Instrument number CASA EX114/23

I, ANTHONY ALFRED STANTON, Branch Manager, Sport & Recreation Aviation, Stakeholder Engagement Division, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulations 11.160, 11.205 and 11.245 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

**[Signed A.A. Stanton]**

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CASA EX114/23 — The Go For Goal Instrument 2023

1 Name

 This instrument is *CASA EX114/23 — The Go For Goal Instrument 2023*.

2 Duration

 This instrument:

(a) commences on 1 December 2023; and

(b) is repealed at the end of 4 March 2024.

*Note*   The provisions of this instrument, other than the direction in section 4, apply only during the event period, which ceases at the end of 4 December 2023. The direction in section 4 is in force until the repeal of this instrument because of the record retention requirement in paragraph 6(b) of Schedule 1.

3 Definitions

*Note*   In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations. These include ***ASAO***, ***exposition***, for an ASAO, ***NOTAM*** and ***paraglider***.

 In this instrument:

***CAO 95.8*** means *Civil Aviation Order 95.8 (Exemptions from CAR and CASR — Hang Gliders and Paragliders) Instrument 2021*,as in force from time to time.

***Corryong aerodrome*** means Corryong aerodrome (YCRG), CASA registration number R105.

*Note*At the time this instrument is made:

(a) a transitional aerodrome certificate mentioned in paragraph 202.701(1)(c) of CASR is in force for Corryong aerodrome; and

(b) an aerodrome certificate is taken to have been granted to the operator of Corryong aerodrome in accordance with subregulation 202.701(4) of CASR, subject to regulation 202.702.

***event*** means the paragliding event known as “Go For Goal 2023” that is conducted in the event area during the event period.

*Note*Go For Goal 2023 is scheduled to be conducted from 1 to 4 December 2023.

***event area*** means the area in proximity to the summit of Mount Elliot, Corryong, Victoria, that is within the following limits:

(a) vertical limits, extending from ground level within the lateral limits described in paragraph (b) to 12 500 feet above mean sea level;

(b) lateral limits that are bounded by the line commencing at the point described in item 1 of the following table and running progressively as described in the table.

| Item | Description |
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| 1 | The point of latitude 36°19’43”S longitude 148°09’52”E |
| 2 | From there westerly to the point of latitude 36°19’32”S longitude 147°33’50”E |
| 3 | From there north-easterly to the point of latitude 36°02’37”S longitude 147°38’01”E |
| 4 | From there north-easterly to the point of latitude 35°57’33”S longitude 147°43’18”E |
| 5 | From there easterly to the point of latitude 35°57’48”S longitude 148°08’06”E |
| 6 | From there southerly to the point of commencement mentioned in item 1 |

***event participant*** means a pilot in command of a paraglider who is participating in the event.

***event period*** means the period commencing at the start of 1 December 2023 and ceasing at the end of 4 December 2023.

***in the vicinity of*** has the meaning given by regulation 91.360 of CASR.

***relevant qualification*** means:

(a) a SAFA Supervised Pilot Certificate (PG2); or

(b) a qualification, issued by SAFA, higher than a qualification mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(c) a valid overseas qualification and flight experience recognised by SAFA as equivalent to, or higher than, a qualification mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

***SAFA*** means Sports Aviation Federation of Australia Limited, ARN 217853.

***SAFA ASAO exposition*** means the exposition:

(a) composed of the set of documents approved by CASA under regulation 149.080 of CASR in relation to SAFA as an ASAO, as existing at the time this instrument commences; or

(b) if the set of documents mentioned in paragraph (a) is changed under regulation 149.115 or 149.120 of CASR, or in accordance with the process mentioned in paragraph 149.340(i) of CASR — the set of documents as changed, as existing at the time this instrument commences.

*Note*The set of documents that the SAFA ASAO exposition is composed of is listed in the Explanatory Statement.

***SAFA Operations Manual*** means the document titled *SAFA Operations Manual*, version 20211006, issued by SAFA on 6 October 2021.

***Safety Director*** means the person appointed by SAFA to manage safety at the event.

4 Direction

 SAFA is directed to comply with the requirements mentioned in Schedule 1.

5 Exemption — pilots in command

 (1) While participating in the event during the event period, a pilot in command who operates a paraglider in Class E or Class G airspace is exempt from compliance with:

(a) regulations 91.400, 91.630, 91.635 and 91.640 of CASR; and

(b) the following provisions of CAO 95.8:

 (i) to the extent that the subparagraph may require the carriage or use of a VHF radiocommunication system — subparagraph 10.3(a);

 (ii) subparagraph 10.4(b).

*Note*Subsection 8 of CAO 95.8 provides persons with an exemption from obligations under other specified CASR provisions, including regulation 91.625, in relation to aircraft to which CAO 95.8 applies. These include paragliders employed in private operations.

 (2) The exemption in subsection (1) is subject to complying with the conditions mentioned in Schedule 2.

 (3) Subsection (1) applies to the pilot in command of a paraglider whether or not the paraglider is equipped with a VHF radiocommunication system.

6 Exemptions — radio operators

 (1) Subsection (2) applies to an individual mentioned in that subsection if the individual is the holder of a radio operator endorsement issued by SAFA in accordance with:

(a) on 1 December 2023 — the SAFA Operations Manual, as existing at the time this instrument commences; and

(b) between 2 December and 4 December 2023 — the SAFA ASAO exposition, as existing at the time this instrument commences.

 (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from compliance with regulation 91.625 of CASR when transmitting on a radio frequency while operating a ground communications station in accordance with clause 1 of Schedule 1:

(a) Gareth Carter, SAFA member number 18973;

(b) Rob Couper, SAFA member number 88029;

(c) Greg Hurst, SAFA member number 2206066;

(d) Rohan Taylor, SAFA member number 17462.

Schedule 1 Requirements for direction

 1 For each day of the event, SAFA must ensure that:

(a) a danger area is active for the event that covers the event operations on that day; and

(b) an effective ground communications station is established and maintained that covers the following:

 (i) the area within 15 nautical miles of all paragliders participating in the event;

 (ii) if a pilot participating in the event is operating a paraglider in the vicinity of Corryong aerodrome — the area in the vicinity of Corryong aerodrome; and

(c) One of the following individuals maintains a listening watch on appropriate VHF frequencies whenever flights are taking place for the purpose of the event:

 (i) Gareth Carter, SAFA member number 18973;

 (ii) Rob Couper, SAFA member number 88029;

 (iii) Greg Hurst, SAFA member number 2206066;

 (iv) Rohan Taylor, SAFA member number 17462; and

(d) the Safety Director, or another competent person, operates the appropriate UHF frequencies whenever flights are taking place for the purpose of providing traffic, weather and other pertinent information to event participants; and

(e) at intervals of no more than 20 minutes, the following information about the event is transmitted on relevant VHF frequencies from a ground communications station to pilots operating in the event area who are not event participants:

 (i) the location of the launch site and activities;

 (ii) the duration of the activities;

 (iii) the operating cardinal direction of the paragliders;

 (iv) the location of the proposed landing site.

 2 For paragraph (b) of clause 1, an effective ground communications station must be:

(a) supported by available back-up VHF and UHF radiocommunication systems and batteries; and

(b) active:

 (i) on relevant UHF frequencies, VHF common traffic advisory frequencies and VHF area frequencies; and

 (ii) from at least 30 minutes before event flights begin and continuing for the duration of event flights.

 3 A hand-held VHF radiocommunication system without an external antenna is not an effective ground communications station.

 4 SAFA must ensure that the Safety Director, at least 5 days before the commencement of the event period, gives CASA sufficient information to prepare a NOTAM about event operations, that manages risk of conflict between the paragliders of event participants and other aircraft, including the following information about event operations:

(a) the location of the launch site and activities;

(b) the duration of activities;

(c) the operating area of the paragliders of the event participants.

 5 Before the first flight on each day of the event, SAFA must ensure that a daily briefing is given to event participants that addresses the following:

(a) confirmation of ground communications station set-up and the frequencies in use;

(b) review and explanation of the NOTAM published for that day, and any danger area established for that day, in relation to the event;

(c) review and explanation of the event area limits and the requirement to operate within those limits;

(d) review and explanation of the conditions under which the exemption in subsection 5(1) has been issued;

(e) review and explanation of any airspace in which other aircraft may be operating;

(f) if event participants may fly in the vicinity of an aerodrome — review and explanation of the air traffic and activities which may occur at the aerodrome;

(g) any other matters that SAFA considers appropriate to promote the safety of the event.

 6 SAFA must ensure that:

(a) for each day of the event, the Safety Director records the name of each event participant that attends the daily briefing mentioned in clause 5; and

(b) SAFA retains the records mentioned in paragraph (a) for 3 months from the end of the event period.

 7 Before each event participant first operates a paraglider during the event period for the purpose of the event, SAFA must ensure that the Safety Director gives the event participant a diagram that identifies air traffic routes to assist the participant to manage the risk of conflict with other aircraft.

Schedule 2 Conditions on exemption

 1 The pilot in command must ensure that the paraglider is equipped with a serviceable UHF radiocommunication system.

 2 If, during a flight, the pilot in command becomes aware that the UHF radiocommunication system of the paraglider is unserviceable, the pilot in command must cease the flight as soon as safely practicable.

 3 The pilot in command may conduct a flight to which the exemption applies only if satisfied that:

(a) a ground communications station will be established and maintained in accordance with Schedule 1, and is operating satisfactorily; and

(b) a NOTAM has been published for the day of the flight that provides information about event operations to aircraft operating in the event area; and

(c) the danger area mentioned in paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1 is active.

 4 The pilot in command must:

(a) attend the daily briefing mentioned in clause 5 of Schedule 1; and

(b) operate in accordance with:

 (i) on 1 December 2023 — the SAFA Operations Manual, as existing from time to time, during the first day of the event period; and

 (ii) between 2 December and 4 December 2023 — the SAFA ASAO exposition, as existing from time to time, during the remainder of the event period.

(c) hold a relevant qualification that authorises participation in the event.

 5 The pilot in command may rely on the daily briefing mentioned in paragraph 4(a) to reach the satisfaction mentioned in clause 3.

 6 The pilot in command may conduct a flight to which the exemption applies only within the active danger area mentioned in paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1.