

BEDFORD & DISTRICT SCALE MODEL CLUB

1. The Club will be known as "Bedford & District Scale Model Club"
2. The Club will meet at least every two weeks, unless the Club night falls on a Bank Holiday, in which case it will be the following week after the Bank Holiday. The Club will be engaged in all aspects of modelling and associated activities.
3. Club membership is to be by invitation of a member and approved by the committee. The Club will be run and comply with all current legislation.
4. The memberships available are; **Honorary Member** – A membership that can only be given by the Committee to a member who they feel has promoted all aspects of the Club and the Hobby. **Adult Member** - Anyone over the age of 18 years old. **Junior Member** – Anyone under the age of 18 years old. **Visitor** – A member of the general public who visits the Club before deciding to become a Club member.
5. An annual subscription will be charged to all members excluding Honorary Members, the amount of the subscription will be decided at the Annual General Meeting, and will be payable to the Treasurer on or around the first Club night after the Member's renewal date.
6. A fee will be charged to all attending Club Meeting nights, the amount will be set at the AGM. Junior Members will be charged half the Adult members fee. These fees will be collected by the Treasurer or another Committee Member should the Treasurer not be in attendance.
7. Any member whose membership expires is deemed to have resigned from the Club and any position held within the Club. From the date of expiry, if they attend they will be treated as a Visitor and charged accordingly
8. Members are responsible for ensuring that the tables provided on club night are adequately protected at all times and that they have adequate cleaning materials to allow for any possible spillage. No spraying is allowed at any time within the centre.
9. The Club provides refreshments and each member is responsible for ensuring that their mug is washed and dried before they leave Club night.
10. An Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Club night in December. Only Honorary and paid members will be allowed to elect officers to the committee and resolutions affecting the Club.
11. Only honorary and fully paid up members will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).
12. The Club and its members shall not be liable for any injuries sustained or losses incurred through Club activities.
13. No property of the Club can be taken from the premises without prior written consent of a Committee member.
14. Any private or commercial sales of any models and or model making equipment on Club premises will incur a 10% levy payable to the Club and should be given to the Treasurer or a Committee member.
15. Alteration of these rules will only be made at the AGM or an EGM called specially for that purpose whereupon 14 days notice will be given to all members.
16. Proposed alterations, additions or amendments to these rules complete with the names of the proposers and seconds, should be presented to the Club Secretary in writing one month prior to the AGM.
17. A copy of the Club Rules will be given to each member upon joining the Club and copies can either be obtained from the Club Secretary or downloaded from the Club's website. Altered and amended rules will be distributed to all members as soon as practical.

Shows – The following rules apply for displays that the Club attends throughout the year

1. A dry run will be held at the last Club night before the show. Only models that are included in the dry run are guaranteed a place on the Club Stand. If you wish to exhibit, please ensure you bring either the model itself or a place holder of the same size as the model to the dry run. If you cannot make the dry run, please either get one of your friends to bring your exhibit along, or let one of the committee members know in advance of the dry run what you wish to exhibit.
 2. Exhibits should be at the show in good time to allow the club stand to be set up. Normally this is one hour before the show opens (if the show opens at 10am then members exhibits are needed at 9am). If you don't wish to arrive that early, please arrange for a friend or committee member to take your exhibits for you.
 3. Models for exhibit should be completed, no "work in progress" models unless agreed in advance with the committee.
 4. Models should only be exhibited at each show once (e.g., if you displayed your kit at the MK show in 2010 then it will not be eligible for the stand at MK in 2011). This helps to keep the club stand looking fresh and different.
 5. Once on the Club stand, models may not be removed until the close of the show. If you wish to enter your model in the competition then it should not be included on the Club stand. Where ever possible the committee will advise if competitions are separate from the display stands so you can plan what models you want to enter.
 6. Any members displaying models on the Club stand are expected to take a turn in manning the stand during the show.
- ### The Committee
1. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity/Liaison Officer, Events Officer and Web Master. A quorum will consist of more than half of the Committee and a Committee meeting cannot take place unless a quorum is present. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member as and when deemed appropriate.
 2. The Committee have the power to suspend or terminate the membership of any member who, in their opinion, has brought the name of the Club into disrepute.
 3. A committee member may ask any person attending a Club meeting or event to leave the aforementioned meeting or event should the Committee member feel that the person in question is not entitled to attend, or is causing offence or distress to other persons attending, or is making a nuisance of themselves.
 4. The Committee can award to any member who in their opinion has, a) given outstanding service to the Club, or b) is unable to attend meetings due to ill health, infirmity or similar circumstances, a class of membership entitled "Honorary Member", which once given could, at the discretion of the Committee, be considered to be for the lifetime of that member, the Honorary Member would be entitled to receive the Club's newsletter and all other benefits offered by the Club, at no cost to the member, said costs to be met by the Club's funds.
 5. The Committee should be responsible for the safe keeping of all Club property where reasonably practical and an inventory should be kept of all Club property.
 6. All monies collected should be dealt with by the Treasurer or his representative only and shall be responsible for accounts, having the same available for inspection by any fully paid up member on written request and at the AGM. The Club financial year will run from the AGM until the following years AGM, unless at an EGM it is called forward.