

BY LAW 4 – VISITING PILOTS

INTRODUCTION

From time to time, people wish to visit Gawler aerodrome to use the airfield and/or the facilities owned by Adelaide Soaring Club (“**the Club**” or “**ASC**”). 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 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, this 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 licensed for the proposed activities – refer Conditions attachment of this By-law for details. Note however that the Club will not check the licensing 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, the relevant CFI must be satisfied that the person is capable of safe flight. This will involve a check flight, unless the relevant CFI or their 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.

(5) **Time of stay and frequency of use:** While the Club welcomes 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 must comply with reasonable directions given on behalf of the Club. Conditions of the South Australian Liquor Licensing Act must be observed.

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

CONDITIONS

Details applying to particular situations are set out in Attachment 1 to this document, which is intended as a quick reference 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

Version 2.1: Changed rates for visiting glider pilots; changed GFA to Gliding Australia, approved by resolution of the ASC Committee at its meeting on 23 April 2024.

Version 3: Delated reference to specific glider and tug charge rates to be applied to visitors – now referenced in By-Law 9. Approved by resolution of the ASC Committee at its meeting on 25th February 2025.

ATTACHMENT 1 - CONDITIONS FOR PILOTS VISITING GAWLER AERODROME

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

The CFI or their delegate will check that the person is a member of Gliding Australia and another gliding Club, or an equivalent accepted by Gliding Australia.

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

Special rates apply, which will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. The CFI or their delegate will check that the person is a member of Gliding Australia and another gliding Club, or an equivalent accepted by Gliding Australia.

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

The CFI or their delegate will check that the person is a member of Gliding Australia and another gliding Club, or an equivalent accepted by Gliding Australia.

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

Such a pilot must be a member of RAAus. If they elect not to be a member of the ASC, different (higher) charge rates will apply as per the Club's price list.

Visiting pilots of powered aircraft (RAAus or General Aviation) 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 each 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 in accordance with By Law 1.