



Humber Valley RC Flyers Multi-Rotor Flying Policy Statement and Guidelines June 30, 2020

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 July, 2020

- 4) Multi-rotor only applicants should fill out the electronic application form just like any other applicant and indicate in the follow up communication that they are interested in becoming a multi-rotor only pilot. Applications will be considered for approval if:
 - a) The applicant is responsible and respectful of club safety rules.
 - b) The applicant is a competent multi-rotor pilot.
 - c) The applicant completes the club’s current flight training lessons #1 and #2 with any available club instructor.
 - d) The applicant passes a drone flying competency test front of another executive/instructor member who has enough understanding and experience to clear “Drone” only pilots.
 - 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 the applicant will be issued a “Student” card to allow access to the field, website and to make arrangements for 4.c and 4.d above.
 - g) When 4.c and 4.d are completed, the member will be issued a “Drone” card which entitles him/her to fly multi-rotor aircraft only.
 - h) 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 specific multi-rotor “Student” class. The “Student” card from 4.f above is issued temporarily to allow access to the field and to the member section of the website.

Humber Valley RC Flyers Executive Committee