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## Safety Notice to all Members – Jan 2018

RE- GFC Official Radio Procedures, GFC (Grasslands Flying Club) Airspace and restrictions and as well as surrounding airspace restrictions and rules (vers1.2)

To All GFC Pilots, visiting pilot, Students (see also [http://www.epic-aviation.co.za/?page\\_id=1509](http://www.epic-aviation.co.za/?page_id=1509))

Over the last year GFC grew, not only on PPG/PPT&PPC but with new microlights & Gyros. We implemented very specific rules at GFC to accommodate the schools/Students but also the pilot. After consulting and meetings with ATNS Consultants, the decision was made on how GFC freq. will work and rules around it.

Ignorance is no excuse! The rules are on the notice board next to the Bush Pub, against the white container. Please read, understand. If any you need information or clarity speak to any of the senior pilots, schools, or instructors. Any issues, address it to the GFC committee in writing. Summary of Freq rules:

1. Official GFC Freq is 125.800 (Special Rules west)
2. Training Freq, only applicable if Instructor/base operator declare training and 119.100 operational.
3. During training operation the instructor/base operator shall operate and monitor 125.800 on behalf of all students and pilots in the GFC training area.
4. As per agreement GFC training airspace is the perimeter of the field, as indicated on the notice board. From the west inline with the dirt road, old power lines (now stolen), inline with the back of the tyres and the mountain, to the river to the north and the side precast wall on the east and the south in front of the flight line, in front of the containers.
5. GFC Training airspace for operating 119.100 up to 500feet AGL.
6. During training, operating Freq opened by Instructor/base operator all Pilots and Students on PPG/PPC/PPT will operate, take off and land on 119.100.
7. As soon as you leave the training area you will switch over to 125.800.
8. Entering from 125.800 the training area you will switch over to 119.100 on instructors/base operator orders if training operation is in progress.
9. Any PLANE, GYRO, Microlights operate on 125.800, STD unmanned airport procedures, joining overhead, (way over the training window for safety). If training is in progress the instructor/base operator, operating the training in the GFC training area, will then direct the PPG/PPC/PPT on 119.100 and do the necessary radio communication on their behalf with the approaching aircraft. This also includes aircraft taking off from GFC.

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10. NO Aircraft, Microlights, Gyros will do any flyby's or touch-and-go's during PPG/PPC/Or PPT operation. Even if there are no other PPG/PPT or PPC over GFC during training operations.

Lately we also seen a lot of PPG pilots, including Gyro and Microlight pilot breaking GFC Rules regarding airspace, Flying over the no-fly zones, flight line etc. NO rules had change! Summary:

1. NO flying over the house, the hangers or the area surrounding the kennels.
2. The official flight line is the flags in front of the hangers, from the west (starting from the concrete dam to the east up to the runway. NO Overfly crossing if you not over 500feet AGL, Meaning the area from the flight line to the south passed the hangers below 500feet, NO FLY zone!
3. NO Approaching from the South to land! Even if you are over 500 feet AGL. STD landing procedures for PPG/PPT/PPC is from the WEST, NORTH and EAST.
4. Microlights, Gyro's and Planes are only allowed to take off and land on the grass, emergency cross runway on the field in case of emergency, extreme winds.
5. Unfortunately due to ground operation of PPG/PPT/PPC they will not have radios and will not know about the emergency. All Pilots must keep this in mind.
6. Cross Grass runway is parallel with the flight line/Containers, 100M from the flight line!
7. Any aircraft, Gyros, Planes taxing pass the flight line will not come closer than 25m from the flight line. When entering Hanger areas ALWAYS keep in mind and have a look for public and kids.
8. NO PPG PILOT will cut the flight line from west or east to attempt a landing in front of the containers. Unfortunately, it is started happening more and more.
9. NO Flyby or aggressive manoeuvres towards the flight/crowed line. Only from West to east

Surrounding airfields and airspaces, extremely important!

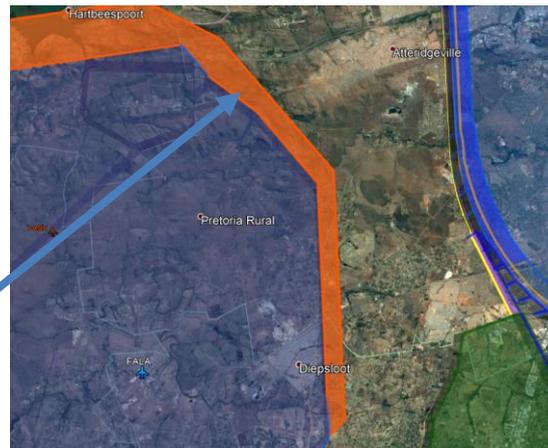
We have been informed by ATNS from Lanseria and pilots in the area that the spotted PPG pilot flying into the Lanseria CTR. Please Note, You can not fly into the CTR unless you got permission from the Lanseria ATC, this rules applicable to all CTR's and controlled airspaces.

The Lanseria CTR basically south the south at Diepsloot, East of the Diepsloot Road crossing directly over the N12 Diepsloot offramp, north just to the east of the road DIRECTLY through Geritsville

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Orange area is the Lanseria TMA, From 6500-7500f ASL

Through Geritsville then turning slight West to the East of Pelindaba FAP.



From Grassland if you look West you will see the “pimple”. The mountain you see behind the pimple is basically the boundary of the CTR. Twice this week we had pilots crossing over Gerritsville over the mountain. Remember CTR from GROUND up to the TMA.

The JHB Special rules is from Ground up to TMA 7500f ASL. BUT Lanseria TMA is from 6500 to 7500. Important the understand, the Lanseria TMA is almost to the river just behind the Pimple!

Some basic rules and reminders.

1. No Smoking in containers or hangers, All Containers and Hangers MUST BE fitted with serviceable fire extinguishers. (Safety officer will inspect from time to time).
2. NO Smoking on the field, pass the flight line. (cigarette butts in bins PLEASE)
3. Any PPG/PPC/PPT unattended must be made safe, Battery unplug, or spark plug lead remove. DO NOT only rely on the actual kill switch or side cut of switch.
4. NO DRINKING AND FLYING! CAA Rules, 8 hours from bottle to throttle!
5. NO alcohol on the field/operating area.

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6. NO Person will bring in any alcohol into the social area. All alcohol will be supplied by the Bush Pub. This also mean during any social club event. Anyone is welcome to use the facilities even for a bring and braai. Any big event you must arrange/notify the bush pub owners.

7. Any Pilot Shall follow GFS Rules, especially regarding grievances, Problems etc. NO GFS Member shall communicate with the land owner. Any issues must be sent to GFS Chairperson in writing. Any one badmouthing any Business or person on the field shall be acted on.

Please, it is important that we understand, that we don't all have the same interest and disciplines. GFC has a contract of the use of the field. GFC Rules basically applicable to Flying operation. The facility rules are made by owner with agreement with GFC, Flight schools and businesses operating on Grasslands.

Happy flying and partying... (only after FLYING!)

Kind Regards,

On behalf of GFC Safety officer, GFC Chairlady.

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