



THE COVES GOVERNING BODY NPC  
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RE: The Coves Communication – COVID-19 Alert Level 3 Lockdown Period RC / Drone Flying Rules

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Dear Covers,

We would like to inform you that Gazetted Regulations regarding recreational aviation have been issued by Department of Transport. The South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) received permission from the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) to manage the restricted re-opening of registered Model Clubs as per ENR5.5.

The Coves' SAMAA Club submitted their COVID-19 Compliance Management Plan (CMP); which was found to be compliant with the recommended SAMAA guidelines. Our Club is now permitted to operate within the guidelines of our CMP with immediate effect.

Please note that breaches of any of these rules could lead to the suspension of The Coves' SAMAA Club status and/or further sanctions; amongst others but not limited to, by the South African Police Service (SAPS), Aeroclub of South Africa, South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), etc.

The following rules must be strictly adhered to and are applicable until further notice:

1. All flyers must be paid up members of SAMAA.
2. A limited number of members are allowed to fly at a specific location in the estate at any given time: No more than 4 people per site (i.e. the mound, the area next to the waste water treatment plant and the jetties at the waterfront).
3. No outside visitors/guests will be permitted.
4. No members of the public/spectators or children under 16 are allowed at the flying sites.
5. National COVID-19 regulations apply: Covering of nose & mouth with a suitable mask or cloth, social distancing (no closer than 2 meters from each other), no contact (i.e. handshakes, hugs, etc.) and compulsory use of hand sanitiser.
6. The Chairman of the Club resumes full responsibility for all RC flyers at the Club, and for the enforcement of these rules.
7. A compliance officer(s) shall be present at all relevant times and spots in the estate (See point 1 above) where flying is taking place to enforce all restrictions. The current compliance officers are Hugo du Plessis (078 800 1890) and Craig Goodrum (071 350 4009).
8. Non-compliant flyers will be reported to The Coves Security and to SAMAA and the appropriate sanctions will be enforced.
9. Temperature screening will be done at all flying spots and the names, address and contact particulars of all present shall be recorded in a COVID-19 compliant register. COVID-19 registers to be sent to SAMAA every Monday morning.
10. Due to constraints with equipment, which are only available on weekends, flying will only be permitted over weekends.
11. Sanitising of all Club facilities before, during and after use by members at the expense of the club (documentary proof in the form of photos and MSDS of chemicals used to be submitted to SAMAA).

12.No drinking of alcohol or social braais at any of the flying spots.

In addition to the above, all current Gazetted Regulations and rules of The Coves will apply.

The Aero Club is required to follow up and report to SAMAA and the regulatory authorities any COVID-19 positive tested members and assist with contact tracing of members, if required. Failure to report these instances is a breach of the COVID-19 regulations.

Any Club activities to be suspended, in the case of a positive member being identified, until such time as an assurance is given to SAMAA that the facilities have been re-sanitised and that proper self-monitoring and self-isolation have been implemented towards the affected members.

Please see below The Coves RC & Drone Rules:

#### 16.1.9 RADIO CONTROL (RC) FLYING

- 16.1.9.1. The Coves Estate is a SAMAA registered site and all RC flyers must be members.
- 16.1.9.2. All adults doing RC & Drone flying should also be members of The Coves Aero Club.
- 16.1.9.3. Only electrically powered aircraft are permitted to fly within the boundaries of The Coves.
- 16.1.9.4. The designated areas at this stage are the northernmost pivot, specifically the area in front of the mound adjacent to the effluent plant and the waterfront from the slipway to the west to Oyster Cove
- 16.1.9.5. All other rules of The Coves, like no mechanical noise on a Sunday should be observed and adhered to.
- 16.1.9.6. No overflying of any buildings will be allowed. Special care and consideration should be taken with regards to flying too close to properties and causing any safety hazards.
- 16.1.9.7. The overflying of buildings includes public areas being used by other people – for example, the clubhouse and privacy and safety are to be observed.

#### 16.1.10 DRONE FLYING

- 16.1.10.1. Use of Drones for commercial purposes are subject to the SACAA Regulations. Recreational drone flying is subject to the rules reflected in Radio control flying and may only be used in the designated areas. Using an unlicensed pilot is in breach of the Civil Aviation Regulations.
- 16.1.10.2. Overflying buildings and public areas are an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

Kindly see attached the SAMAA compliance certificate.

Kind Regards

The Coves Aero Club

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