

The Pico Club inc Fly-In's

Organizers information

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The following has been established to provide a methodology for organising Pico Club approved (and therefore HGFA approved) Fly-In's.

It is the goal of Pico Club fly-in's to provide the safest event for pilots and spectators alike where pilots can interact and learn from each other whilst enjoying the sport of flying.

It is every pilots individual responsibility to ensure their own, and others safety, as required by law and their license restrictions. Pilots are also individually responsible for their own compliance with the HGFA Operations Manual and the air laws within Australia to the level of their own license restrictions. The reason for HGFA approved fly-in's is that HGFA members and associate members of the HGFA are insured for public liability for loss and damages to 3rd parties.

Premises insurance is also part of the HGFA insurance covering the Pico Club for club activities .

One of the organizers of a Pico Club approved Fly-in must be a member of the HGFA and is as such covered under the HGFA general insurance policy for personal liability.

The following sets out the recommendations that The Pico Club inc. has established for the organizers of such events.

General principles.

The organization, operation and management of the event shall be carried out by a sub committee of The Pico Club inc. This sub committee is preferably to consist of a minimum of two persons.

A Senior Safety Officer or Safety Officer shall be appointed to co-ordinate planning and oversee daily safety aspects of the event.

If no SSO or SO is available, a Duty Pilot needs to be appointed.

The SSO/SO or DP responsibility is as defined in the HGFA Operations Manual and additional to include:

- The assurance of a daily safety briefing to participants.
- Establishment of a site plan which separates operations from spectators.

Note: The minimum qualifications for a Duty Pilot are outlined in the HGFA Operations manual and are: A minimum of Intermediate Pilot certificate or higher and either:

(i) a minimum of 80 hours flying experience in hang gliders or paragliders of the type of aircraft being supervised; or

(ii) a minimum of 50 hours flying experience in hang gliders or paragliders of the type of aircraft being supervised with previous flying experience at the site used on the day.

Safety shall be responsibility of every person that attends the fly-in being either a flying participant or non flying participant. This underlying principal should be clearly communicated by the sub committee and SSO/SO/DP to all attending to ensure that all are aware of their obligations in regards to safety.

Safety is not the sole responsibility of the organizers.

All flying activities during the fly-in must adhere to the current Civil Aviation laws as defined in the Orders and within the HGFA Operations Manual or if flying RAAus administered aircraft then as defined under the RAAus Operations Manual.

Operational principles

Anyone planning to fly during the fly-in is to be strongly encouraged to be registered with the organizers of the fly-in prior to engaging in any flight operations.

Pilots need to be holders of current and valid HGFA or RAAus pilot certifications (or similar) for the type of aircraft that they fly, unless under direct supervision by an approved instructor.

Mandatory requirements in order to be approved as a Pico Club event

In preparation of the fly-in, the sub-committee organising the fly-in will define:

- Fly-In operational dates and times
- Car parking area
- Spectator / operation separation
- Identification of landing and take-off area
- Identification of Motor maintenance area

During the fly-in, the SSO/SO/DP appointed to the fly-in should.

- Ensure that encouragement for registration takes place.
- Conduct or appoint a person to conduct a formal daily Pilot Safety Briefing during the fly-in.
- Provide information on local hazards.
- Provide an equipped First Aid post, identify First Aid personnel if present at the event and provide information regarding ambulance services.
- Provide daily weather reports.
- Provide emergency contact methods (UHF CB / mobile etc).