



# Dumfries Model Flying Club

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CLUB FEES

**For most new members there are four separate fees involved in joining the Club, as follows:-**

1. DMFC Annual Membership Subscription
2. DMFC Joining fee
3. BMFA or SAA Annual Membership Subscription (refer to [BMFA](#) or [SAA](#) websites)
4. CAA Annual Operator Registration Fee (refer to [CAA website](#))

Both DMFC and BMFA offer discounts for those joining later in the year. CAA registration is renewable annually on the anniversary of original registration. CAA Registration is a legal obligation and must be kept current in order to be covered by BMFA Third Party Insurance. Flying at the DMFC Flying Site is prohibited unless the legal criteria are fulfilled and BMFA or SAA Third Party Insurance are maintained.

The **DMFC Annual Membership Subscription** is reviewed each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual Subscription Year is the calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Annual Membership Subscription is used to pay our rent for the flying site and to maintain and enhance our on-site facilities and equipment, and other incidental operating costs and expenses etc. The current annual subscription rates are as follows:-

DMFC Annual Adult Membership Subscription	£60.00
DMFC Annual Junior Membership Subscription	£10.00 (Under 18 years old only)

For new adult members joining on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Subscription for the remainder of their first year is reduced to £50 and if joining on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October the Subscription for the remainder of their first year is £25. For Junior members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> July the subscription for the remainder of their first year is reduced to £6, and if joining after 1<sup>st</sup> October the subscription for the remainder of their first year is reduced to £3. The annual subscription for non-flying members is £10.

**A Joining Fee.** The acquisition and establishment of our flying site and its facilities involved very considerable expenditure and this was funded from previous years subscriptions plus significant and generous donations to the club from our members. Of course all new members immediately benefit from this investment and the generosity of existing and previous members, and it is only fitting that this is recognised by a levy of an initial Joining Fee as an acknowledgement of this and a contribution towards rebuilding Club finances for the future. The Joining Fee is therefore an initial single levy in addition to the Annual Subscription. The Adult Joining Fee this year is £30 and for Junior Members the Joining Fee is £15. There is no Joining Fee for non-flying members.

**CAA Operator Registration** - Government legislation requires all operators of unmanned aerial vehicles to register annually with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for which they impose a small fee. Flyers must also pass the free CAA online competence test and thereby obtain a Flyer ID which is valid for five years. The test is simply to ensure that applicants have read and understood the CAA safety rules and restrictions relative to model flying. Both the Operator registration and competence test are completed online via the [CAA website](#), or the [BMFA website](#). When you receive your Operator ID, it must be displayed on all your model aircraft. You must also keep the Flyer ID with you when flying.

**BMFA Membership** - Since Third Party Insurance is an absolute requirement for all DMFC Members, it is necessary for them to be members of the British Model Flying Association [BMFA](#). The DMFC is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association which has an online membership portal which enables you to join, register for CAA Operator ID, complete the necessary competence test and confirm that you have read [Article 16](#) all on the same website. (Alternatively you can join by telephone to the BMFA office at 0116 2440028). BMFA membership also includes a quarterly full-colour online magazine.

Alternatively members may join the Scottish Aeromodellers Association ([SAA](#)) which provides similar third party insurance. SAA members must also obtain their Operator ID and Flyer ID directly from the CAA website, and confirm to SAA that they have read and understood the SAA Article 16.

Anyone wishing to join the Club must download, print, complete **and sign** a Membership Application Form which is available on this website. This is necessary for the Club to fulfil its GDPR (Data Protection) obligations, so unsigned forms will not be accepted.

### **Non-Flying Members**

The Club has a membership category for non-flying members. The Annual subscription is £10 and there is no joining fee for this category. There is also no requirement for non-flying members to be members of BMFA or SAA, and they do not need to have a CAA Operator ID or CAA Flyer ID. Applications for this category of membership must still complete the Membership Application Form as this is necessary in order for the Club to fulfil its statutory GDPR (Data Protection) obligations, and obtain the agreement and commitment of non-flying members to the Club Constitution and Club Rules.

### **Visitors and Guest Flyers**

Visitors, including guests of current members, who fulfil the above criteria and who wish to fly at our club site may attend on up to four occasions per year. Those wishing to attend more frequently must apply for Club Membership. It should be understood that the provision and maintenance of a superb flying site such as ours is a considerable on-going expense to our small Club, and donations to the Club by visitors enjoying our facilities are gratefully received. All guests and visitors to our flying field are subject to our Club Rules, but please note that visitors are not permitted to fly alone at our site if no Club members are present. The Club reserves the right to refuse access to our site to any person at any time without explanation, and Club Officers have the right to exercise such a ban without prior notice.

### **DMFC Club Regalia**

The club has a range of DMFC badges in various forms which are available to purchase:

- A woven badge suitable for sewing on to a baseball cap or jacket
- A car window sticker
- An enamel lapel pin