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Manual of Procedures

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MOP001 Accident Reporting Procedure
MOP008 Close Fields Procedure
MOP019 Display Procedure
MOP027 Award of Wings and associated forms
MOP056 Safe Flying Code Policy
MOP059 Indoor Flying Policy

MOP056 Safe Flying Code has been amended to reflect the introduction of Giant Models (25kg–50kg). This Flying Code is also printed on the A4 section of the Membership Cards and the 50kg limit for Giant Models will be added once the current stock is depleted and new cards are reprinted. A note stating this is now being printed on each new membership card.

With the availability of a large range of ARF models, some of which can exceed 7kg, Members are reminded of the requirements of MAAA MOP015, Large Model Aircraft Inspection and Operation Procedure. All models weighing more than 7kg are required to be inspected by a Heavy Model Inspector and the owner/operator to hold a current 3 Year Permit to Fly. All Gas Turbine models require a Gas Turbine Permit to Fly. Please take time to read this procedure.

2.4GHz Equipment

The 2.4 GHz band is used throughout the world. However, the specifications for the equipment vary from country to country. Because of this, it is impossible to be certain just by looking at a product that it meets the Australian requirement, which in many cases is more stringent than that applying in other countries, including the USA. The MAAA requires that all equipment used under its procedures complies with Commonwealth legislation as administered by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The best way of assuring this, is that the equipment has a C Tick compliance mark applied by either the manufacturer or the importer, otherwise it is the user's liability.

Team Trials

All MAAA affiliate members are eligible to represent Australia at World, Continental and Trans Tasman Championships. Trials for places in the teams are organised by MAAA Technical Subcommittees or National Special Interest Groups (NSIGs) which are required to publish details of team trial arrangements as widely as possible, well in advance of the trials, so that all interested members have the opportunity to take part. Your State Association Secretary has contact details for your Subcommittee representatives and NSIGs. The MAAA web site has links to NSIGs and also details of up-coming events and team trials, on the "Championships and Other Competitions" page.

Team Trial Notification

Organisers of Team Trials for World, CAOCC Championships and Trans Tasman events are reminded of their responsibility to advise the MAAA Secretary of the dates of intended team trials, a minimum of six months in advance. MOP024 clearly states the procedure. This is to give all members adequate notice. MAAA recently had to deal with a situation whereby this was not followed for various reasons, and the Executive had no option but to disallow the trial. It was only due to an appeal on the decision and a lengthy consideration that focused on those members who would have been out of pocket through no fault of their own, that the trials were conditionally allowed to go ahead as a very special exception.

F1 Trans Tasman & Team Trials

The VFFS State Champs & W/C Team Trials event is planned for 25, 26, 27 April 2008 at Mc Mahon's Field Springhurst Victoria.

F3A CAOCC 2008 Team Trials (Chinese Taipei 20 - 26 October)

Team Trials for the 2008 CAOCC event will be held as part of the Australian Masters (30th Anniversary) at Shepparton from 25 to 27 April 2008. Entry forms and further information is available from Henry Hutchinson 10 Lansell Av Safety Beach VIC 3936 Ph. (03) 5987 1811 or Fax (03) 5981 4220 Email hutch@surf.net.au Entries for team trials close one (1) week prior to the event.

F3D Pylon Team Trials for the World Championships Germany 2009

Notification of team trials as follows:

- 26/27 April 2008 at Cohuna Victoria
- 7/8 June 2008 AMPRA Champs in Maryborough Qld
- Aug/Sept 2008 - either Qld State Champs or Vic State Champs

FAI Sporting Licence Database

FAI have put in place a requirement for all FAI licence holders competing in FAI Class 1 or 2 events to be registered on a centralised database held by the FAI and distributed to the organisers of the various events. This data is to be supplied by all Sport Aviation groups through their country's NAC which, in Australia's case, is ASAC. If these details are not registered with FAI, then the entrant will be unable to compete.

Selected Team members will be sent a form, *FAI Data Base Information*, to be completed and returned to the MAAA Secretary's office. This form gives approval for the personal information provided by members on the form to be stored on the centralised data base and distributed to organisers of FAI World and CAOCC Championship events.

Members under the age of eighteen should have one of their parents sign the form on their behalf.

Incident and Investigation Forms

Both these forms need to be submitted as soon as possible following a significant incident even if it is considered that there may not be an Insurance Claim. If the incident is of a serious nature or third party property has been damaged, even before the reports are sent, please advise the MAAA Federal Secretary either by phone or email with the basic details. **Ensure that the two forms are completed** and forwarded to the MAAA Federal Secretary who will forward copies to your State Secretary. An Incident Investigation form containing details of the steps taken by the club to prevent further incidents of the same nature, not only allows the MAAA Executive to 'close out' the incident, but hopefully has the more general application of increased safety awareness at all levels.

CASA Part 101 and MAAA requirements

HEIGHT LIMITS

CASA

Without an exemption:

Except in controlled airspace or within 3 nautical miles of an aerodrome the model has to be kept in sight at all times.

In controlled airspace and within 3 nautical miles of an aerodrome the model is limited to 400 feet in altitude.

In a populous area the model has to remain at a height less than the height from which, if any of its components fails, it would be able to clear the area.

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Because the MAAA considers that, without warning, a model aircraft can fail in a manner that would result in it descending vertically, pilots are to stay clear of populous areas at any height.

Where necessary, an observer shall be utilised to supervise flying to avoid having models fly in the proximity of full-scale aircraft.

WEIGHT LIMITS

CASA

Model aircraft weigh up to 25kg. Giant model aircraft weight between 25 and 150kg.

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Aircraft that weigh more than 7kg require a Large Model Permit to fly. Those above 25kg require Giant Model Permits to fly and above 50kg should be referred to CASA for authorisation.

MAAA 2008 Federal Council Conference

The 2008 Council Conference is scheduled to be held over the weekend of 24-25 May 2008 at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Hobart.

World Championship and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2008	
EVENT	Information
F1 Trans Tasman	Narrandera NSW
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	France – Landres Dates: 28/07/2008 - 04/08/2008 Website: http://www.f2cdbl.org
F3J	Turkey – Akyazi Dates: 27/06/2008 - 06/07/2008 Website: http://www.soarist.com
F4B, F4C	Poland - Wloclawek Dates: 11 – 20 July 2008
F5B, F5D	Ukraine – Kiev Dates: 14/09/2008 – 21/09/2008
F3A Trans Tasman	Australia Dates: 25 – 27 April 2008
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Chinese Taipei Dates: 08/10/2008 – 26/10/2008
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Philippines- Cebu Dates: May 25 – 30 2008
F4A Trans Tasman	Richmond NSW Dates: June 28 – 29 2008
2009	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia (Tentative)
F1E	Germany
F3A	Portugal (Tentative)
F3B	Ukraine (Tentative)
F3C	USA - Muncie
F3D	Germany
2010	
EVENT	Bids From
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary (Firm), Serbia & Montenegro (Firm)
F3J	Czech Republic, Hungary, France (Tentative)
F4B, F4C	Poland (Firm), Czech Republic (Firm)
F5B, F5D	USA (Tentative)
Space Models	Poland, Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited