

NOTICE TO ACTHPA MEMBERS 7 APRIL 2020

ACTHPA members,

Your ACTHPA Committee has sought and received communications from the ACT Government in relation to flying activities in the ACT and have received clarification in relation to what currently is lawful or unlawful in the ACT. On that basis we are revising our suspension of site access for the ACT-located sites. Access to NSW-located sites remains suspended pending advice from NSW Government Sports and Recreation. Accordingly, please see below:

Lanyon (and other flying in the ACT)

- The ACT Government has provided advice that flying is not currently unlawful – this advice is available at <https://acthpa.org/files/2020-04-06-ACT-Sport-Rec-Advice.pdf> – and includes further advice about social distancing. Their advice may change, you should monitor the ACT Government website for any park closures or other restrictions (<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au>)
- Access to State and National Parks (where Lanyon is located) is a matter for the ACT Government and/or Federal Governments, should they close the Parks this will close the site.

All ACTHPA sites located in NSW

- Suspension of sites access remains in place currently; we are awaiting advice from NSW Sports and Rec that flying activities are not unlawful under the blanket provisions. When this is received this will be distributed.
- NSWHPA has engaged with NSW Sports and Recreation, any advice received by ACTHPA will be provided to members as soon as practicable.
- Landholder access is a separate issue, we will advise members if access is withdrawn by landholders. The ACTHPA Committee will engage with landholders once guidance is received from the NSW Government to confirm access arrangements.

Other matters

- Tandems are not currently approved by SAFA (email of 30 March 2020 to all SAFA members).
- ACTHPA Members are advised to read, follow and stay updated with the social distancing rules and other restrictions in force in the ACT (<http://covid19.act.gov.au/>) and NSW (<https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19>).
- The organising of public gatherings remains prohibited by Government (this includes organising to fly on Facebook, via messenger or any other means).
- As per SAFA advice, you should fly even more cautiously than normal and take no unnecessary risks.

ACTHPA Committee Advice

In our context and following the above we provide the following advice:

- The number of people on the site should be limited. If you turn up to a site and it is not possible to maintain an adequate distance from others at all times, then you should leave.
- Do not share cars, or give other pilots a lift, other than with members of your household.
- Cross country flights should not occur, people should land in the designated landing zones. This is particularly important where State and Territory borders are present – the rules are different between the jurisdictions and NSW
- People should be aware of the risk of spreading the virus when handling gates or other equipment.

Above all, you should continue to monitor Federal, State and Territory government sites to monitor changing rules and regulations. Stay safe and protect yourselves and the community from the spread of this virus. Should circumstances change, we will consider whether amendments to this advice are required.

ACTHPA Committee
7 April 2020