



Scottish Aeromodellers Association



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Dear Secretary / Contest Director / Country Member / Club Member

Firstly thank you for your continued support in preventing the spread of the virus. If you have any questions regarding this or previous information releases please contact our Covid Officer at covid@saaweb.uk

We have received an updated guidance template from SportScotland and have reviewed the changes. Please see the latest version of their document covering sport here which includes the rules on travel which members MUST read and use as the basis of any continued flying at our model clubs.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MmTE4gvh_vvT6OJD77MmkYH5pFs8BGY/view?usp=sharing

We are asking all members in Level3 and Level 4 areas to take time to consider whether they actually need to go flying at this time. Remember the travel arrangements are no longer a form of guidance but now enshrined in law, so please think about how important flying is to you if you are in a Level 3 or 4 area. The emphasis is on "Essential Travel" so the journey to carry out the activity that you are leaving your Local Authority area for needs to be in that category.

The concessions and framework we have are in place because we are a sports organisation, but since there are no competitions or Training & Testing events planned over the winter we are taking the view that model flying is not essential at this time for practice or skill development and are recommending that you do not go flying and certainly do not cross a county border to reach a flying site.

SportScotland Information and Resources: <https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19/>

Scottish Government Guidance on Travel:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-travel-and-transport/>

Scottish Government County / Tier Level

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/>

SAA Web site: www.saaweb.uk

SAA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/431687700690461>

We want to confirm that it is not the SAA who have the approval for all member clubs to have up to 30 people on site. That responsibility lies with the individual club committees and event organisers.

Although all the items in the guidance document need to be considered and acted upon, the critical "must-haves" are:

- a) A Covid-19 officer. It is recommended to have one who has passed the on-line test.
- b) A Risk Assessment for your club / competition / event and location
- c) A working "Track and Trace" system including where possible the "Protect Scotland" app on club members' phones:

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/protect-scotland/id1526637715>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.scot.covidtracker>

Yours

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