

## Short description "Guest flight rules"

### 1. Introduction

This short description presents the essential contents of the Standardised Rules for Model Aircraft – StRfF for short – with regard to their direct scope of application for pilots and guest pilots of model aircraft.

#### Important:

This short description does not itself lay down any rules. The relevant regulations can only be found in the Standardized Rules for Model Aircraft of the MFSD.



### 2. Scope of the Standardised Rules for Model Aircraft

The Standardised Rules for Model Aircraft (StRfF) cover the operation of model aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of up to 150 kg. The StRfF are only valid within the Federal Republic of Germany.

a) MFSD pilots and pilots of cooperating state air sports associations (the DAeC)

The StRfF apply to all pilots of model aircraft that

- are members of the MFSD, or
- belong to a state air sports association of the DAeC that cooperates with the MFSD in this regard, and
- who want to carry out their flight operations in accordance with the rules of the MFSD's operating licence in accordance with § 21g LuftVO in conjunction with Art. 16 DVO (EU) 2019/947.

In order to carry out the above-mentioned operating licence granted to it, the MFSD cooperates in the sense of a planned cooperation with those state air sports associations of the DAeC e.V. that actively promote the air sport of model aircraft.

#### b) Non-association pilots (i.e. members of the DMFV)

Furthermore, the StRfF also apply to pilots who are not members of the association and who do not belong to the MFSD or to a cooperating state air sports association, but to another nationwide air sports association active in model aircraft operations with its headquarters in the Federal Republic of Germany (i.e. members of the DMFV), insofar as these pilots operate model aircraft at model aircraft sites, competitions or model aircraft events to which the StRfF applies. However, the rules of the StRfF do not apply to the above-mentioned pilots who are not members of the association (i.e. members of the DMFV) on the "green field", so that flight operations according to the rules of the StRfF are not possible for these pilots in this respect. These pilots have access to the rules of their nationwide model aircraft association (i.e. DMFV).

These pilots who are not members of the association (i.e. members of the DMFV) must register online with the MFSD before starting their first flight operations on the aforementioned grounds, competitions or events and keep their contact details up to date at all times. This registration remains valid permanently.

If a pilot who is not a member of the association (i.e. members of the DMFV) does not hold a training certificate issued by the MFSD (i.e. has a training certificate from the DMFV that is only recognized by the MFSD) or is not familiar with the area, he or she must be instructed in all regulations that must be observed at the model aircraft site, the competition or the model aircraft event on which the flight operation is to take place. In case of doubt, a lack of local knowledge is to be assumed if the pilot who is not a member of the association (i.e. members of the DMFV) does not have a permanent right of use for the model aircraft, competition or event site on which he wants to carry out his flight project. In particular, the briefing must include the locally applicable flight regulations, the regulations for protection against aircraft noise and the regulations for the protection of the environment and nature. The briefing can be carried out by any pilot who is familiar with the area and who is in possession of a training certificate issued by the MFSD.

#### c) Guest pilots

Finally, the StRfF also apply to guest pilots who are neither members of the MFSD nor of a cooperating state air sports association or another nationwide air sports association active in model aircraft operations with its headquarters in the Federal Republic of Germany (i.e. DMFV), but who wish to operate model aircraft within the Federal Republic of Germany temporarily – for example for holiday or competition purposes – in accordance with these regulations.

Guest pilots must register online with the MFSD before commencing their first flight operations. The registration is valid for 3 months and can be renewed once per year.

Unless a guest pilot is in possession of a training certificate issued by the MFSD (e.g. a merely recognized training certificate from another association) or is unfamiliar with a model aircraft, competition or event site, he or she must be instructed in all regulations that must be complied with due to the location where flight operations are to take place, in particular in the locally applicable flight conditions and, if applicable, restrictions, Regulations for protection against aircraft noise as well as regulations for the protection of the environment and nature. In case of doubt, a lack of local knowledge is to be assumed if the guest pilot does not have a permanent right of use for the model aircraft, competition or event site on which he intends to carry out his flight project. The briefing can be carried out by any pilot who is familiar with the area and who is in possession of a training certificate issued by the MFSD.

### **3. General requirements for pilots**

#### **a) eID**

All pilots who carry out model aircraft operations within the framework of the MFSD's operating permit require a valid owner registration (eID).

#### **b) Proof of training**

All pilots also need proof of training from the MFSD or proof from another association recognized by the MFSD, if the StRfF requires such proof. This is the case when model aircraft with a take-off mass of more than 2 kg or higher than 120 m above ground are to be operated. No proof of training is required if the pilot conducts flight operations under the direct supervision of another pilot who holds a certificate issued by the MFSD.

Likewise, guest pilots do not need an MFSD training certificate if they have been instructed on the model aircraft site on which they want to fly (cf. 2. lit. c).

#### **c) Model aircraft owner insurance**

According to §§ 33 et seq. LuftVG, every model aircraft owner is liable for all risks and damages resulting from the operation of his model aircraft (strict liability). Every model aircraft owner is obliged to maintain liability insurance to cover any liability that may arise from this, whereby group insurance is permitted, which in Germany is regularly covered by the pilot's membership in an air sports association.