

RULES

GRASSLANDS FLYING CLUB

- 1) These rules can be changed by the Management Committee of GFC or at an Annual General Meeting. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that he/she has the latest version of the rules.
- 2) The wilful violation of these rules will result in the suspension of flying privileges at the field. These rules will be strictly enforced. Violations may result in the revocation of flying privileges at the Grasslands Field.

ALL MEMBERS

- 3) No Club assets or facilities may be used unless the rules below are observed.
- 4) Any infringement of these rules will be subject to such penalties as may be imposed or decided from time to time by the Committee as stipulated in the constitution.
- 5) A member in good standing is any person -
 - a) whose Membership has been approved by the Committee;
 - b) whose subscriptions are fully paid (also include payment arrangements);
 - c) whose all other commitments are fully paid;
 - d) who is the holder of a valid pilot licence;
 - e) who is not under investigation by affiliating or governing bodies and
 - f) who is not awaiting a disciplinary hearing.
- 6) All temporary members will be considered members in good standing, with all the privileges of a full member, but will have no voting rights.
- 7) A student pilot is a person who at the time receives instruction from a valid and authorised instructor, either commissioned by the Management Committee or by a Service Provider.

FLYING AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 8) No pilot will be allowed to use any Club facility unless he/she is a member in good standing.
- 9) Approval of club membership will be subject to the following criteria -

- a) A duly completed application form has been received by the Management Committee;
 - b) Committee approval;
 - c) Full payment of membership fee;
 - d) Full payment of joining fees;
 - e) Full payment of container/hangar hire (if applicable);
 - f) Full payment of container space hire (if applicable);
 - g) Full payment of any other relevant service.
- 10) Only Pilots holding a valid pilots license, issued by SACAA and/or RAASA and student Licenses issued by the controlling director as listed in CATS will be allowed to make use of Grassland's Field.
- 11) Visiting pilots from other countries must provide membership of an acknowledged or an approved foreign license issued by RAASA under CATS and manage by the approved controlling director.
- 12) No pilot will be allowed to take-off without ensuring that they understand the content of these rules.
- 13) Membership fees and other outstanding monies should be settled within 30 days of GFC invoice. In certain circumstances payment arrangements can be made, but nobody will be allowed to fly without all fees having been paid or honouring payment arrangements.
- 14) Annual membership fees are payable on a pro-rata basis. The financial year for GFC is from 01 January to 31 December.
- 15) Membership fees are defined in Annexure A.

PILOT RESPONSIBILITY

- 16) Pilots are responsible for the condition of their aircraft and no flying is allowed if equipment is not fit for flying.
- 17) Pilots are responsible for ensuring that all flying as well as flight training is conducted strictly in accordance with the Civil Aviation Regulations and Technical Standards.
- 18) No member shall be allowed to fly on his own without having qualified as Pilot. No visiting pilot shall be allowed to continue flying on his own should it become evident that such pilot is not competent to fly unassisted.

TRAINING AND STUDENT PILOTS

- 19) Students are not allowed to fly if a qualified instructor is not present and in radio connection with him/her.
- 20) Students are not allowed to land within 50 meters of the normal take-off area.
- 21) Students have right of way when in the circuit.

INCIDENTS & ACCIDENTS

- 22) Every flying member shall immediately report incidents to the Safety Officer or a Committee Member, if possible.
- 23) All members must, as soon as possible, report any hazard or incident that could adversely affect the safety of flight and ground operations at Grasslands, to the Flight Safety Officer.

NOISE ABATEMENT

- 24) The areas north and east of Grasslands are noise sensitive areas. Noise abatement procedures will be adhered to at all times.
- 25) Club members will not overfly Erasmia below an altitude of 5600 ft AMSL.

TAKE-OFF AREA AND ARRANGEMENTS

- 26) The Instructor on duty, or the Safety Officer in his absence will indicate the circuit direction. This must be adhered to at all times. Should no Safety Officer be present, or if three or more pilots are airborne, all pilots will fly in the circuit direction mutually agreed upon between active pilots. All manoeuvres outside the general pattern must be timeously called so that other pilots can take appropriate action.
- 27) No pilot shall start his motor within the pit area. Aircraft must be started at the designated starting areas which are marked by the red markers in front of the container area.
- 28) All pilots shall take care that their motor wind flow does not blow towards any other person, wing or equipment in or around the pit area.

- 29) No pilot shall run their motors in within a distance of 50 meters from the container area.
- 30) No pilot shall stand on or near the take-off area except during take-off, landing or when somebody is assisted. Otherwise all pilots shall stand inside the designated pilots' area.
- 31) A pilot who desires to execute a fast or slow low pass shall not execute such low pass within 100 meters of the take-off area.
- 32) The official frequency is 125.800. Prior to landing or takeoff pilots shall broadcast on Special Rules Traffic, 125.800 and inform landing and takeoff. Instructors will monitor and do regular broadcast on 125.800. If training is taken place instructors will inform PPG/PPT/PPC/PG pilots to switch to 119.10. During training all PPG/PPC/PPT/PG pilots will be on 119.100 as indicated by instructor while flying or entering the approved training area. Exiting the training area standard RT rules apply and pilots will switch over to 125.800 PPG/PPC/PPT/PG request instructions from the instructor, All other traffic (Fix wings, Microlights etc) will stay on 125.800 at all times":
- 33) No pilot shall, at any time, fly over the containers and house area, pit area, spectator area or car park.

JOINING PROCEDURES

- 34) Incoming PPG/PPT/PPC & PG will join GF from the NW and NE side of the field at an altitude 500 feet AGL. All other aircraft will follow standard unmanned airfield procedure.
- 35) Standard unmanned rules apply when joining Grasslands unless instruction is taking place.
- 36) During Training all pilots will join the circuit and wait for instructors instructions.

LANDING FEES

- 37) Visiting pilots are welcome to fly in. The club committee reserves the right to ask / charge landing fees if deemed necessary.

RADIO

- 38) The frequency of 125.8 MHz shall be used by qualified pilots within the confines of the Grasslands Flying Area unless instructed otherwise by instructor doing training.
- 39) Exiting Grassland airspace all pilots must immediately switch over to 125.800 monitor and do the necessary broadcast.
- 40) Pilots may use frequency 123.45 whenever they fly together but ONLY while monitoring 125.800 on dual band radio. Under no circumstances are pilots allowed to switch from 125.800 to 123.456 unless 125.800 could be monitored.
- 41) No pilot is allowed to fly without radio communication. Should radio difficulties be experienced, pilots should head back to Grasslands Field and land as soon as possible.

PARACHUTING

- 42) No parachuting will take place except with the written approval of the Management Committee. The Committee will inform all members via e-mail and SMS of the arrangements and intentions of the parachutists.

EQUIPMENT SAFETY

- 43) Grasslands Sport Club will not be held liable in the case of any loss or damage.
- 44) In the event of incident or accident, pilots will follow the prescribed emergency operating procedures. No member except the Club Chairman shall make any statements about, or release details of such occurrence, to the media or any unauthorized person.

NIGHT FLYING

- 45) Night flying it is totally forbidden. However, operation and use of the facility are allowed under visual flight rules (VFR) as per CATS but only with approval of the controlling director.

MODEL AIRCRAFT

46) The flying of model aircraft at the Grasslands field shall be subject to the specific approval of the Safety Officer prior to commencement, and shall take place at the designated area to the south-west of the containers.

FIREWORKS, PYROTECHNICS AND DANGEROUS GOODS

47) No fireworks, pyrotechnical devices or any other dangerous goods may be brought into the confines of the Grasslands Field.

CONTAINER AND HANGAR OWNERS

48) Only fully paid up members may own hangars or containers.

49) Hangar and container owners may only rent surplus space for periods exceeding 30 days to other in good standing, full Grasslands Sport Club members.

50) The responsibility rests with the hangar and container owner to ensure his/her lessees are members in good standing.

51) Complete and detailed plans for modifications to hangars must be submitted to the Management Committee for approval. This must be done before commencement of any construction. Failure to follow this procedure may lead to the termination or suspension of membership, or a fine as the Committee sees fit.

52) Hangar and container owners are responsible for the installation and cost of electricity provision to their hangars. This is a privilege and not a right. Electricity may be cut or permanently cancelled based on supply. Only 5 Amp breakers will be available to a container and a first come first server principle will be applicable.

53) A monthly site rental is levied on hangar and container owners by the Grasslands Sport Club. This amount includes electricity and water. This is pre-payable.

54) Hangar and container owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their hangars/containers, which include maintaining a three-meter zone surrounding the hangar.

55) The Club Safety Officer shall be provided access to hangars by owners at reasonable times and by prior appointment, in order to carry out inspections.

- 56) Club members and especially hangar and container owners shall at all times cooperate with, and observe any reasonable request by the Club Safety Officer.
- 57) In the case of a member intending to offer his hangar or container for sale, such hangar/container may be advertised on the Club notice board and through the Club communication media.
- 58) Prior to concluding a sale, approval of the sale must be obtained from the Club Committee. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 59) Failure to comply with the club "hangar/container owner rules" will permit the club to lock the hangar until the situation is resolved. Failing successful resolution the club may expel the member and settle outstanding debt by selling the hangar/container by auction to qualifying persons and reassigning the land to the new lessee.
- 60) Container and hangar owners must at all times have a serviced fire extinguisher available.

TENDER PROCEDURES

- 61) Tenders will be administered, allocated and managed as follows-
- a) Tender documents will be prepared by the Tender Committee.
 - b) Prospected Service Providers will be informed about new tenders as follows:
 - i) Published on the Club's web site.
 - ii) Directly invitation to tender.
 - iii) By means of the member network, ie Whats-up, etc.
 - c) A closing date will be included in the tender documents.
 - d) All tenders submitted on tender day will be documented in a Tender Register.
 - e) The Tender Committee will ensure that all tenders comply with the requirements for Service Providers.
 - f) Tenders will be opened in the presence of at least two members of the Tender Committee.
 - g) The recommended tender will be submitted to the Management Committee which will make a final decision.
 - h) The Service Provider will be informed within 24 hours of the decision of the Management Committee.

GENERAL

- 62) Driving of vehicles on the field is forbidden unless by special authority of the Safety Officer, in case of an emergency or during winch operation by ATO.
- 63) No pilot shall consume alcohol prior to or during his flying any aircraft.
- 64) All visiting pilots are required to be fully paid-up pilots registered to any approved ARO.
- 65) No children or any other unauthorised person shall be allowed in the take-off and landing area. No children shall be allowed in the front of the container area as well as at the take-off area without proper supervision.
- 66) No other pets shall be allowed outside vehicles at any time.
- 67) Pilots shall warn bystanders not to stand in line with rotating props.
- 68) Pilots may not fly in any manner that could be hazardous to anyone at the field.
- 69) Avoid low altitude passes and close in aerobatics when the field is congested.
- 70) Courtesy will be shown to all pilots, especially new pilots. Allow them the air space they may require.
- 71) Grasslands is a non-racist environment and any offensive behaviour may lead to immediate disciplinary action.
- 72) No noisy engines are allowed to be operated at the field. (a DB meter will be arranged for testing purposes if an engine is thought to be noisy.) Max. 93db
- 73) Flying before 07h00 near Erasmia or other residential areas is not allowed.
- 74) Littering in all forms, including cigarette butts must be disposed of into the appropriate bins.
- 75) No fuel filling may take place on any grass surface. All fillings must be done in containers or on the cement surface in front of the containers.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- 76) All persons, members as well as non-members, will be responsible to pay for any damages caused to club property or property of the adjacent buildings and/or facilities; whether caused by themselves, minor children in their care, friends, family or any other person(s) they may have invited or accompanied them to the club, or by any other person(s) for whose actions they are legally responsible.
- 77) The committee may from time to time determine an amount payable by members which is compulsory for all persons/members while training, flying, handling or making use of any club facility in any way.

TROPHY CRITERIA

- 80) Trophies will annually be awarded as follows:
- a) Pilots Pilot
 - b) Best Pilot for the year (PPG and/or FW)
 - c) Best student of the school (by the ATO's)

HANGERS

- 81) The number of fixed wing hangers are limited to thirty (30).

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CHAIRMAN
(GRASSLANDS FLYING CLUB)

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