

### **Purpose of this policy**

1. The purpose of this Policy is to define the position of the HPAC/ACVL with respect to pilot ratings and instructor certification.

### **Pilot Ratings**

2. HPAC/ACVL shall publish and maintain pilot rating systems for hang gliding and paragliding with the following objectives;
  - a. Consistent pilot ratings across Canada that reflect equivalent pilot proficiency regardless of the province or territory where the pilot receives a rating; and
  - b. Pilot ratings equivalency with other international rating systems where practical.

### **Instructor Certification**

3. HPAC/ACVL shall publish and maintain instructor certification standards for hang gliding and paragliding to ensure that HPAC Certified Instructors:
  - a. are proficient in the sport for which they provide instruction;
  - b. have adequate knowledge of current instructional techniques; and
  - c. are ambassadors of the sports of hang gliding and paragliding and HPAC/ACVL.

### **Tandem Instructor Endorsement**

4. HPAC/ACVL shall publish and maintain tandem endorsement standards for hang gliding and paragliding to ensure that HPAC Certified Instructors with the Tandem Endorsement:
  - a. are suitably proficient in the sport for which they provide tandem instructional flights; and
  - b. have received additional instruction specifically related to conducting tandem instructional flights; and
  - c. have conducted a minimum number of training flights acting as tandem instructor prior to conducting tandem instruction ghts with non-rated student pilots.

**Council of Senior Instructors**

5. HPAC/ACVL BoD shall maintain a Council of Senior Instructors (CSI) comprising HPAC/ACVL Certified Senior Instructors, one or more HPAC/ACVL executives, and other persons with suitable qualifications appointed by the BoD.
6. The CSI shall report to the HPAC/ACVL BoD.
7. The CSI shall periodically review the HPAC/ACVL Pilot Rating System, Instructor Certification Standards and Tandem Endorsement standards for hang gliding and paragliding with revisions submitted to the BoD for approval and implementation.