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BHPA Rules for Individual Flying Members

1. Pilots must comply with Air Law.

2. All accidents and incidents must be reported to the BHPA using the Incident Report Form, ideally within 48 hours, or as soon as possible thereafter. Any fatal or potentially fatal accident must also be reported to the police and the Air Accidents Investigation Branch immediately.

3. Pilots involved in any type of incident that could lead to an insurance claim must not admit fault or liability.

4. A well-fitting helmet must be worn whenever connected to a Hang Glider or Paraglider (including any powered variant of these). The helmet should be CE marked EN966, EN 1077 Class A, ASTM 2040, or SNELL RS98 (Snow Sports).

5. Members engaging in activities involving others (for example providing Coaching, Instructing, Dual Flying, Towing, Aerotowing) must hold the appropriate BHPA licence(S) for that activity. They must also comply with the requirements set out in the BHPA Technical Manual.

6. BHPA members should fly acceptably certificated aircraft. Members who choose to fly an uncertified aircraft with no acceptable independent verification of its airworthiness may fly with only one person on board.

7. When flying from club sites, pilots should familiarise themselves, and comply with, the club site rules.

8. Members must only fly when fit to do so.

9. Members must restrict their participation in activities contained in the BHPA Approved Activities matrix to those for which they hold a BHPA qualification, or a qualification explicitly approved by the BHPA.

10. Members must not act in a manner which brings, or may bring the sport in general into disrepute.

Recommendations

The BHPA Pilot Handbook sets out recommended practice.