



Pilots Arriving by Ground Policy

Commitment

The Porepunkah Airfield Association (PAA) is committed to managing the Porepunkah Airfield for the benefit of users whilst maintaining safety and a positive relationship with neighbours in the Buckland Valley and the Alpine Shire who own the airfield.

Scope

This policy relates to airfield operations for users who arrive by ground. There are many uses for the Porepunkah Airfield for pilots who arrive by ground. These include paraglider and hang gliders doing ground handling or towing, foot launched aircraft such as para-motors, powered self launching aircraft arriving on trailers such as trikes and aero-chutes and sailplanes. Each form of aviation has its own unique set of safety requirements when using the airfield which are set out below.

Registration

All visiting aircraft arriving by ground are required to register online their intent to use the runway on the Porepunkah Airfield website at www.ypok.org.au.

Paragliding and Hang Gliding Ground Handling & Towing

Paragliding and hang gliding ground handling or towing at the airfield must follow the procedures set out in the SAFA Ground Handling at Aerodromes Procedure. This includes items such as;

- Notifying the duty ARO that you are undertaking towing or ground handling.
- Constant monitoring of a VHF radio by one licensed operator for air traffic, advising traffic of ground handling operations and moving off the runway when in traffic is in the circuit.
- Displaying the gliding marker at the base of the windsock during operations.

Para-motoring

Foot launching or tricycle launch of para-motors is allowable subject to the following conditions;

- Pilot must carry a VHF radio, be licensed and be able to communicate effectively with aircraft in the circuit.
- Other aircraft have right of way when arriving or departing from the airfield.
- Following take-off para-motors must leave the vicinity of the airfield and only return to land, due to noise sensitivity in the area. Circuits or continuous flying around the airfield is prohibited.
- Fly neighbourly no-fly areas must be obeyed.

Trikes and Aero-chutes

Trikes and aero-chutes arriving by road are allowable subject to the following conditions;

- Pilot must carry a VHF radio, be licensed and be able to communicate effectively with aircraft in the circuit.
- Usual circuit procedures apply

- Following take-off aircraft must leave the vicinity of the airfield and only return to land, due to noise sensitivity in the area. Circuits or continuous flying around the airfield is prohibited.
- Fly neighbourly no-fly areas must be obeyed

Sailplanes

Sailplanes arriving by road and then using an aero-tow may use the airfield subject to the following conditions;

- Obtain permission from the Duty ARO.
- Pilot must carry a VHF radio, be licensed and be able to communicate effectively with aircraft in the circuit.
- Must display gliding marker on the ground at the base of the windsock prior to takeoff. Markers are located in a drum at the base of the windsock.

Radio Control (R/C) Models & Drones

R/C models and drones may use the airfield subject to the following conditions;

- Operator is either a member of the Bright Radio Control Model Club (BRCMC) or accompanied by a club member and briefed on safe airfield operations.
- Operator must be able to monitor the CTAF frequency of 126.000MHZ and upon hearing an aircraft in the circuit land R/C aircraft
- Operators must follow rules set down by CASA and the Alpine Shire for operations at Porepunkah Airfield.

Overnight Car Parking

Overnight car parking for any period longer than 10 days is not allowed without prior approval in writing from the PAA.

How do I check if I am doing the right thing?

Further information on the policy can be found out by either phoning the Duty ARO on mobile 0490 175 178 or by visiting www.ypok.org.au

Responsibilities

Duty ARO to be the point of contact for questions

Pilots Arriving by Ground Policy questions and feedback

If you would like a copy of this policy, or if you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at: info@ypok.org.au

Legislation, Standards and Agreements

N/A

Related internal documents

SAFA Ground Handling at Aerodromes Procedure

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