

Chicago Glider Club Operating Rules for Phase 3 of Covid-19 Pandemic

The Board of the Chicago Glider Club has adopted the following rules for operation of the Glider Club in Phase 3 of the Covid-19 pandemic, effective on Saturday May 30, 2020. The rules are based upon Illinois state guidance for businesses and health clubs, modified for the circumstances of the Glider Club. When circumstances warrant further relaxation of the rules for subsequent phases, revisions will be announced.

The Board asks all members to follow these rules carefully so as to allow maximum use of our facilities consistent with minimizing the risk of spread of the virus.

Just as the Chicago Glider Club's aviation safety culture is an important part of how the Club operates, the Board ask all members to follow these rules and to actively monitor and encourage other members and visitors to do so as well.

Covid-19 is a deadly disease for which there is currently no vaccine and no assured cure. Please take these rules seriously. Your health, and even life, and that of a family or friend may depend upon doing so.

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1. The rules announced for Phase 1 and 2 requiring cleaning of all aircraft surfaces before and after use remain in effect. Be sure to follow the rules with regard to all club gliders and tow planes, as well as golf carts. The basic principle is: If you can touch a control or surface in normal use, clean it before and after you use it. There will be some cleaning materials available at the Club, but it is highly recommended that you bring your own. It is recommended to bring a personal supply of sanitizing wipes with you when you come to the Club.

2. Wash your hands with soap and water after touching any area that may be subject to contact by others. Avoid touching your hands to your face.

3. Gatherings of not more than ten individuals in any location are allowed at the Club. Members are encouraged to gather outside at the picnic table or elsewhere whenever feasible. Members and guests should observe 6 feet of social distance between one another at all times and in all locations, and should continue to wear masks in groups, except when eating or drinking make it impractical. (Some extra masks may be available at the Club. If you take one, please take it home. It is yours. It is best to bring your own mask.)

4. Members should bring their own food and drink to the Club and take away all waste. The kitchen and refrigerator should not be used. Restrooms are available, but care should be taken to clean doorknobs.

5. Since dual instruction, check flights or other two-person use of Club two-place gliders or the Husky cannot happen while maintaining the recommended 6 feet of separation, use of that equipment is subject to the following rules that should be fully and carefully applied. *These rules apply to all use of two-place gliders*

and the Husky, including by two members of the same family, since the rules are intended, among other things, to minimize the risk that either occupant is an asymptomatic carrier of the Covid-19 virus who unintentionally deposits the virus in the aircraft.

a. Both occupants must provide and wear facemasks covering the mouth and nose during the entire period while in the glider or aircraft.

b. The pilot in command is responsible for asking the other occupant about his or her health on the day of the flight and his or her recent health history. This includes asking whether the proposed occupant has been sick or symptomatic in the last 30 days (with cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other CDC-identified symptoms). If the answer is other than an unqualified no, the individual should not fly in Club aircraft. The pilot in command should also be able to answer these questions positively for him or herself before flying in any Club aircraft.

c. The pilot in command is responsible for confirming before flight that his temperature and temperature of the other occupant is not above 100.4 degrees. This will require bringing a thermometer to the field. (A remote-sensing thermometer is recommended to avoid the need to re-clean the thermometer after each use). Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or above is not permitted to fly.

d. The pilot in command is responsible for confirming before flight that his blood oxygen level and that of the other occupant is at or above 92 percent. This will require the use of a pulse oximeter. The pilot in command is responsible for providing the oximeter. Anyone whose blood oxygen level is not at or above 92 is not permitted to fly. (It is recommended to bring a clear plastic kitchen wrap -- Saranwrap or the like -- to wrap around the finger before placing the oximeter on the finger, so as to avoid the need to sanitize the oximeter after each use. Pulse oximeters can be purchased on-line or at major pharmacies for less than \$30.)

e. For each flight, the pilot in command is responsible to record legibly in the aircraft logbook immediately after the flight the name of both occupants, the date and duration of the flight, the tow altitude, and for those occupants who are not Club members, the individual's address and phone number.

6. If a member becomes aware within three weeks after use of a two place glider or the Husky, that a member or guest who occupied the aircraft exhibits Covid-19 symptoms or is diagnosed as having the virus, the member should notify a Board member immediately so that appropriate testing can be recommended for other users of the aircraft and tracing can be undertaken.

If you have any questions about these rules please ask a Board member.

Dated: May 28, 2020.