

# MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



## ALCOHOL, DRUGS & MEDICAL CONDITION POLICY

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## ALCOHOL, DRUGS & ILLNESS POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The M.A.A.A. wishes to provide a safe environment for their Affiliate Members to participate and enjoy the sport of model aviation. An important aspect of this is that those flying model aircraft do not have their ability to do so safely inhibited by the use of alcohol, drugs (whether for medical or other purposes), or illness. This policy defines the standards that are expected to conform to this.

The M.A.A.A. condemns the use by competitors of substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency for the purposes of attempting to improve performance.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

<b>Affiliate Member</b> .....	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated to an M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member.
<b>A.S.A.C.</b> .....	Australian Sports Aviation Confederation Inc.
<b>FAI</b> .....	Federation Aeronautique Internationale
<b>M.A.A.A.</b> .....	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
<b>M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member</b> ..	A State Association properly affiliated with the M.A.A.A.
<b>Ordinary Member</b> .....	See M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member
<b>FAI Sporting Code</b> .....	An FAI Publication of General Regulations and Special Rules for Contests, Championships and Records.
<b>State Association</b> .....	See M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member
<b>WADA</b> .....	World Anti-Doping Agency

### 3. POLICY

#### 3.1 **Alcohol & Illegal Drugs**

When operating a model aircraft the pilot must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

In applying this, it is not possible in a normal model flying environment to specify, and measure a specific level at which the increasing effect of, for example alcohol, impairs performance sufficiently for any given individual. For this reason, alcohol or illegal drugs should not be consumed or used prior to, or during, participation in any model operations.

#### 3.2 **Drugs in Sport**

The M.A.A.A., as an affiliate of the FAI requires, that all its Affiliate Members abide by the FAI Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures as referred to in the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.

The M.A.A.A. is a member of A.S.A.C. all Affiliate Members must abide by the A.S.A.C. Policies on Drugs in Sport that covers the application of the FAI code in the Australian environment.

### **3.3 Medical Conditions**

Affiliate Members are expected to use their own judgment if they feel that either a short or long term condition would impair their ability to the point where there is an increased safety risk to themselves, fellow fliers or to the general public.

However, as a minimum, a person must not operate a model aircraft without competent supervision, taking into account the type of aircraft being flown, if their medical condition is such that it would contravene the requirements to be legally able to hold a motor vehicle driver licence or operate a motor vehicle in their State of residence. In this context, depending on the physical condition and type of model being flown, competent supervision could range anyway between being connected to an operating transmitter via a buddy chord and capable of recovering the model from a potential for an unsafe condition, to just being able to see, and fit enough, to recover a free flight model from a paddock.