

VISITING PILOTS AND RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

INTRODUCTION

From time to time people wish to visit Gawler aerodrome to use the airfield and/or the facilities owned by the club. Some have their own aircraft and some wish to fly in aircraft owned by the club.

Examples of use by non-ASC members of Gawler aerodrome airfield and/or club aircraft include:

- A visiting pilot may wish to hire or lease a club-owned aircraft;
- A pilot of a powered aircraft may wish to land at Gawler for a short stay;
- A pilot may bring their own aircraft to the aerodrome in a trailer and wish to assemble it and fly from Gawler aerodrome;

In addition, crew and non-flying visitors may wish to use the facilities of the club while on the aerodrome.

The club welcomes visitors from all segments of the sport aircraft community. This By Law sets out the conditions under which visiting pilots may use the aerodrome and facilities, while at the same time allowing the club to discharge its legal and financial responsibilities.

As well as assisting intending visitors, the By Law is intended to help office staff, flight coordinators, instructors and club members to respond easily to enquiries on what the requirements are when a visiting pilot wishes to fly with the ASC.

DEFINITIONS

In this By Law:

“Aircraft” means powered aircraft or glider, irrespective of certification category.

“Pilot” means a pilot wishing to take instruction and/or fly as a pilot in command. It does not include a person undertaking an air experience flight or a flight as a passenger.

PRINCIPLES

(1) All necessary legal requirements must be satisfied.

This means that the pilot and the aircraft must be licenced for the proposed activities – see implementation section of this document for details. Note however that the club will not check the licencing or certification of visiting powered aircraft or their pilots.

(2) The person must be competent for the proposed activity

Where piloting of aircraft owned by the ASC is concerned this means the relevant CFI must be satisfied that the person is capable of safe flight. This will involve a check flight unless the CFI or his delegate deems otherwise.

(3) If the activity is to occur at Gawler aerodrome, the person must be fully aware of local airspace rules and radio procedures

This may involve a site check.

(4) The person must be prepared to pay fees at such rates as the club determines

It is the responsibility of the person concerned to ascertain the flying rates for the activity proposed. The rates will be made available on request to the person concerned before they start flying.

(5) **Time of stay and frequency of use:** While we welcome visitors, a person cannot base an aircraft on the aerodrome for more than 30 days without becoming a member. The same limit applies to the time a person can operate in club-owned aircraft without becoming a member of the club. The decision of the club Committee as to whether an aircraft is based at Gawler aerodrome shall be final.

(6) **Club members will normally receive preference in allocation of aircraft**

The exception to this will be if the club accepts a booking e.g. from an overseas pilot for a lease during a contest.

(7) **Behavior:** Visitors whether flying or not must not cause a nuisance or danger, and comply with reasonable directions given on behalf of the club. Conditions of the Liquor Licencing Act must be observed.

(8) **Insurance:** Pilots must comply with such insurance requirements as the club specifies.

IMPLEMENTATION

Details applying to particular situations are set out in the attachment forming part of this document, which is meant to be a quick reference to be used in answering queries.

APPROVAL HISTORY

Version 1: Originally approved in Committee on 24/11/92 as “Honorary Membership of Visitors from other Clubs or National Gliding Associations”.

Version 2: Approved in ASC Committee on 19 April 2011 as v2.0

CONDITIONS FOR PILOTS VISITING GAWLER AERODROME

Visiting glider pilots wishing to fly an ASC-owned glider for casual use (up to 30 days per year)

Club rates will apply for both tows and glider use. The CFI or his delegate will check that the person is a member of the GFA and another gliding club, or an equivalent accepted by the GFA.

Visiting glider pilots wishing to fly an ASC-owned glider on lease

Special rates apply – see current club price list. Again, the CFI or his delegate will check that the person is a member of the GFA and another gliding club, or an equivalent accepted by the GFA.

Visiting glider pilots bringing their own glider for casual use (outside of competitions)

The ASC will provide tows at club rates. The CFI or his delegate will satisfy himself that the person is a member of the GFA and another gliding club, or an equivalent accepted by the GFA.

Pilots wishing to undertake RAAust training without becoming a member of the ASC

Such a pilot must be a member of RAAust. If they elect not to be a member of the ASC different (higher) charge rates apply as per the club's charge sheet.

Visiting pilots of powered aircraft (RAAust or GA) or self-launching gliders, in their own aircraft

Such pilots wishing to visit the Gawler aerodrome shall seek prior permission, which will be withheld only in the case of operational conflict, aircraft unsuitability or concern about the capability of the pilot. The club takes no responsibility for checking licences or other legal matters for this category of visitor. Airfield use charges may apply as per the club's current price list.

No visiting aircraft may be kept on the aerodrome for more than 30 days without the owner becoming a club member, unless the ASC Committee so determines.

Competitions, regattas, fly-ins etc.

Special conditions and rates may apply as announced for the event.

Basing aircraft on Gawler aerodrome

Any person wishing to base their aircraft on Gawler aerodrome (whether outside or in a hangar owned by a club member) must apply to the club's Committee for approval (see By Law 1).