
Mines Rocket Club General Launch Preparation Checklist

Flyer Name

Launch Date

Overseer Name

Rocket Name

Notes

Avionics Configuration

Computer Model

Serial Number

Drouge Delay

Drouge Charge Size

Main Altitude

Main Charge Size

Callsign

Channel / Frequency

Orientation

Baudrate

☐ 1 Pre-Departure

- 1.1 ☐ Test of all pyro charges (Pop Test).
- 1.2 ☐ Test fit of avionics and batteries.
- 1.3 ☐ Test recovery deployment via pull test.
- 1.4 ☐ Construct, label, and store pyro charges.
- 1.5 ☐ Ensure good fit of motor into motor mount and casing retention system.
- 1.6 ☐ Ensure presence of launch rail guide system.
 - 1.6.1 ☐ Flyaways

1.6.2 ☐ Lugs

1.6.3 ☐ Tower

1.7 ☐ Ensure appropriate paperwork

1.7.1 ☐ Certification Paperwork

1.7.2 ☐ Club Flight Card

1.7.3 ☐ Site Flight Card

☐ 2 Departure

2.1 ☐ Ensure all rocket components are together and labelled.

2.2 ☐ Ensure that all of the rocket's recovery devices are present if not already integrated into the rocket.

2.3 ☐ Ensure that all electronics and electronics support equipment needed is present.

2.4 ☐ If using pyro charges, ensure charges are packed correctly and labelled.

2.5 ☐ If tools are needed onsite, ensure they are present and packed to avoid damage.

2.6 ☐ If using flyaway rail guides, ensure presence.

☐ 3 Preflight

3.1 ☐ Ensure rail guides are installed.

3.2 ☐ Ensure avionics are functional outside rocket.

3.3 ☐ Ensure airframe is undamaged.

3.4 ☐ Ensure motor mounts & retention is undamaged.

3.5 ☐ Install avionics.

3.6 ☐ Construct motor per motor assembly guides.

3.7 ☐ Install motor.

3.8 ☐ Collect pyro charges from pyro box.

3.9 ☐ Install pyro charges (do not arm the flight computer).

3.10 ☐ Collect flight-time paperwork from paperwork storage.

3.11 ☐ Check out with Club Safety Officer

3.12 ☐ Check in with site RSO and/or Safety Officer

☐ 4 On Pad

- 4.1 ☐ Approach the rail.
- 4.2 ☐ Install rocket onto launch rail.
- 4.3 ☐ Orient the launch rail for launch.
- 4.4 ☐ Activate & arm the avionics.
- 4.5 ☐ If telemetry is present, check with base station for connectivity.
- 4.6 ☐ Retreat to the launch control area.
- 4.7 ☐ Upon launch:
 - 4.7.1 ☐ Assign a person for visual tracking.
 - 4.7.2 ☐ If using telemetry, communicate with the telemetry base station for position data.
 - 4.7.3 ☐ Wait for ground hit.
 - 4.7.4 ☐ Collect tracking information from visual tracking and others.
- 4.8 ☐ Ensure recovery party has radion communication with the base staion & depart.

☐ 5 Recovery

- 5.1 ☐ Take pictures of the rocket as found.
- 5.2 ☐ Collect all components of the rocket, as well as any waste that can be found.
- 5.3 ☐ If using avionics, deactivate and disarm.
- 5.4 ☐ Ensure the casing is still present and undamaged.
- 5.5 ☐ Take a visual inspection of the rocket.
- 5.6 ☐ Communicate to base station that the rocket has been recovered and the status of the casing and airframe.