Seasonal Model Checklist

Model	Date

Finish		
	Covering	Check fabric/covering for loose seams, fraying, tightness, and pulling free from structure.
	Fiberglass	Check for cracking, delaminating, and durability.
	Paint	Check for chipping, cracking, lifting, and touch up any hanger rash.
	Markings	Double check all markings if not painted on model to make sure they are not lifting.
Airframe		
	General Structure	Check all exposed internal structure elements are secure including servo trays, exposed formers, wing bolt plates, etc.
	Control Surfaces	Make sure all control surfaces are tight but not binding, and move within the needed range of motion.
	Hinges/Linkages	Verify that hinges are secure and none are broken or worn. Replace if needed. Verify all linkages are secure and not looser "sloppy".
	Balance	Verify center of gravity (CG) and lateral balance.
	Contact Info	Make sure your contact information is inside the aircraft.
	Other	Make sure all hatches, access panels, and cowl fasteners are secure and not worn/stripped.
	Cowl/Canopy	Make sure cowl and canopy are secure and not cracked or working loose.
Landing G	ear	
	General	Check general condition of landing gear / retracts for proper operation and clearance.
	Wheels	Inspect and verify they spin freely and check for tightness of wheel collars/nuts.
	Alignment	Verify all wheels track correctly.
	Air system	Verify air system holds air in both retract positions (if installed).
Fuel Syste	m	
	Fuel Tank	Check for leaks and check front screw for tightness. Verify fuel tank is secure in aircraft and that the clunk moves freely. Replace internal lines if necessary.
	Fuel Lines	Check for leaks and/or blockage. Replace if necessary.
	Filter/Pump	Check for stoppage. Clean or replace if necessary.
Engine & F	Propeller	
	Mounting	Make sure motor / engine is secured to mount.
	Muffler	Mounted securely and not leaking around exhaust manifold.
	Engine/Motor	Verify engine/motor is operating properly and safely.
	Propeller	Check for nicks or cracks and check propeller balance before mounting on engine.
	Spinner/Nut	Check condition and tightness.
Radio / Ele	ectrical	
	Servos	Verify all servos are securely mounted to the aircraft, operating properly, not binding, and servo arms secure.
	Receiver	Ensure it is mounted securely but protected by foam. Check antenna to ensure it's properly routed and secure.
	Switch(s)	Ensure they are functioning properly. Old switches can have worn contacts that lead to power interruption.
	Battery	Cycle and check charge level and capacity and replace if necessary.
	Extensions/Leads	Check all connectors and wires for fraying or breaks.
	Range Check	Range check model at flying field before flying it.