

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
Implementing Standards

(Issued under Section 120, Civil Aviation Act No. 14 of 2010)

Title: Requirements for Flying Club operation in Sri Lanka

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Pursuant to Sec. 120 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, which is hereinafter referred to as the CA Act, Director General of Civil Aviation shall have the power to issue, whenever he considers it necessary or appropriate to do so, such Implementing Standards for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of the CA Act, regulations or rules made thereunder including the Articles of the Convention on International Civil Aviation which are specified in the Schedule to the CA Act.

Accordingly, I being the Director General of Civil Aviation do hereby issue the Implementing Standards on Requirements for flying clubs operation in Sri Lanka based within Aerodrome as mentioned in the Attachment hereto (Ref: IS-2022-AE-02-Att). Elaborating the requirements for operating a flying club as a private operation under the regulation 180 of the Air Navigations Regulations of 1955.

This Implementing Standard shall be applicable to flying clubs operation in Sri Lanka, and shall come into force with immediate effect and remain in force unless revised/revoked.

Attention is also drawn to section 103 of the CA act, which states inter alia that failure to comply with any Implementing Standard is an offence.

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1. Approval:

- 1.1 Flying club operations shall be permitted at an airport only upon prior written approval of the Director General.

2. Definitions:

- 2.1 "Flying club" means an association or group of more than three (3) individuals jointly owning or leasing an aircraft where payment is made to the club for the operating time of such aircraft.
- 2.2 The registration certificate issued by the CAASL for such Flying Club must show the names of all owners or Executive Committee (as applicable) if the club is not incorporated, and the aircraft must be registered in the name of any incorporated flying club.
- 2.3 This definition shall not include Model Aircraft Clubs or Drone Flying Clubs.

3. Organization

- 3.1 Flying clubs must be organized as non-profit organisation under the laws of the Sri Lanka for the purpose of:
 - i. Fostering flying for pleasure;
 - ii. Development of skills in aeronautics, including pilotage, navigation or technical; and
 - iii. The development of an awareness and appreciation of aviation requirements and techniques by the general public in the field of aviation and aeronautics
- 3.2 Flying Clubs should at no time hold themselves out as fixed based operators, flying schools or as business offering services to the general public unless duly authorised by the CAASL.
- 3.3 Flying clubs must not indicate any form of marketing and/or communications that they are a business where people can learn to fly, unless authorisation is received from the CAASL.
- 3.4 Subject to the CAASL Regulations, the aerodrome operator shall be free to stipulate all necessary terms & conditions as required on any Flying Club which makes use of its facilities and/or property.
- 3.5 A flying club shall be considered as a Private Operator by an Aerodrome Operator for the purpose of charges and other fees as applicable under normal circumstances.
- 3.6 The aerodrome operator may provide, for an applicable fee, an administrative or office space for a flying club within the precincts of an aerodrome depending on availability.
- 3.7 Section 3.4 does not restrict the aerodrome operator from providing necessary space and facilities to the Flying Club for the purpose of aircraft operations.

4. Documentation

- 4.1 The Director-General shall be furnished with a copy of the Terms & Conditions of all agreements entered into between an aerodrome operator and the Flying Club for evaluation and acceptance prior to allocation of space in an Aerodrome.
- 4.2 Flying clubs shall furnish the Director General with copies of their by-laws, Constitution, articles of incorporation, operating rules, membership agreements, and

the location and address of the club's registered office for due approval by the Director General.

- 4.3 The Director General shall also be furnished with a current list of all incumbent officers and directors, including places of residence, business addresses and telephone numbers, who shall be responsible for compliance by the club members with all aviation laws and airport rules and regulations.

5. Private Operations:

- 5.1 A flying club shall operate under the stipulations of a Private Operator as per Regulation 180 of Air Navigations Regulations of 1955.
- 5.2 A flying club shall not engage in charter service or in any commercial operation at the airport.
- 5.3 The CAASL shall designate a nominated office bearer from the Flying Club to be accountable for the regulatory compliance of the Flying Club.
- 5.4 If any other leisure or aviation related activity is to be conducted under the responsibility of the flying club, it may do so with due permission of the aerodrome operator. This may include members flying model aircraft, social gatherings, family-days, aviation enthusiast activities etc...

6. Flying Training (Aerial Work)

- 6.1 If any member of a flying club is a CAASL certified instructor or examiner, he/she may exercise the privileges of such certification with a permit issued by the Director General under Section 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010.
- 6.2 If any member of a flying club is a pilot under training, being instructed or examined by another member of the same flying club, may do so provided there is a written acceptance of an Approved Training Organisation as to the acceptance of such training as per the CAASL approved syllabuses.
- 6.3 If any member of a flying club, in a flying club aircraft, is logging hours in pursuit of a higher licence or rating, with or without an instructor, he/she may do so provided such hours as are required for such licence or rating are accepted and approved by an Approved Training Organisation.
- 6.4 Any aircraft utilised for flying training by a Flying club shall comply with airworthiness requirements for such activity.

7. Membership Records

- 7.1 Flying clubs shall keep a membership record of all members for a period of 12 months at a minimum.
- 7.2 Such records shall contain full names and addresses, past and present members included, together with the date their membership commenced and terminated, and the investment share held and/or any donations made by each member.
- 7.3 All Flying Club members shall be in compliance with all regulatory and security prerequisites prior to the operation or travel in a Flying Club aircraft.
- 7.4 Such records shall be available for review at any reasonable time by the Director General.

8. Operation of Aircraft

- 8.1 All aircraft owned, leased or used by flying clubs shall be registered with the Director General, and may not be leased or loaned to others for any commercial use, purpose or venture without prior written approval by the Director General;
- 8.2 Flying Club members who own or lease their own aircraft shall be responsible for all regulatory compliance, or may delegate such responsibility to the accountable office bearer of the club in the event that such aircraft is leased or loaned to the club by the owner;
- 8.3 The aircraft of the Flying Club shall only be used by the registered members or temporary membership holders.
- 8.4 An aircraft operated, owned or leased by a flying club shall meet all airworthiness requirements of the CAASL;

9. Regulatory Compliance

- 9.1 All flying club members must comply with all CAASL rules and regulations;
- 9.2 All flying club members must comply with all rules and regulations of each aerodrome in which they operate.
- 9.3 The aerodrome operator shall specify all necessary rules and regulations in writing to the Flying Club for their mandatory compliance.

10. Insurance Requirements

- 10.1 All flying club operators and their aircraft shall be bound by the CAASL insurance regulations in force at the time as applicable to scope of operation.
- 10.2 The management/officers of the Flying Club shall be responsible for all necessary insurance Coverage as per the aerodrome operator's requirements for facilities utilized by such flying club