

# POLICY: ENG-AIR-002

## TANDEM PARACHUTE OPERATIONS

### PURPOSE

This policy was developed to set out the guidelines and conditions for the conduct of tandem parachute operations external to, but in the vicinity of, the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport and, more generally, within the Kalgoorlie-Boulder townsite.

### DEFINITIONS

Nil

### STATEMENT

1. Tandem Parachute Operations – Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport
  - (a) No parachute drops of any type are permitted onto the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport.
  - (b) The conduct of tandem parachute operations external to, but in the vicinity of, the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport and within the Kalgoorlie-Boulder townsite generally shall strictly accord with the conditions stipulated herein.
  - (c) The conduct of such operations will be the subject of individual operator approval by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
  - (d) Prior to granting approval, the City will first require production of evidence from the Australian Parachute Federation (APF) as to the qualifications of the applicants.
  
2. Tandem Parachute Operations
  - (a) General Conditions
    - (i) Parachutists must not be dropped within 15 minutes prior to the estimated time of arrival of an RPT aircraft, unless the two aircraft are in direct communication and the exit can be completed such that all parachutists have landed prior to the arrival of the RPT aircraft in the circuit area. Once the RPT aircraft has landed and taxied clear of the runway, the exit of parachutists may proceed provided there is no other conflicting traffic

- (ii) When a departing RPT aircraft has broadcast taxiing for departure, parachutists must not be permitted to commence a descent until the RPT aircraft is clear of the circling area.
  - (iii) No tandem parachute drops are to take place whilst there are any aircraft in the circuit area (other than the drop aircraft). This includes aircraft in the process of landing and taking-off.
  - (iv) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to suspend or withdraw the approval for tandem parachute operations for any breach of safety or for any departure whatsoever from the conditions imposed herein and any such decision will apply forthwith.
  - (v) Tandem parachuting times of operation are to be the subject of specific approval by the Chief Executive Officer. In relation to requests for operational approval for tandem parachute operations on weekends, long-weekends and public holidays, a schedule of requested times and dates shall be submitted in writing at least 14 days before to apply in relation to the next succeeding calendar month.
  - (vi) The tandem parachute operators shall inform the Chief Executive Officer as to any other times for which they seek approval. The Chief Executive Officer will consider such requests taking into account operational considerations as well as conditions that may impact on other users. The Chief Executive Officer's decision in this matter shall also be final.
  - (vii) This policy will be subject to review as required.
- (b) **Appeal Provisions**
- In relation to any instance where the Chief Executive Officer has exercised his authority under condition (iv), it shall be open to the affected tandem parachuting operator to appeal that decision to Council.
- (c) **Public Liability Insurance Coverage**
- Each person allowed through this Policy to conduct tandem parachute operations from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport shall maintain a minimum Public Liability Insurance policy coverage of at least \$20 million.

## RELEVANT DOCUMENTS