

# Local Rules - NZ PG OPEN 2021 Tasman

These rules apply within the Nelson/Tasman/Marlborough region to all competitors and vehicle drivers.

## All Sites:

- All vehicles must carry a shovel and a fire extinguisher

## Barnicoat:

- Due to the proximity of the Nelson Airport and the CTR the Tasman Club has a MOU that enables pilots to enter the CTR to be able to land at Octopus Park (Ngawhatu Sports field). A requirement of this agreement is that ALL pilots must successfully complete the mandatory on-line Induction which can be found here <http://www.nzhgpa.org.nz/flying-sites/nelson>. A pass of 100% in the test is required.
- Strictly enforced penalties for airspace infringements will result in tears and tantrums which will make no difference in the decisions of the Organisers or Scorers.
- The access road to take off is through a locked gate and is a multi-user track. Dogs, walkers, cyclists and other vehicles can be expected at any time. Drivers must conduct themselves accordingly and proceed with great caution at reasonable speed at all times.
- The approach to the locked gate is shared by heavily laden trucks exiting downhill from a quarry. Drivers must not block this entrance and must follow the instructions of the gate keeper/road marshal.
- There is no landing available in the Brook Valley located below Fringed Hill. This includes the valley between the top of The Brook and Marsden Valley. Pilots must maintain sufficient height to avoid landing there.

## Mt Murchison/Blowhard/Footes

- Access is over private farmland and up a private road through a locked gate. Accordingly, all competition vehicles shall proceed in convoy following the established Tasman Club protocols having initially marshalled at a predetermined rendezvous. Arrival time at this point is critical as late comers may miss out.
- Footes: Low flying and landing in the Douglins Valley is prohibited due to stock and sensitive farmers. Penalty points will be applied and peace offering beer will be expected to pacify said farmers. In other words, do not go there.

## Disturbance of Farm animals

- Low flying over or landing in fields with stock must be completely avoided. It is an indication of poor piloting decision making, reflects poorly on our sport, risks damaging relationships with the farming community and will not be tolerated.
- Penalty points will be applied, and the badge of shame will be attached.

## Free Flying

- Free flyers may launch up to 15 minutes prior to competition launch opening & after competition launch window is closed
- Free flyers are expected to climb and be well clear of the start cylinder/launch area before competition launch commences
- If a free flyer is taking a vehicle to a launch site it is expected that they would offer at least 2 seats to competition pilots
- Free flyers must be appropriately qualified to fly the site
- These rules are necessary for safety & to prevent interference with competition pilots in a high-density traffic area.