 15 minutes before your time is up and attempt to book the next time slot. If it is not available, the time slot will be dim and you will not be able to book it.

Please do your best to follow the club's COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols which you have signed. Be courteous and respectful of other members who have booked time to use the field after your time slot. These are trying times so we must all work together to make it work and protect our field permit. Report any issues to the President or other club executive.

What are the City's Conditions on General Permits during COVID-19?



In order to receive approval for our permit, we had to acknowledge and sign the City's conditions. We have attached a copy of these

conditions to this Flyer. Most of the conditions match our Risk Agreement and Protocols Form exactly but there are a few items we must mention that you should be aware of.

1) No spectators are allowed access to the field. The City has posted a sign to say that our field is closed to the public. But we can still go in to fly since we have a private permit. If you see spectators wandering around the field, please ask them politely to leave as the park is not open to the public.

NOTE: Because of this condition, we are asking all members to close and lock the gate behind you when you enter and leave the field. Last person to leave should make sure the gate is locked as usual.

2) We are not allowed to hold special events or programs.
NOTE: Because of this condition, our Summer and Fall Fun Fly and BBQ events are cancelled.

3) Food and Beverages are not permitted.
NOTE: You can bring water bottles but because of this condition, please eat your snacks or lunch before you come to the field or after you leave.

Student Training Protocols under COVID-19



Chief Instructor **Randall Thomas** laid out training protocols in the May Flyer. It is a little early to tell how soon he will be able to conduct student instruction. Please keep in touch with Randall through his WhatsApp Group for information and to arrange training. Randall plans to start student instruction as soon as possible. New students should contact Randall to be added to the Student WhatsApp Group.

Humber Valley RC Flyers COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

This is a summary of our COVID-19 operating protocols.

- 1) No guests or spectators are permitted to visit the field.
- 2) Only one member at a time may access the charging station. Arrive at the field with your batteries already charged to minimize charging at the field. Wipe down anything you touch like charging cables before and after use.
- 3) Avoid use of the toilet while at the field as much as possible. If you absolutely must use the toilet, use hand sanitizer to disinfect any surface you touch.
- 4) Bring hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes (or paper towels and at least 70% alcohol) and wipe any common surfaces.
- 5) Minimize touching surfaces and sanitize your hands before and after touching any common surfaces such as the gate lock or charging station lock and equipment.
- 6) Do not leave any form of refuse behind. You must leave with everything that you bring to the field.
- 7) Do not congregate in the shelter, keep a minimum of 2 meters from each other in the pit area at all times, use the designated pilot stations when flying, and keep the same safe distance from each other at the flight line.
- 8) The wearing of masks is still recommended but not strictly required as long as physical distancing is maintained.
- 9) To follow Provincial guidelines and facilitate contact tracing, members must book time at the field using the online Field Booking Procedure which is available in the Members Section of the club's web site. The system allows up to 5 people to book any specific time slot. You must book time in advance using your computer at home or smart phone before coming to the field.

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