

PNGC Policy for Passenger Flying Suitability

For safety reasons - described in a separate background document – and after stakeholder and BGA consultation, the following Committee-agreed policy is introduced with immediate effect, for any *passenger/P2* flying, and will be included within the Club Rules:

1. PNGC shall fly nobody - whether front or rear-seat - who falls outside any of the numeric minimum height, weight, or age limitations stated below.
 - a. This policy will apply to all two-seater gliders launched under PNGC-auspices, whether at a PNGC site or elsewhere, and whether club-owned or not.
 - b. It does not apply to Motor Gliders - where a side-by-side seating configuration and non-use of parachutes - negates a number of the risks; nor to Club Tugs - which have their own rules on passenger-carrying, however the issues covered should be borne in mind where appropriate.
2. No additional cushions, booster/car-seats etc shall be used under any circumstances.
3. No additional ballast shall be added to increase the weight of anyone who otherwise falls under the minimum body-weight criteria listed below. Note: where an individual meets all elements of the numeric criteria below, the normal practice of adding ballast to achieve the placarded minimum cockpit weight is allowable.
4. Every passenger (or Parent/Guardian for someone under-18) shall complete an appropriate disclaimer (including any medical declaration) before flying, on every day of flying.
5. The passenger must have demonstrated to them, and clearly understand, the emergency-egress process, before flying.
6. The passenger must demonstrate an ability to understand and comply with instructions.
7. The passenger shall wear a parachute, which must fit adequately, be adjusted suitably, and where their clothed body-weight must fall within any minimum or maximum 'suspended weight' as annotated by the manufacturer.

New Numeric Limitations:

Passengers/P2's must meet ALL of the criteria below, without exception:

- Minimum age: 12, and
- Minimum height (in shoes): 146 cm (4ft 9½ in), and
- Minimum weight: 38 kg (7st)

Notes:

- Weighing-scales and a height-measuring facility will be available in the launch-point vehicle.
- Maximum seat and cockpit weights remain as placarded, and maximum passenger height considerations remain as now (6'4" typically).
- This policy will be reviewed within one year of implementation (which is intended to be upon flying restart in late February 2023). Should we meanwhile procure a junior or child's parachute, then an earlier review may be conducted to see if or how that affects the criteria and risk. Feedback is welcome in this period.