



Hang Gliding in Sunshine Coast Tower Class D Airspace

Letter of Agreement

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Between: Airservices Australia (Airservices)/Primary Aerodrome Services Tower (North FIR) (Sunshine Coast Tower)
Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc.

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LoA) is to establish procedures for hang gliding operations in Sunshine Coast Class D airspace by members of Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc (SCSA).

This LoA reflects the agreement between the parties on operational issues (for which no consideration is provided).

2 Scope

This LoA describes the interaction between Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc. and Airservices Australia (Airservices) Air Traffic Services (ATS).

3 Conditions of Use

3.1 Area of operations

Operations may only be carried out at the following location:

Point Cartwright (PTC) – A rectangular area encompassed by a line drawn between the PTC Water Tank (immediately south of the light house), Lat 26°40'47" S and Long 153°8'18" E to a point at the northern end of the residential area at coordinates Lat 26°41'47" S, Long 153°8'10" E thence East 100 m offshore and then to a point East 100 m offshore of the water tank position.

3.2 Other Conditions

- Operators must have a current CASA instrument with approval to operate within 16 km of an aerodrome
- Operations must not be above 300 FT AMSL
- Operations must be conducted only in VMC
- A maximum of 3 para/hang gliders operating at one time
- All SCSA pilots are responsible for their own safety regarding wake turbulence, tower advice will not be given on fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the vicinity
- All SCSA pilots are responsible for their own see and avoid procedures, tower advice will not be given on fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the vicinity
- The duty safety pilot must obtain approval from Sunshine Coast Tower (primary 07 5458 2954, secondary 07 5458 2953) on each occasion that flying is planned to occur
- The duty safety pilot must leave a contact phone number with Sunshine Coast Tower, remain on the ground and be contactable at all times
- The duty safety pilot must advise Sunshine Coast Tower when operations have been completed for the day.

4 Miscellaneous

4.1 Costs

Each party must bear its own costs in performing this LoA.

4.2 Variation

No variation or amendment to this LoA will apply unless:

1. it is in writing, authorised by each party to this LoA; and
2. results in a new version of this document.

4.3 Termination

Either party may terminate this LoA by providing the other party with advance written notice of the termination date.

4.4 No legal effect

This LoA is not intended to create any legal rights or obligations as between Airservices and Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc.

5 Definitions

Within this document, the following definitions apply:

Term	Definition
AMSL	Above mean sea level
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
LoA	This Letter of Agreement, including all attachments and appendixes.
PTC	Point Cartwright
SCSA	Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc.
VMC	Visual meteorological conditions

Appendix A Instrument and Map

A.1 CASA Instrument of Approval

Instrument number CASA EX04/22

I, ANTHONY ALFRED STANTON, Branch Manager, Sport & Recreation Aviation, Stakeholder Engagement Division, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulations 11.160, 11.205 and 11.245 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

[Signed A.A. Stanton]

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9 March 2022

CASA EX04/22 — Flight in Class D Airspace near Sunshine Coast Aerodrome (Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators) Instrument 2022

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA EX04/22 — Flight in Class D Airspace near Sunshine Coast Aerodrome (Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators) Instrument 2022*.

2 Duration

This instrument:

- (a) commences on the day after it is registered; and
- (b) is repealed at the end of 1 December 2024.

Note For regulation 11.250 of CASR, the directions in sections 6 and 7 cease to be in force when this instrument is repealed.

3 Definitions

Note In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations. These include: **hang glider** and **paraglider**.

In this instrument:

AA means Airservices Australia, ARN 202210, in its capacity as the ATS provider at Sunshine Coast aerodrome.

Association means Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators Inc., ABN 50 243 762 940.

duty pilot means the member of the Association responsible for overseeing and facilitating hang gliding and paragliding operations at the Point Cartwright site.

exempt operation means an operation:

- (a) conducted wholly within Class D airspace at the Point Cartwright site; and
- (b) covered by an LoA that is in effect; and
- (c) the pilot in command for which is:

- (i) a member of the Association; and
- (ii) a financial member of SAFA.

LoA means a letter of agreement between the Association and AA relating to the conduct of the hang glider or paraglider operations from the Point Cartwright site.

Note The LoA in effect at the commencement of this instrument is the Letter of Agreement, document number 3520, dated 18 November 2021 that was agreed to on 30 November 2021.

Point Cartwright site means the the area bounded by:

- (a) the line from Beacon Lighthouse at coordinates Lat. 26° 40' 47" S, Long. 153° 8' 18" E to the point at coordinates Lat. 26° 41' 47" S, Long. 153° 8' 10" E; and
- (b) the line that corresponds to the line mentioned in paragraph (a) that is 100 m offshore; and
- (c) the lines that connect the corresponding endpoints of the lines in paragraphs (a) and (b).

SAFA means Sports Aviation Federation of Australia Limited, ARN 217853.

4 Exemption

The pilot in command of a hang glider or a paraglider conducting an exempt operation is exempt from compliance with subparagraph 10.1 (k) of *Civil Aviation Order 95.8*.

5 Conditions

The exemption in section 4 is subject to the conditions that the pilot must:

- (a) before commencing the exempt operation, confirm with the duty pilot that the operation has been cleared by AA; and
- (b) not conduct the exempt operation higher than 300 ft above mean sea level; and
- (c) comply with any condition set out in the LoA that is in effect at the time of the operation.

Note *Civil Aviation Order 95.8* contains various other conditions for operating hang gliders and paragliders. These include requirements to fly only in VMC and to fly only during daylight hours.

6 Directions — duty pilot

- (1) The duty pilot must ensure that AA has given air traffic control clearance that covers each exempt operation.
- (2) The duty pilot must notify AA promptly when exempt operations have finished for a day, or a part of a day.
- (3) As soon as possible after an incident or accident involving an exempt operation, the duty pilot must report it to CASA.

Note Reports to CASA can be sent by email to sport@casa.gov.au.

7 Direction — Association

The Association must ensure that CASA has a copy of the LoA that is in effect in relation to an exempt operation.

A.2 Map of Authorised Flying Area

