

ASC FLY NEIGHBOURLY POLICY

CONTEXT

The Adelaide Soaring Club (ASC) has been operating from Gawler aerodrome from the 1950's, and doing so up to 7 days per week since the 1970's.

The aerodrome exists in close proximity to the town of Gawler, and considerable housing has developed adjacent to the aerodrome.

The club wishes to operate in harmony with neighbours to the aerodrome, and takes every action it reasonably can to be a valuable part of the community.

The following policy is intended to facilitate this, recognizing that –

- The club should take such actions as it can to minimize noise and risk to neighbours;
- The club will operate in a manner which complies with relevant legislation, including approved aeronautical operating procedures;
- All aeronautical procedures are subject to the proviso that the pilot in command may vary normal procedures if necessary because a safety issue has arisen;
- Neighbours should recognize that they have purchased property adjacent to a working aerodrome and it is intrinsic to the operations of the aerodrome that aircraft will land, take off and perform a range of manoeuvres.

POLICY

New operations from Gawler aerodrome:

All persons wishing to use the airfield for purposes other than flying aircraft owned by the ASC shall apply for approval of their proposal. In considering any application, the committee of the ASC will consider, but not be restricted to considering, the following factors:

- Relationship with neighbours. It must be demonstrated that any new proposal will not cause an appreciable negative reaction from persons living in the vicinity of the airfield.
- Noise. This is a special case of consideration of neighbours. Any new activity must not significantly contribute to an increase in noise from the airfield.

It is a condition of approval of any proposal to operate from the aerodrome that applicants agree to operational control of the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) or delegate whilst on the airfield and in airspace released to ASC.

Standard Circuit Directions:

The Gawler airfield *Fly Neighbourly Policy* dictates the circuit directions as follows.

Runway	Circuit Direction
05	Left hand
13	Right hand
23	Right hand
31	Left hand

These circuit directions are published in ERSA.

- There is to be **no flying prior to 8.00am**.
- There is to be **no circuit flying prior to 9.00am** unless undertaken with an instructor. However, immediate departures are permitted.
- In both the above cases CFI approval to fly outside these restrictions may be obtained in special circumstances.

It is a condition of the use of the aerodrome that these guidelines are to be followed by all pilots operating into and out of Gawler Airfield regardless of their status as ASC members or otherwise.

Circuit procedures:

All pilots need to be compliant with aviation regulations which require pilots to maintain runway heading until not less than 500 feet AGL (i.e. 660 feet QNH at Gawler) unless there is a safety issue requiring an earlier turn or there is an exemption under CAO95A. Standard procedure for LSA's operating on Gawler runway 05 should be to maintain runway heading to 1000 feet AGL.

Approval history

- The constituent parts of this policy were approved in ASC By-Laws 1 and 7 at dates from the 1990's up to 2010.
- These elements were gathered together into one *Fly Neighbourly Policy* and approved by the ASC Committee as ASC By Law 2 on 22nd February 2011