

Medway Flyers Rules & Regulations:

There are rules and regulations to be adhered to whilst partaking in any power kite activity on the flying zones marked out on the Medway Flyers website.

The committee insists that you follow these rules and regulations at all times whilst using these sites for power kiting.

These rules and regulations are susceptible to change and the current version can always be found through the following addresses.

The Internet:

www.medwayflyers.co.uk

Or via email

merlin@medwayflyers.co.uk

Current Rules

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On any flying site shown on the Medway Flyers website, the committee insists that all club members adopt the BPKA Safety Guidelines and the Medway Flyers Code of Conduct along with the any rules and regulations or code of conduct that has been specified for that site.

These are shown below and are repeated throughout this site.

British Power Kitesports Association Safety Guidelines.

These guidelines cover Kite Buggy, Kite Landboarding, Power Kiting and Kite Surfing.

Site Assessment

All members must make reasonable endeavours to establish that the site with which they wish to use conforms to the following: -

- That use of the site does not constitute an illegal act.
- That the site is suitable for the activity with which they plan to participate.
- That in participating in the activity they are not causing distress to either livestock (farmed animals) or specifically horses whether ridden or not or people enjoying the use of the site.
- That they will not cause any damage to the site or properties around the site.
- That they will not endanger any adjacent roads or vehicle access points such that drivers, cyclists and horses/horse riders will be given cause for alarm which may lead to a possible accident.
- Please be aware that whilst you may feel that you are far enough away from a bridleway, path or right of way a horse may still panic if a kite looms into view. Please be vigilant.

Safe Participation

- Reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the participant in the activity has an acceptable level of control over the equipment.
- Should any difficulties arise a suitable area must be available at all times to allow recovery of any difficulties that may be incurred.
- It is advisable to wear appropriate safety equipment such that any minor incidents do not cause any personal injuries.
- Where possible do not participate alone in any activities.

External Influences

- Should the weather change in such a manner that may result in injury (thunderstorm, high wind) it is advisable to desist in the activities until the condition has passed.
- If requested by an official representing the owners or authorities of the site in use to leave the site please comply. If possible request their name, who they represent and who the main contact would be so that the club can lease with the owners/authorities to secure a mutually acceptable strategy to gain future access to the site.
- Should you or your equipment be damaged due to undue care of any other member of the public please do not become confrontational. If possible note any car registration details and report the matter to the local police stating dates, times and incident. Also, if possible take a photograph of the perpetrator and report them to the local authority/landowner etc.

Newcomers

If any newcomers are attempting to participate in the use of the site inform them of these guidelines.

Ask any newcomers if they carry any insurance, this may be any affiliated BPKA club/association insurance. Also point out that this insurance may need to be proven and that appropriate paperwork may need to be presented.

Encourage all newcomers to join the British Power Kitesports Association.

General

Always observe local rules and regulations before participating in your activity.

If you are unsure of any aspect of your equipment ask others for advice.

If you are new to the sport please ensure that you are not trying to participate in conditions that would outweigh your capability.

Always find a safe place free of people or obstacles to launch your kite.

Ensure that an appropriate adult supervises any children under 12 years old.

When you are not flying your kite put it away so that the space may be used for others.

Always check your equipment before each use, bridles, lines, wheels, nuts and bolts may be damaged or have become loose.

MEDWAY FLYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Power kiting of any type can be a fast and exhilarating sport and is subject to its own levels and degrees of danger. The voluntary code of conduct is intended to provide information and advice for both buggy pilots and spectators alike.

The participation in this exhilarating sport has been under pressure from concerned local authorities for some time and therefore it is respectfully requested that all Medway Flyers Sports Club Members adopt this code to demonstrate to the general public and local authorities, that we can be relied on to use flying sites in a responsible manner.

Actively promote the safe enjoyment of power kiting - advise members of the public of the potential dangers with power kiting and general power kite activities

Respect and obey any prohibition or advice notices posted by the landowner and/or controlling official(s)

Ensure you are in possession of current and specific third party Power Kite Sport Federation insurance which will be made available for inspection by landowners and/or controlling official(s)

Safely stake your kite out and do not leave it unattended. Weigh down the trailing edge of your kite with sand, mud, bean bags, your board, buggy, etc, where necessary.

Give way to any livestock and/or pedestrians - keep a safe distance and respect other land users!

All pilots should avoid riding over other peoples kite lines.

Do not drop or leave any litter - take it home with you

Park vehicles sensibly - do not obstruct rights of way or access points, it may be you that needs the Ambulance!

Always check either side of and behind you for obstacles before turning.

If a head to head collision is imminent both parties must take evasive action. The suggested route is that both parties turn right or stop.