



## Safety Procedures

### Overview

In the event of a member transgressing a safety rule, procedures must be in place that have to be followed;

- To correct the unwanted behaviour of the pilot.
- To ensure a fair and just sanction.
- In case of a serious accident, to prove to SAMAA that we do have procedures.
- To ensure the safety of all the members and spectators.

### Procedure

- If a transgression takes place, it is the responsibility of the safety officer or in their absence, another member, to speak to the errant pilot and verbally issue a warning. The safety officer/member must wherever possible, find at least one witness.
- The safety officer/member must inform the WBRF Committee in writing as soon as possible and include the following;
  - Name of transgressor
  - Name of any witness
  - Nature of transgression
  - Date and approximate time.
- The committee shall review the transgression and decide on the following
  - In the case of a less serious first offence, a written warning may be sufficient.
  - In the case of a more serious offence or repeat offence, the chairman may call a special meeting.
    - ◆ The safety officer/member will have a chance to explain the transgression
    - ◆ The transgressor will have a chance to state his side of the story.
    - ◆ The committee shall then decide on the sanction and announce it to the transgressor.
    - ◆ In all cases, the verdict shall be communicated to the transgressor in writing.
- The committee shall consider the following;
  - First offence or a repeat of previous behaviour.
  - Seriousness of the transgression

### Sanctions

- First offence of a less serious nature, verbal and written warning only.
- More serious offence or a repeat offence, appear before the committee.
  - Sanctions may include
    - ◆ Grounded for a period of time decided by the committee.
    - ◆ Cancellation of the membership of the person.

## **Recommendations**

### ● **Proficiency Tests**

All proficiency tests have the following mandatory questions asked;

- Indicate the No-Fly zone and explain what it means.
- What is meant by active runway?
- Explain what is meant by the circuit being flown?
- If the wind changes, how do you change the active circuit?
- If you wish to retrieve a plane from the runway or surrounds, what action should you take?

### ● **Safety officers**

- A number (3 to 4) safety officers should be co-opted from the membership.
  - ◆ These persons should be chosen from regularly active members.