

APPENDIX A

SITE SOVEREIGNTY - CODE OF PRACTICE

To avoid inter-club and inter-sport disputes and help protect existing sites the following Code of Practice applies to both Clubs and individual pilots.

1. Before attempting to use any site the following steps must be taken, and in reasonable time before the proposed use:
 - (a) check with the local BHPA Club(s) to see if the site has been adopted by any air related user.
 - (b) if it is already in use following the existing site rules
 - (c) if it is not seek permission from the landowners and ask if there is any other air related sport using the site
 - (d) if there is any existing air related sporting Club using the site all negotiations with the landowners must be made in conjunction with that club - it may advise you to go ahead on your own subject to certain conditions
 - (e) in view of landowners' differing attitudes to the necessity of written agreements it should be noted that the existence of a written agreement is not a prerequisite to prove existing club usage

2. In the event of a new site being negotiated the following procedure should be adopted to protect your interests:
 - (a) register the site on the Sites Database - this will result in the allocation of a site code (for use with Freephone 0800 515544) and the notification of the CAA and the military of the site's existence
 - (b) if it is a surface based towing site it cannot be used to tow launch within an ATZ or above 60 metres agl until a valid CAA Tow Site Permission has been obtained
 - (c) try to agree with the landowners that in the interests of safety, and convenience to them, all future enquiries from other air related sports will be passed to your club

By following this procedure your club will be recognised as being the operating authority (Resident Club) for that site and you will be supported as such in the event of any site problems.

3. If you choose not to use any site any more you should ask for the entry in the Sites Database to be removed. If your Club ceases to exist as an Association Club or the relevant CAA Tow Site Permission lapses, it will be assumed that you have relinquished all claims as Resident Club.
4. Clubs are expected to provide reasonable assistance to other pilots wishing to fly their sites. It must not be forgotten that it can cost a Club considerable time and expense negotiating and keeping a site and that it is the landowner's wishes that are paramount.
5. This Code of Practice depends upon the integrity of both individual Pilots and the Clubs for its practicality.
6. Our flying depends upon the use of other's land and this must not be jeopardised by internal disputes or thoughtless behaviour.

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