

BMFC: RC report 2020

There is little to report this year as much flying has been restricted by the Pandemic. When operating the flying behaviour has been generally good, apart from two concerns:

- Taxiing back to the pits after landing is not permitted in our Regulations. It is a potentially dangerous action. A running engine should not approach unprotected people in the pits area. The individuals concerned were alerted to this, but it should be generally appreciated by everyone.
- Social Distancing in line with Covid-19 regulations should be adhered to at all times, especially when meeting and working with other people in the pits area. When the Covid lockdown periods were relaxed the BMFA got guidance from the government which indicated that Model Flying could be allowed as a "sport" activity. This means that you are allowed to go to the airfield and fly your model, but not engage in large meetings. Government guidance has changed several times, but it still remains that small groups ("rule of 6") may be allowed, but that social distancing (2 metre separation, or 1 metre with the use of face coverings) should be honoured. We know that this is difficult but appeal to all permit holders to try to follow the guidance for your own, and others, safety.

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