

Guideline for Paragliding -Air Based Adventure Tourism Activities

For Registration with Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

1. INTRODUCTION

Paragliding is a wide canopy resembling a parachute is attached to a person's body by a harness in order to allow them to glide through the air after jumping from or being lifted to a height.

2. BASIC OPERATING PROCEDURE / GUIDE LINE

Sites and operating altitudes

- a) The limited airspace in the Control Zones and Uncontrolled Airspace Reporting Areas (UCARA) is shared among all local airspace users, such as helicopters and light aircraft.
- b) The paragliding activities are frequently carried out during daylight in the demarcated areas.
- c) To notify airspace users of the paragliding activities, designated sites, boundaries, and operating altitudes are available in the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) operating website.
- d) Paraglider pilots must carry out activities within demarcated areas to ensure safety.
- e) Paraglider pilots shall also avoid activities over or land on any bathing beaches or private premises without permission from the landowners.
- f) Paraglider pilots should obtain the clearance from Nevins Intelligence Bureau (NIB).
- g) Paragliding site must be cleared by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to conduct Paragliding activities.

2.1. Before the flight

Paraglides pilots must;

- a) Ensure that they are appropriately competent and fit to conduct the paragliding activity.
- b) Ensure to obtain approval from relevant authorities and the flight plan are forward to the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) flight operations / control room.
- c) Ensure to hold valid comprehensive liability insurance cover for the activity.
- d) Be familiar with the site including the boundaries of sites as published on the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) website.
- e) Be aware of potential risk and management of same.
- f) Check the weather condition of the site to ensure it is suitable for the paragliding activity.

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- g) Ensure that the paraglider, harness, and safety equipment are in good condition with no tears, broken lines, frayed webbing and operating within the weight limits of the equipment.
- h) Perform a pre-flight check on the equipment before inflating the wing on followings,
 - i. Harness leg straps are fastened
 - ii. Wing is connected in the correct orientation
 - iii. Speed system is attached
 - iv. Brake lines are not twisted
 - v. Reserve parachute pins are secured

2.2. Inspection, service ability and storage

- a) Periodical inspection must carry out by the user and must be recorded in maintenance record book for reference. Also, damages, repairs, modifications must record in the same book for airworthiness inspections.
- b) Pilot log book and reserve packing data cards must be maintained.
- c) Proper storage procedure must be carried out according to the manufacture's recommendation

2.3. Minimum Age Limit

Minimum age limit to fly paraglider is 16 years.

2.4. Operating conditions

Paragliding activities shall only be conducted during day light and in visual meteorological conditions. Paraglider pilots must remain clear of clouds and the ground condition all times.

3. SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Solo paraglider pilots need to have a certification from a recognized Aviation Training school or valid license to operate.

3.1. During the flight, paraglider pilots are advised to;

- a) Always maintain a good lookout and avoid collision with other paragliders / aircraft following applicable rules and internationally-recognized practices.
- b) The paraglider pilot must comply with prevailing weather conditions, and proficiency maneuverability of the paraglider.
- c) Keep a safe distance from people and property on ground, and ensure that no person and property would be endangered by the paragliding activities.

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- d) Fly within the limits of requirement / abilities of the paraglider equipment.
- e) Be cautious of sudden change of weather conditions and land immediately if weather deteriorates.
- f) Flying or attempt to fly gliders under influence of liquor is prohibited.

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS / APPROVALS

- a) Obtain clearance to purchase para glider from Ministry of Defense, Civil Aviation Authority, Sri Lanka Air Force and Department of Import and Export Control
 - b) Operator must register with the Civil Aviation Authority
 - c) Obtain airworthiness clearance certificate.
 - d) Operations Manual certified by Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).
- (Import Para glider without obtaining the approval from above authorities will be a violation of Aviation Law and subject to be penalized.)