

SAFA Operations Manual Update



OPERATIONS BULLETIN

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Hello All,

On January 3rd, today, an updated SAFA Operations Manual came into effect and is now available on the SAFA website.

So, what's changed?

You will notice that the sections on Training and Maintenance are no longer there. They have been moved into their own, stand-alone manuals. Interim versions of these are manuals available in the SAFA online Documents area. Look under *Manuals* to find them

Other changes to the contents include:

- Better definition of coaching;
- Better definition of on-site supervision;
- The requirement for pilots to obey all directions from emergency services personnel;
- Improvements to “Self-Regulation/Pilot” requirements.
- Recommendations regarding interactions with the media;
- CFIs and FIs must report all accidents;
- Fatality reporting and on-site procedures;
- Helmet use is now mandatory for **all** SAFA flight and training operations;
- An update to the pilot and instructor health standards;
- An update on flight notifications;
- An update on registration of aircraft over 70 kg.;
- Reference to noise control regulations;
- An update on operations in airspace above 10,000 feet;
- Reference to UTC/GMT;
- An update on tandem (PAX) endorsements;
- Updates to limitations of operations for pilots at higher rated sites;
- A minor update of the speed wing endorsement definition;
- A new Waterborne WM endorsement;
- Updates on SDAs (Specified Delegated Authority);
- Alignment of maintenance endorsements to L1 and L2 (RAA Equivalent);
- Recognition of the Principles and Methods PMI course as an Instructor pre-requisite;
- Changes to the Biennial Airworthiness Inspection (BAI) requirements for SAFA registered weight shift microlights (WM) aircraft;
- Requirement for pilots to hold all mandatory endorsements required for their certification on renewal e.g. VHFOPS endorsement (pilots will have until 30/06/2020 to comply or face possible suspension of their flight certifications);
- Update of the CFI renewal process;
- Update to the FTF approval process.

To assist you in reading the manual, sections are marked with an amber vertical line in the left margin where changes have occurred.

SSO Authority: As determined at the last Instructor Conference, SSO’s no longer have the authority to issue certificates or endorsements. Where a region is not adequately serviced by a FTF or Instructors a suitable person, with the support of

their local club, may apply for a SDA to cater for needs in that area. These will be assessed on a case by case basis and privileges clearly defined.

Until next time, safe, fun flying

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