

Flyaway Paragliding School

Operations Plan

Pre Season Preparation

Gliders

All gliders are completely inspected per manufacturers recommendations. Lines are replaced as needed and porosity tests are done. Gliders are retired if found to not be suitable for future training and they can not be repaired.

Harnesses

All harnesses are cleaned and fully inspected for structural damage. Back protection is checked for integrity and any deficiencies are repaired or replaced.

Helmets

All Helmets are cleaned and inspected. Any that have any flaws or questionable spots on them are discarded.

Parachutes

All Parachutes are inspected and repacked.

Radios

Radios are checked to make sure they work. Battery checks are done. New batteries are put into service where old batteries are retired.

First Aid Kit

The first aid kits are completely reorganized and anything that is expired or will expire during the first part of the season is replenished and/or replaced.

Wind Indicators

Windssocks are repaired or replaced and multiple rolls of surveyors tape is put into both vans for the purpose of making wind streamers at the training sites.

Instructional Operations

Paperwork, etc.

Introductory Tandem Students

Each 'Discovery Flight' tandem student must watch our 8 minute safety video which we have loaded onto an iPad. We have the student sit in the van to watch the video so that they can have less distractions. We keep others away from the van at this point. After watching the video, the student fills out all the paperwork and signs the waiver.

Students are taught basic wing terminology and control inputs, launching and landing technique, and briefed on the weather conditions and a flight plan.

After the tandem flight, we offer for sale to the student, our tandem t-shirt and the video of their flight. We follow up by attempting to convert the tandem student to a pilot package (for students who we think should continue).

'Pilot Package' students.

Students who have signed up for a pilot package will meet at our headquarters to fill out their paperwork and go through an initial ground school. All paperwork and waivers are filled out and then the students watch a 20 minute video. We have a ground school that includes what their lesson will consist of and what the progression expectations are for various students. We have a question and answer session at this time as well.

Each student has a flight log that we keep in their folder. This flight log has a checklist of all the necessary demonstrated skills that they must complete to finish their training as well as a place for daily flight logging. We start off their logging and then allow them to do the logging after their first day. This gets them in the practice of logging flights.

Practical Instruction

We teach on Saturdays, Sundays and during the summer we teach on Wednesday evenings. On Saturday and Sunday we have classes at the hill site for beginner and early novice pilots as well as a simultaneous class at one of 3 mountain sites for advanced novice as well as intermediate students.

On Wednesday evenings (summer only) we also have lessons at the White Mountain 900 ft. site for students who have had mountain flights previously. After this Wednesday evening lesson, we all go to a local pizza restaurant for dinner.

For weekend classes, all students meet at headquarters at 8am. Hill students gather the equipment into the van while the mountain students have their day's flight plans and ground schools covered in the classroom and then the mountain students load up the other van while the hill students have their ground schools.

Each class leaves for their training site as the instructors determine. Tandem students meet the tandem instructors at the mountain sites at a pre-arranged time.

Payment Methods

We take all credit cards via Square. Tandem flights can be prepaid at booking on our website via PayPal. Of course we accept cash. We do not take checks.

Business Organization

Flyaway Paragliding is an Arizona partnership which is owned by 3 equal partners. Bob Flyaway, Cheryl Flyaway and Chip Blaney. Headquarters is located at 338 Henchdale Blvd, Avondale AZ, 87639.