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BHPA

1: Courses

2019 Club Coach Courses

19th / 20th October 2019
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16th / 17th November 2019

7th / 8th December 2019

2020 Club Coach Courses

18th / 19th January 2020

8th / 9th February 2020

14th / 15th March 2020

2020 Instructor / Senior Coach Course

20th / 22nd April - TBC

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2: Examination Protocol

It is perhaps worth reminding CFIs, SIs, Instructors, TIs, Chief Coaches and prospective Dual Pilots, etc, how the system of Examinations for BHPA Licences works.

The procedure should be straightforward. Once a CFI has agreed that (eg) a TI is ready for Examination they can apply to the BHPA Office by filling out and submitting an Application for Examination form. This will need to be accompanied by the appropriate accompanying documents (eg training and/or flying logbook, first aid certificate, etc) and a completed Mock Examination form. All examination application forms and mock exam forms are available on the 'School Forms' part of the 'Documents' section on the BHPA website. Once Stef Blankley at BHPA HQ in Leicester receives the application she will contact Chief Examiner Ken Raines, who will identify one of his Examiners to conduct the exam. Stef will then contact the applicant with the Examiner's details so they can arrange a suitable time and place for the Examination.

Attempting to short-circuit the system by contacting Ken or one of

his team is unhelpful and may slow the process down. In all cases the first contact should be to Stef at the BHPA Office. General guidance on Examinations can be found in Section 4 of the Technical Manual.

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3: Issues at Pyla

The FFVL reports that the Dune de Pyla is under great stress from overcrowding. In the last few years increasing pilot numbers, bad practices (launching in high winds, poor airmanship, no helmets, etc) and numerous accidents have put the site at risk of permanent closure.

The FFVL asks all pilots to follow the widely publicised flying instructions and regulations, notably the new registration procedures for non-local groups, either French or foreign. Visiting pilots, whether individuals or groups, now have an obligation to register with the FFVL at <https://forms.gle/n1dgEUH4wfPgxrPL9>. An online calendar at this address allows local site managers to regulate the number of visiting pilots – if there are already too many you will need to change your dates.

A maximum of ten pilots (including organisers) in a group, and 50 pilots using the site at one time, will be enforced, and unregistered groups will be asked to leave if the maximum number is exceeded. Professional group leaders are also reminded that all EU citizens wishing to work independently in France as sports educators are obliged to register at www.arquedi.sports.gouv.fr. Full details of the above are at https://federation.ffvl.fr/sites/ffvl.fr/files/vg19018%20-%20Dune%20Pilat_v.anglaise.pdf



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