

East Fortune Aeromodellers – Note to Parents, Guardians and Carers

The Promotion of Welfare and Care of Children & Vulnerable Adults

Whilst this Club willingly accepts a moral and statutory duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure the general welfare and protection of children and vulnerable adult members during the act of model aircraft flying and associated pre-flight and post-flight procedures, the Club can not undertake the all-encompassing responsibilities of those acting in the role of guardians or carers.

This Club has an insufficient number of members to be able to ensure that a Club member appropriately qualified to supervise children or vulnerable adults shall be present at Club sites at any time. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure the well being of your charge and to continuously accompany your charge when present at Club sites including but not limited to flying sites. Should you wish to leave a child or a vulnerable adult at any such location, it shall be your responsibility to arrange for an alternative carer who shall not be a club member to supervise him/her during your absence.

It shall be your responsibility to ensure that your charge does not infringe Club Rules especially those intended to ensure the safety of personnel and property.

You are required to cater for any special medical or physical needs your charge shall require.

Physical contact between your charge and a club member may be necessary in the course of providing instruction and to ensure your charge's safety. For example it may be necessary to maintain physical proximity by placing a hand around the waist of a child or person such as when instructing control line flying or by placing a hand on the shoulder or arm to reposition someone on a flight line. Occasionally it may be necessary for an instructor to put his/her arms around a trainee in RC flying to instruct on stick movement especially when a buddy box is not available. It may also be necessary to physically restrain a child or vulnerable adult to prevent he/she placing himself/herself in a hazardous situation. In a high risk safety situation, priority shall be given to the safety of the child or vulnerable adult before the protocols of handling. Touching shall not be necessary in other model aircraft activity such as in workshops or presentations and shall therefore be avoided. By signing this form you agree to the foregoing nature and limits of physical contact.

Should you wish to take part in the operation of model aircraft at Club flying sites you shall enrol as a Club member and shall comply with all Club Rules. For the avoidance of doubt you shall not provide your charge with tuition in the operation of model aircraft unless qualified to do so as required by the Scottish Aeromodellers Association ("SAA") Safety Code (i.e. hold a current Silver Certificate in the discipline being taught). You shall remain responsible for your charge while he/she is receiving tuition from a Club member and shall oversee all such tuition. Should you wish to yourself operate model aircraft whilst your charge is present it shall be your responsibility to arrange for a another independent carer to be present to supervise him/her while you are so engaged.

Should the Club wish to use a photographic image of your child, the Club shall follow the guidelines laid down by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit detailed within the SAA Policy and Guidelines. In addition, your written consent shall be required for the Club to do so.

In addition the SAA and this Club have specific rules and policies relating to children and vulnerable adults, a copy of which has been provided to you, and you are required to study those carefully, in particular the section of the SAA policy and guidelines entitled: "Guide For The Parents, Guardians And Carers Of Children and Vulnerable Adults".

This form shall be signed by the parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age or by the authorised carer of a vulnerable adult, thereby signifying acceptance of these conditions of membership.

Should you wish to discuss any issue, have any concerns or have suggestions on how we may improve our policies, then please contact this Club's Welfare Officer or contact one of the help-lines on Page 6 of the SAA Policy and Guidelines as you deem appropriate.

I am the authorised *parent / guardian / authorised carer* (delete as appropriate)

of _____ *(member's name)*

I accept the above conditions of his/her membership of the Club

(signature)

(date)

(Full name in capitals)