

Plan for ASC pilots (gliding and LSA) to maintain currency during Covid-19 restrictions

ASC pilot currency requirements 5th May 2020

The ASC training panel seeks Committee approval for the following changes to the club's currency requirement for pilots to maintain currency.

1. The ASC policy regarding currency for glider pilots is 6 weeks, LSA pilots is 30 days. These limits to be suspended for all solo pilots, approved by the respective CFI for the period of the COVID19 restrictions. The ASC will follow the CASA policy of 3 circuits in the last 90 days during the COVID19 restrictions.
2. Should an ASC solo pilot wishes to maintain their currency the ASC will make its aircraft and facilities available to the pilot under the following conditions.
 - a. On each occasion the relevant CFI or delegate will approve the pilot's participation after consideration of the pilot's experience and previous consistency.
 - b. An LSA & gliding instructor will be present on the field each currency flying day.
 - c. For glider pilots, a gliding instructor will run a briefing at 10am outside the hangar prior to entering the hangars.
 - d. For LSA pilots, an LSA instructor will run a briefing session with the pilots outside the briefing room prior to the pilot entering the hanger.
3. The British Gliding Association document "Return to Flight Guidance" and "Pilot Currency Barometer" will be emailed to all members. Daily instructors will check pilots' understanding of the hazards associated with pilot "lay-off".

The ASC will continue to follow the South Australian government rules and guidelines in relation to COVID19. Strict social distancing requirements are to be met at all time, ie, minimum 1.5 metres separation, no more than 1 person per 4 square metres and no more than 10 people within the area.

Only club members who are not suffering from cold and flu like symptoms are permitted to use ASC aircraft.

If pilots have COVID19 or have been in contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID19 they are not to come to the airfield.

Conditions under which ASC pilots can maintain their currency.

All pilots:-

- Pilots are encouraged to maintain minimum currency as required by RAAus & GFA regulations
- Under no circumstances are students or passengers permitted in club aircraft.
- Flying of ASC aircraft will only occur on specific "currency days". Each "currency day" to be at least 3 days after the previous "currency day".
- Pilots are to email their respective CFI to register an interest in flying for the designated "currency day" (Wednesdays and Saturdays for LSA and Sundays and Thursdays for gliding). The CFI will manage the requests and notify the pilots which day and time they are allocated an aircraft to fly.
- Members who have access to privately owned LSA or self-launching sailplanes are permitted to fly at any time. It is permissible for these pilots to carry a passenger with whom they co-habit.
- Only one pilot per club aircraft on each "currency day"

- The clubrooms are to remain closed and are out-of-bounds, with access to the briefing room only limited to one person at a time and only for purposes associated with each flight
- In line with South Australian Government rules and guidelines, strict social distancing requirements are to be met at all time, ie, minimum 1.5 metres separation, no more than 1 person per 4 square metres and no more than 10 people within the area
- Daily inspections must only be done by the pilot flying the aircraft
- Prior to flying and after each flight all contact surfaces should be cleaned using the wipes supplied by ASC. Wipes and hand sanitiser are available in the Office, Briefing Room, Clubroom and on the buggy.

LSA:-

- LSA and tug pilots are to use their own headsets if possible. If not, use a club headset kept in the briefing room that has microphone muffs removed. The headset is thoroughly cleaned before and after use, by wipes supplied.
- All flying is to remain local, ie, in the vicinity of Gawler

Gliding:-

- Should assistance be required to move aircraft in and out of hangars great care must be exercised to maintain social distancing and to minimise surface cross-contamination issues.
- All gliding flights must be conducted in a manner that will ensure there is a low risk of an out-landing,
- Wherever possible pilots should use their own vehicle for retrieving their glider post landing
- The gliding buggy should only be driven by one person per “currency day” – no passengers are permitted
- Tug pilots are encouraged to maintain minimum currency as required by GFA regulations
- To comply with the one pilot per aircraft on each “currency day” two tug pilots may operate, each in a different tug

The above plan will be reviewed and updated as required at each “Training Panel” meeting.

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