

Dear EHPU members!

I ask your help from Hungary!

Our authorities give us problems with some rules, which do not exist at the moment in Hungary. We would like to give them some help in making a legislation in the territory of the medical requirement.

At the moment they stop our training permission, because we don't mention in the training syllabus about the medical requirement.

Please, send us the medical requirements from your country, like an example for our authority.

Another question: - do you have any obligation, for the authorities from your country, to report the aeronautical accidents that happened?

With hope I don't disturb you with my questions. I wait for your answer.

Best regards

László Szöllösi  
-general secretary-  
HFFA

Feladó: **HP Fallesen**

Hello Laszlo,

For PG in Sweden we don't have any medical requirements.  
(Try to fight for not having any rules for this. You don't need any medical requirements for skiing, hunting, horse riding and lots of other sports so why should you need it for paragliding????)

Regarding accidents, up to two years ago we had the Swedish Accident Investigation Board investigating our PG accidents. The Swedish law said that all flight accidents should be investigated by them. When they finally realized that the cost for each investigated accident was about 10-15.000 euros (i.e. for investigating a hard PG landing with a spinal compression) they changed the law :-)

So now it is up to us in the Swedish Paragliding Association to make the accident investigations and we don't have any obligations from the authorities to do them, neither to report them.

But you could also say that the Swedish Paragliding Association is the authority while we have got a delegated mandate from the Swedish Civil Aviation Authority to control PG in Sweden.

Good luck in your struggle against your authorities.  
HP Fallesen

At 10:17 2009-10-06, Chris Borra wrote:

Hello László,

In the Netherlands the national authorities, until now, do not require any medical examination for hang and paragliders.

Our NAC demands a “personal declaration of health”, that consists of 10 aspects of health. If I pilot cannot declare he is healthy on all these subjects, he has to undergo a sports medical examination at a sports-medical center. As I stated, this is only a requirement of our NAC, not of the national authorities.

Officially our national Council of transport safety can investigate any aeronautical accident. Until now they have never investigated an paragliding or hang gliding accident. The aeronautical division department of our national police have investigated paragliding and hang gliding accidents briefly, but only to establish that no criminal activities were related to the incident.

Regards,

Chris

Feladó: **Hillestad, Arne Hakon**

Hello from Norway.

In Norway Hanggliding and Paragliding is the only airsport that does not need medical test. When a student is registered he has to sign a form where he states his medical condition and if he has some special illness he has to tell the instructor. In case of doubt, a medical statement from a doctor is needed. We use the same procedure when the pilot has to renew his license every 2 year.

Beginner age, we have today 15 but are now thinking about setting it to 14. So it was interesting to read about France.

Happy landings from Arne in Norway where we has snow last weekend.



**Arne H Hillestad**

Executive officer

Fra: Marion VARNER

Hi Laszlo, and everybody else,

In France the rules are settled by the federation, under the control of the Ministry of Sports, but these rules must also be tuned with the rules of the Aeronautical Authorities.

According to the Law, the 1st time when a member registers with the FFVL, he needs a medical certificate stating that there is no opposite advice to the practice of the sport.

Then this medical certificate must be renewed each year for competitors, minors or disabled pilots. Each 2 years for olders than 40. Each 3 years for youngsters thans 40.

This medical certificate is downloadable on the FFVL website.

Family doctor may deliver it. A specialist doctor is not mandatory.

Minimum age for practising hang-gliding or paragliding is 14, but can be reduce to 12 if the school is specialized and certified by FFVL for teenagers, with parental agreement.

We do have have obligation to report the aeronautical accidents happened only to our members. These are registered in the european incident database and gathered each year by BHPA.

Best regards.

Marion.

Feladó: **Mark Dale**

Hi Laszlo

In the UK there are presently no health/medical requirements for hg/pg pilots.

In the UK aeronautical accidents must be reported by law. Our Government Department of Transport has an 'Air Accidents Investigation Branch' who investigate all air accidents. The BHPA have worked closely with them for many years and nowadays carry out the actual hg/pg investigations under their delegated authority.

Much of what we know about hang gliding and paragliding comes from investigating accidents. If you do not find out the causes of accidents you cannot make changes to help prevent them recurring. We are always updating our advice to pilots, updating out training programs, updating our Instructors, issuing Safety Notices etc etc on the basis of careful, thorough analysis of accidents.

Cheers

Mark Dale

BHPA Technical Manager

Feladó: **Jan Fridrich**

Dear Laslo,

In the Czech Republic if You fly single paraglider the medical requirements are the same like for driving licence – this means one initial medical check by your „family“ doctor and then if

the doctor will not say differently this medical check is valid until retirement age, then is depending on your age once per two years or once the year.

If You fly tandem then You need to go to the dedicated sport doctor every second year.

Concerning the accidents

LAA CR is investigating all accidents except the fatal ones.

Fatal accidents are investigated by the Air-Accident Investigation Bureau, but in cooperation with us.

Fatal accidents are then published in Annual report of AAIB, and LAA CR each year publish overall statistics.

You can find summary of accident statistic in the Czech Republic (from AAIB) including GA and microlights here <http://www.uzpln.cz/vyzpraa/vyzpraa.htm>

Just open the file for specific year. It is also in English.

Unfortunately year 2008 and 2009 is missing.

We have LAA statistics in Czech and we publish them on our web every year, but they are in Czech Language only, but they are more detail.

2008 report is here: [http://www.laacr.cz/index.php?Action=View&ARTICLE\\_ID=1558](http://www.laacr.cz/index.php?Action=View&ARTICLE_ID=1558)

2007 report is here: [http://www.laacr.cz/index.php?Action=View&ARTICLE\\_ID=1343](http://www.laacr.cz/index.php?Action=View&ARTICLE_ID=1343)

Also when any accident occur we publish the preliminary report on our web and final report in our Pilot magazine which is issued every month.

I hope that it will help You.

If You have any question, let me know.

Best regards

Jan Fridrich

Feladó: **Rodolfo Saccani**

Hi László,

in Italy we have to be examined every two years by a doctor specialized in sports.  
Here are the minimum requirements to get the medical certification:

- a) visus (sight) not less than 5/10 for each eye, lens are ok but must be mentioned in the certificate
- b) normal stereoscopic field of view
- c) being able to see colors

- d) being able to hear normal conversation voice, from each ear, from non less than two meters with the examiner behind you
- e) normal vestibular functionality (balance)
- f) no physical anomalies incompatible with the flight activity (no further specification about this)

About accidents reports. Pilots are not obliged by law to report accidents. The federation collects accident reports and is required to report once a year to the ANSV (national agency for flight safety). We produce this kind of report:

<http://www.fivl.it/images/stories/sicurezza/pdf/relazione%20incidenti%20inconvenienti%20volo%20libero%202008.pdf>

bye  
Rodolfo

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Feladó: **Karl Slezak**  
Hi Laszlo,

In Germany, we do not have special medical requirements for pilots of hangglider and paraglider. Or, with other words, we do not need a "medical" from a doctor to begin or continue the sport.

We have a general rule, which is the medical only rule for paragliders/hanggliders, which prescribes, that a pilot must be in a adequate physical and psychological condition, to be able to fly a aircraft properly.

The number of accidents with a medical background is small. So we do not think, that special medical requirements for hangglider and paraglider pilots are useful.

We are the only authority in Germany, which is responsible for collecting, investigation and publication the HG/PG accidents.

Regards

Karl Slezak

Személyes találkozásunk alkalmával a román képviselő Leonard Grigorescu elmondta, hogy náluk semmilyen orvosi követelmény nincs. A balesetek kivizsgálásában a román szabad repülők szövetsége a kompetens szerv, a hatóságok tőlük kérnek szakvéleményt és záró jelentést.