

Purpose of this policy

1. The purpose of this Policy is to define the position of 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, paragliding and speedflying 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, paragliding and speedflying to ensure that HPAC/ACVL 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, paragliding, speedflying and HPAC/ACVL.

Tandem Instructor Rating

4. HPAC/ACVL shall publish and maintain tandem rating standards for hang gliding and paragliding to ensure that HPAC/ACVL Certified Instructors with the Tandem rating:
 - a. are suitably proficient in the sport for which they provide tandem instructional flights; and
 - b. have received 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 flights with non-rated student pilots.

Advisory Committee

5. HPAC/ACVL BoD shall maintain an Advisory Committee composed of a diverse group of Pilots, Instructors and Senior Instructors, one or more HPAC/ACVL executives, and other persons with

suitable qualifications appointed by the BoD.

6. The Advisory Committee shall report to the HPAC/ACVL BoD.
7. The Advisory Committee shall periodically review the HPAC/ACVL SOPs, Pilot Rating System, Instructor Certification Standards and Tandem Endorsement standards for hang gliding, paragliding and speedflying with revisions submitted to the BoD for approval and implementation.