

Newcastle Hang Gliding Club Pilot's Code of Conduct

The primary role of the Newcastle Hang Gliding Club (NHGC) is to ensure that our members are able to maintain access to the various flying sites within Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and surrounds. We do this by:

1. maintaining relationships with the owners and landholders of the sites we launch from and land in;
2. organising working bees to clean and maintain our sites as necessary;
3. acting as a unified voice for our members when working with the HGFA & NSWHPA.

The committee members are volunteers drawn from our club membership as per the requirements of the club's constitution and the model rules of the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

General operations

Members of the Newcastle Hang Gliding club engaged in hang gliding or paragliding or any related activities shall at all times:

- show respect to the landholders;
- leave all gates as they were found;
- wherever possible, exit and enter by using stiles rather than gates;
- not leave any litter behind;
- obey lawful directions by Safety Officers;
- adhere to the rules laid down for individual sites.

Where a member is found to have breached this code of conduct, the committee may at its discretion choose to revoke that member's membership.

Tandem operations

Tandem operations expose the club, and therefore our sites to a higher level of risk. Written authority from the club must be granted to the pilot in command prior to undertaking tandem flight from any Newcastle Hang Gliding Club site.

Commercial operations

Commercial operations expose the club, and therefore our sites to a higher level of risk. Written authority from the club must be granted prior to any commercial operations related to hang gliding or paragliding occurring at any Newcastle Hang Gliding Club site.