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Damage Assistance for Aircraft & Equipment at VSA Events

VSA events (competitions, coaching weeks and airworthiness training) rely on the support of aircraft from individuals and clubs, especially tug aircraft and two-seat gliders used for coaching purposes.

This policy is intended to encourage support for VSA events by providing financial assistance should damage occur to aircraft at an event or when ferrying to/from the event

1. VSA Events where the policy applies

- Horsham Week Competition
 - Horsham Coaching Week
 - Raywood Regatta (Bendigo GC)
 - VSA Airworthiness Courses
 - Other new events which are officially sanctioned by the VSA.
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| VSA State Competitions |
| VSA Alpine Coaching |
| VSA Alpine Regatta |
| VSA Instructor Training/Refresher Courses |

2.VSA Damages Cover

2.1 Extent of Damages Cover

The VSA will provide up to a maximum of \$3,000 in assistance, as follows:

- Insurance Excess and No Claims Bonus

In the event that an aircraft is damaged and an Insurance claim is made, the VSA will cover the insurance excess and consequent loss of no-claims bonus up to \$3,000.

- Minor Aircraft Damage

When aircraft damage is minor and does not warrant a claim on Insurance then the VSA will provide up to \$3,000 to assist the cost of minor repairs.

- Equipment

Where equipment, such as a base radio or maintenance tools, have been loaned for use at a VSA event and suffer damage or loss, the VSA will provide up to \$ 2,000 for repairs or replacement.

2.2 Eligibility & Exclusions

This policy applies to both private owners and clubs that supply:

- tug aircraft to VSA events,
- two-seat gliders utilised for coaching purposes at VSA events,
- any type of glider loaned to an Airworthiness course, and
- any equipment loaned to assist a VSA event.

In regard to flying events, this policy does **not** apply to :

- single seat gliders, and
- two-seat gliders which are not available to assist the event organiser with provision of coaching opportunities for event participants.

3. VSA Conditions for obtaining Damages Cover

3.1 Aircraft Insurance

Any eligible aircraft contributed to a VSA event will be accepted on the basis that the owner assumes full responsibility for providing appropriate insurance cover for any damage which may occur as a result of being used in the event. This cover may be by means of a commercial insurance policy or a self insurance scheme at the discretion of the owner.

Aircraft owners are required to hold a minimum of \$ 1,000,000 Third Party and Public Liability insurance cover. The GFA Broad Based Liability insurance provides this level of cover for gliders although it is recommended that owners consider taking additional insurance to ensure sufficient cover in the event of personal injury and/or property damage.

3.2 Reasonable Care

The VSA expects that event organisers will take all reasonable steps to ensure that contributed aircraft are protected from damage. However the VSA, event organisers and event volunteers do not take responsibility for any damage which may occur.

3.3 Pilots in Command and Aircraft Usage

Owners should specify the pilot/s in command of individual aircraft and any restrictions on the use of their aircraft. (e.g. paddock retrieves by tugs). For two-seat gliders made available for coaching, including pilots from other clubs, it will be with the agreement of the Instructor/Coach in command of the glider.

Any specific conditions on the use of aircraft should be agreed with the event organiser prior to the event.

4. Claiming Damages Cover

In the case of damage occurring, the event organiser is required to confirm the nature and circumstances of the damage and agree that payment from the "VSA Damage Policy" is justified.

Also the owner must provide the VSA with an explanation of the incident and documented proof of the cost of repairs or equipment replacement.

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VSA President, August 2017