

NENE VALLEY AEROMODELLERS

Chairman
John Morse
07775 - 938631
chairman@flynva.org

Treasurer
Jim Howarth
treasurer@flynva.org

Secretary
Alan Smedley
07443-009381
secretary@flynva.org

More information on the NVA Website: www.flynva.org

Membership Application Form - 2026

If you are renewing your membership it is not necessary to complete this form unless your details have changed

To apply for membership, sections 1 and 2 should be filled in and only pages 1 and 2 returned to a committee member at the flying field or sent (by mail or e-mail) to the secretary at the address above.

Do not send money or transfer funds until your application has been approved (section 3).

A copy of the Club's Constitution and General Rules can be downloaded from the club's website. All members are required to join the BMFA as a condition of membership, which can be paid to the NVA together with your subscription or preferably be paid on-line direct to the BMFA: click [here](#) to be directed to the relevant page.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026	SENIOR	FAMILY PARTNER	JUNIOR* (under 18)	JUNIOR (Family member)
Annual Club Fee	£75	£75	£17	Free
**BMFA Membership Fee (includes insurance)	£51	£30	£20	£15
Total Fee for 2026:	£126	£105	£37	£15
Please select membership type requested ->				

*A "Parent/Guardian Authorisation Form" must be submitted for juniors that are not always accompanied by a full senior family member. Such juniors must also be a junior member of the BMFA

** this can be paid on-line

IMPORTANT — from 30th Nov 2019 it was the law that all operators (18 and over) of drones/model aircraft must be registered with the CAA. The fee for registration is **£11.13**. It is the individuals responsibility to register and is a condition of NVA membership. Information on CAA registration can be found on the [BMFA website](#). CAA registration is not required for those under supervised tuition with club's or the tutor's aircraft. * Check this on the BMFA website as it may be reviewed during the year

Section 1

Name:-		Home Tel:-	
		Mobile:-	
Address:-			
Postcode			
Email address (This is IMPORTANT as most announcements are made by e-mail or on the website):-			
Date of Birth (Required by the BMFA's insurers)		How did you learn of NVA	
Do you already have BMFA insurance? Yes/No			
if yes BMFA number:-			

Section 2 (* delete/circle as applicable)

Have you been a member of a model flying club before? Yes/No* If Yes, please provide the names of the club/s and years.	
Have you ever been refused membership of a model flying club? Yes/No If Yes please provide the names of the club/s and the reasons for refusal.	
Flying skill Fixed wing*: Novice / Intermediate / Experienced Helicopter*: Novice / Intermediate / Experienced	BMFA Certificates passed: F/W A B* Heli A B* Comments
I hereby apply to join NVA: if my application is accepted, I agree to be bound by the constitution and rules governing the conduct and behaviour of its membership. I understand that if any statement I have made is later found to be false, my membership may be terminated without recompense. <i>(Copy of rules as of Dec 2024 attached)</i> Please note that new members are subject to a probationary period of 3 months. I wish to be included on the club's e-mail list Yes/No* I confirm I have read and understood the CAA Privacy Notice relating to registration with the CAA and agree to the BMFA providing my Name, address, date of birth and email address (if applicable) to the CAA as part of the process. (BMFA Privacy Notice) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">Signature:</div> <div style="width: 45%;">Date:</div> </div>	
Comments	

Section 3

For official use only Application is: Accepted / Declined <i>To be signed by 2 club officers</i> 1)Print Name.....Date 2)Print Name.....Date	Comments:
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------

Section 4

If the application is accepted the fee as listed on page 1 must be paid before the applicant's BMFA insurance is valid and they can fly. Cheques should be made payable to "Nene Valley Aeromodellers" BACS bank transfers to: sort code: 30-97-20 a/c: 00238313 Payment has been received by cheque / cash / bank transfer <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div>Signed</div> <div>NVA Treasurer</div> <div>Date</div> </div>

Section 3 – NENE VALLEY AEROMODELLERS - GENERAL FLYING RULES

- 3.1 Members should not fly unsupervised, until they have passed the club's approved flying test; i.e. the appropriate BMFA 'A' or basic proficiency certificate (BPC), for the type. Those that have not passed this test may only fly while under the supervision of a club instructor or suitably experienced pilot.
- 3.2 Invitation to fly or visit may be made by any club member. Non-members may fly by invitation only and approved by a committee member. The host club member must take full responsibility for the conduct and actions of their guests.
- 3.3 All models must comply with current noise abatement codes of practice and legislation. Noise levels must not exceed 82dB at 7 meters.
- 3.4 Testing of engines must be away from the designated pit and flight-line areas.
- 3.5 Aircraft must not be flown over the pits area which is defined as the area immediately behind the slabs at the edge of the mown strip and the forest. Aircraft may be carefully taxied to the strip on the two outer taxiways. Aircraft should never be taxied untethered away from the strip towards people in the pits area.
- 3.6 All take-offs and hand launches must be from a mutually agreed flying area and in an agreed direction over the runway/patch. All flights over the patch (strip) must be in this agreed direction.
- 3.7 No more than 5 aircraft may be airborne at the same time. When more than one model is in the air, those aircraft should conform to the established circuit practice.
- 3.8 Pilots using the designated flying area must make others aware of their movements and intentions at all times.
- 3.9 Pilots must stand in the relevant designated areas. In the case of the Olney field: the strip has two 'pilot box' areas, each marked by four in line paving slabs. Pilots must use the 'box' nearest to the agreed landing direction and keep the slab line between them and active models on, or over-flying the landing strip.
- 3.10 Flying is not permitted whilst under the influence of alcohol, prohibited substances (illegal drugs), prescribed drugs or medications which may affect the member's ability to safely control their model.
- 3.11 No members shall run or operate a model aircraft, or engage in any activity which will distract competitors during official club competitions. This may be waived only at the discretion of the contest director.
- 3.12 The committee shall at its discretion, have the authority to co-opt up to a further two members.
- 3.13 All committee members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.
- 3.14 The committee shall be responsible for the production and maintenance of the club's "Flying and Site Rules" which shall be binding on all members operating at any site being used officially by the club.

4.2.2 Members arriving at the flying field in vehicles must ensure they are parked safely so as not to cause an obstruction or park in a manner that will prevent access to the forest. Parking of cars should be in the car parking field only or in the winter car park. If the field is unsuitable for cars for whatever reason, the winter car park should be used. Car parking arrangements can be decided by any committee member as the need arises.

4.2.3 In exceptional cases, for medical or other reasons, permission may be given to certain members to park in the flying field. This permission will only be granted, in writing, with the agreement of the committee.

4.2.4 The forest is strictly out of bounds.

4.3 Flying Times

Monday to Friday* 10.00 – 20.30 NENE VALLEY AEROMODELLERS – CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL RULES - December 2024 Page 9 of 12 •

* Tuesday mornings are reserved for field maintenance including mowing, strimming etc. During this time no flying is permitted until those members carrying out the work confirm that they have finished. *(usually send a WhatsApp message)*

- Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 17.00

4.4 Transmitter Use

4.4.1 No 35MHz transmitter may be switched on unless its operational frequency has been claimed by or assigned to the user. To claim or assign a frequency, a named peg (i.e. a peg with the member's name on it) must be put onto the frequency board in the corresponding space of the frequency to be used. Only one peg per frequency space is permitted. The frequency **MUST NOT** be displayed on the name peg.

4.4.2 It is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure that other members on site are aware of and agree to the safe use of any other legal frequency other than 2.4 GHz. Those using 35MHz must use **EVEN** numbered channels only.

4.5 Rotary/Fixed Wing Models

Rotary, fixed wing and control line aircraft are not to be flown at the same time unless through prior agreement by all pilots flying at that time.

4.6 Full Size Aircraft

In relation to full size aircraft: Air Navigation order (ANO) 2016 article 240, must be adhered to. This states that A person must not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft or any person in an aircraft. In essence, this means that if a full-size aircraft is heard or seen in and around the club field all models in the air at the time must take avoiding action and either land, in the outfield if necessary, or move to airspace away from the full-size aircraft. Normal flying should not resume until the full-size aircraft well clear and headed away from the area.