



**INSTRUMENT NUMBER: CASA.MODEL.0027 Revision Number 1**

I, EDWARD GARY RAPSON, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.056 and 101.410, and paragraph 101.030(1)(a) of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR)*.

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6 February 2024

**Approval – an area for the operation of model aircraft and to conduct a flying display**

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**1 Name**

This instrument is *CASA.MODEL.0027 Revision Number 1 – Approval of an area for the operation of model aircraft and to conduct a flying display – 2024*.

**2 Definitions**

*Note* In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the Civil Aviation Act 1988 and the regulations. These include: model aircraft and model aircraft flying display.

In this instrument:

**AGL** means Above Ground Level.

**approved area** means the area approved under Schedule 1.

**the club** means Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society

**the club rules** means P&DARCS Operational Procedures, as it exists at the time this instrument commences.

**relevant display operator** means an operator of a model aircraft in association with a flying display.

**relevant operator** means a person operating model aircraft who is:

- (a) a member or inducted visitor of the club; and
- (b) an affiliated or honorary member of Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc (MAAA), Aviation Reference Number 578375.

**3 Application**

This instrument applies to the relevant operator.

**4 Approval**

I approve the relevant operator to operate model aircraft in the area specified in Schedule 1.

**5 Conditions**

- (a) The approval is subject to the conditions in Schedule 1; and
- (b) If the relevant operator is operating the model aircraft in the approved area for the purpose of a model aircraft flying display, the approval is also subject to the conditions in Schedule 2.

**6 Repeal**

CASA.MODEL.0027 Revision Initial is repealed.

**7 Duration**

This instrument:

- (a) commences on 6 February 2024; and
- (b) is repealed at the end of 6 August 2025.

## Schedule 1 General Conditions

1. The approved area for the operation of model aircraft is at *the club* field, Fowler Road, Cardinia, Victoria, situated at coordinate 38 08 18S, 145 26 42E, subject to the following conditions:

Model aircraft are not to be operated:

- (a) more than 1000 metres laterally, measured from the relevant operator; and
  - (b) above 1500 feet (457m) AGL.
  - (c) during non-daylight hours; and
  - (d) over major roads, persons or populous areas; and
  - (e) into cloud or fog.
2. A relevant operator must comply with:
    - (a) the club rules; and
    - (b) MAAA rules and procedures.
  3. The club must appoint a dedicated flight line observer, who is located at a distance from the relevant operator where direct verbal communication can be maintained when model aircraft operations are being conducted.
  4. The observer must:
    - (a) maintain a visual lookout for aviation traffic; and
    - (b) in the event that a conventionally piloted aircraft is identified operating in the vicinity of the operating area in schedule 1, condition 1, ensure that all model aircraft are operated below 400 feet AGL or are directed to land as soon as practicably safe to do so.
  5. The relevant operator must comply with any safety-related direction given by the observer.
  6. Persons not directly involved in the operation of model aircraft must be confined to areas no closer than 30 metres behind the flight line.
  7. Model aircraft must not be flown unless a current NOTAM advising of model aircraft operations is active, or a model aircraft symbol appears on the current AIP charts.

## **Schedule 2 Flying Display Conditions**

1. The display director is responsible for compliance with this instrument and any safety-related instruction, by all relevant display operators operating a model aircraft at the flying display.
2. A relevant display operator:
  - (a) must attend the daily pilot briefing, which will be notified by the flying display organiser at a time and place to be advised; and
  - (b) must comply with any safety-related direction given by the display director or the appointed safety officer; and
  - (c) may only fly display sequences that have been approved by the display director.

Note: This instrument does not confer on the MAAA any rights as against the owner or occupier of any land on or over which operations are conducted, or prejudice in any way, the rights and remedies which any person may have in law in respect of any injury to persons or damage to property resulting directly or indirectly from the operation.