

# Welcome



MEMBER

Handbook

## Membership:

- Local rules SOP
- Exclusive membership card with club logo
- Insurance (optional)
- FAI IPPI license (optional)
- Sporting license (optional)
- Radio operating license (optional)
- Exclusive access to the website
- Updates on events/activities regarding paragliding/hang gliding
- Free usage of the infrastructure (huts for shade/training hill/transport to take off)
- Free access to the LZ in Carmona
- Discounts on events (i.e. safety clinics)
- Discounts on tandems (i.e. for friends/family members)

## Philippine Paragliding and Hang gliding Association

(PPHGA) is the recognized association for paragliding and hang gliding by 3Dash Inc., which is the recognized national air sports commission by Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) in the Philippines. PPHGA is the only body that can issue Paragliding and Hang Gliding national licenses, IPPI proficiency cards, and facilitate the issuance of FAI sporting license for FAI competitions. PPHGA aims to recognize all paragliding and hang gliding pilots in the country by issuing a proper license as a proof of pilot proficiency and eligibility.

## Paragliding Philippines Inc.

is the lease owner & administrator of Carmona fly site and operator of Tandem Paragliding including paragliding and paramotor schooling. It also own and manage the Manila Paragliding Club where all free flying activities take place. It's primary function is to commercialise, develop and promote the sport of paragliding and related activities in the Philippines. PGP inc. will continue developing the infrastructure merge all the tools and resources with PPHGA. It will provide all technical and administrative support to local clubs and chapters. It will formulate and update rules and regulation in par with FAI-CIVL through PPHGA. It will do all the marketing and event management including building and maintaining relationships with LGU, DOT and corporate to maintain a healthy relationship to facilitate future events and competitions and develop new sites in the country.

## Manila Paragliding Club

Membership and fund raising. The membership fee is Php 2000 valid from month to date till September of every ending year. Since September is always the start of the flying season at Carmona, collections are required at the start of every new season, therefore, you get to enjoy an extended period of membership.

Portion of the fund will immediately go to paying the site management fee and repairing of infrastructure. MPC will look after both Carmona and San Mateo. It is duty of every member to implement rules and regulation, report any action that jeopardise safety.

[Membership Form](#) >>>

PPHGA Website: [www.pphga.com](http://www.pphga.com)

PGP Website: [www.paraglidingphilippines.net](http://www.paraglidingphilippines.net)

NEWS and Blog: <https://paraglidingphilippines.wordpress.com/>

Facebook Closed Group: Manila Paragliding Club

**Local Rules And Regulation:** MPC acknowledges that the association is based on the principle that its members, clubs, schools and instructor affiliates are responsible bodies. Accordingly, it is MPC policy to expect individuals to take responsibility for their flying operations and to conduct such operations with appropriate supervision. MPC supervision is in the form of advice and control to the extent necessary to ensure safety and regulatory compliance. Where safety is compromised or non-compliance with relevant rules and procedures are not corrected to the satisfaction of the MPC committee, the Chairman may take appropriate action against a member of MPC in accordance with MPC's Statutes and By- Laws. Any such action may include reporting the affiliate to the designated body for further action. Within MPC there are various levels of operational responsibility and are documented in the governance part and the relevant operations sections of the MPC fly site Operation's Manual. The individual pilot involved in 'flying' operations may be held directly responsible to the designated body for regulatory compliance. Members shall ensure that their paraglider wing, suspension/harness system and PG or PPG power unit are airworthy at the commencement of each flight. Air Navigation Regulations shall be observed and complied with at all times as applicable to PG/PPG in the CAAP Parts noted in section of PPHGA SOP (NOTAM included).

**The following are the PG/PPG Classification Type ratings that fall under the control of MPC:**

EN-A –Beginner Wing

EN-B – Advance/Sport Wing

EN-C. –Advance/Intermediate Competition Wing

**License:** It is mandatory for all current and future pilots to obtain license from PPHGA to fly MPC. NO LICENSE NO FLY.

**Use and sale of PG/PPG equipment:** No members and instructors may allow the use or sale of PG/PPG equipment to any person, unless the person is A full member of MPC and hold the appropriate license or is engaged in training towards a specific rating. A student member of MPC and is engaged in on-going training towards a license under the direct supervision of an Instructor. A holder of an international license or student license.

**Rules of the Air:** Gliders on collision courses with other gliders or with any other glider shall each turn to the right.

**Ridge Soaring:** Gliders on collision courses shall turn to the right unless to do so brings a pilot too close to the ground for reasonable safety. In this event only the pilot, who is able to turn right, away from the ground, shall turn.

**Converging Courses:** When on convergent courses, the glider on the right shall yield to the glider on the left which has right of way.

**Thermalling:** Gliders entering a thermal shall circle in the same direction as the first glider to enter the thermal. Gliders with slower climb rates shall give way to gliders climbing towards them. The glider below if entering a thermal simultaneously shall dictate the thermalling direction.

**Approach/Landing:** Gliders at lower altitudes shall have right of way.

**Overtaking:** The glider being overtaken shall have right of way. The glider overtaking shall overtake on the right, except when ridge soaring when the overtaking glider will pass between the ridge and the glider being overtaken. Tandems when overtaking, unless while ridge soaring, should overtake on the downwind side of another glider.

**Cloud Flying:** Gliders shall fly in VMC (Visual Metrological Conditions) and stay clear of clouds below 300m (1000 ft) above ground and 150m (500 ft) below any cloud within a lateral distance of 600m (2000 ft) which is above 500m (1650 ft) above the ground, designated by the local CAAP.

**Night Flying:** No person shall fly a glider by night unless specific permission is obtained from the relevant designated authority. Daylight hours as defined in the Civil Aviation Regulations shall apply.

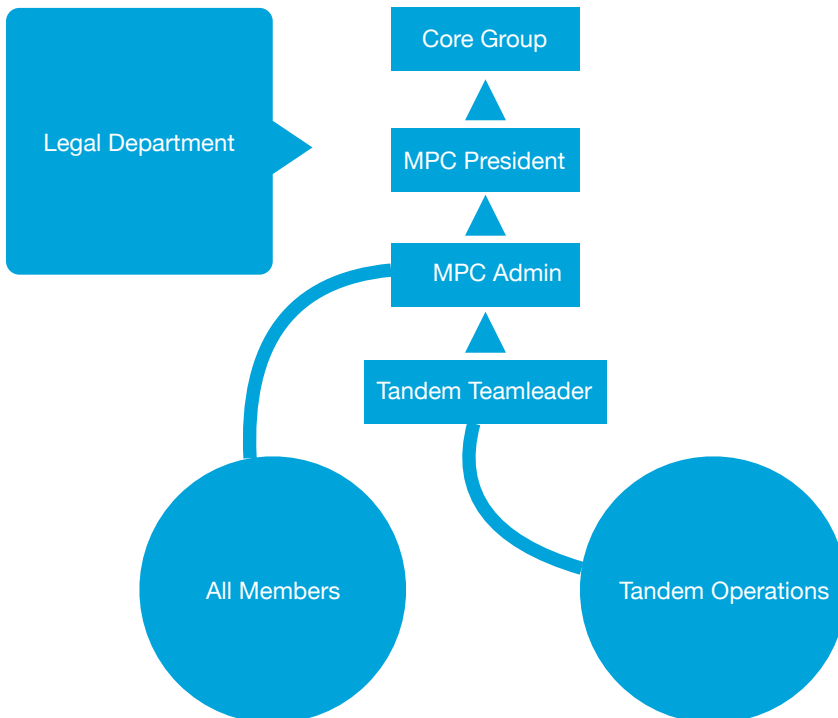
**Tandem flights:** No person may fly with a passenger without being in possession of a current Tandem license rating. Only a current suitably rated Tandem Pilot's, may carry tandem passengers. For training purposes tandem pilots must inform one of the site admin before start of training practices.

### Resident Tandem Pilot & Instructor Procedures:

1. TANDEM PARAGLIDING at the CARMONA FLY SITE will be permitted to all pilots with valid tandem national license, proper equipment and good skills ONLY.
2. All local/resident pilots will have to be fully paid member of MPC (Manila Paragliding Club), for maintaining the CARMONA FLY SITE.
3. For every regular commercial tandem flight the pilot has to give additional Php 50 to (site care taker/administrator). It is the responsibility of each pilot to hand over the fees to site admin after every flight. Failing to do so will follow with a ban to the pilot of conducting any further tandem flight until all dues are paid.
4. To keep the safety standards high and increase the mutual trust and fair play between the pilots, PGP Inc. will not permit competition on the tandem rates at CARMONA FLY SITE.
6. PGP Inc. has designated Uwe Klein as the team leader of the tandem operations at MPC.
7. A royalty fee of Php 500 per person will be charged for any paragliding training conducted at CARMONA FLY SITE by any third party.

### Resolving Issues and Disputes:

- A. Control/policing of the fly site is a collective effort. Whenever one encounter any pilot not abiding by the rule and regulation should be reported privately to MPC admin.
- B. Should anyone have any dispute with a fellow pilot the dispute must be reported to MPC admin. Any sort of confrontation at the fly site will not be tolerated.



## **Who's Who:**

### **Core Group:**

Dennis Baltazar, Director and President of Paragliding Philippines Inc.

Jun Flores III, Director and President of Philippines Paragliding and Hang Gliding Association

Michael Whittington, Director Philippines Paragliding and Hang Gliding Association

Jeena Lames, Director Philippines Paragliding and Hang Gliding Association

Jason Luego, Director Philippines Paragliding and Hang Gliding Association

Ahmad Sayeed (rummii), Director Paragliding Philippines Inc.

### **Manila Paragliding Club:**

Nick Sotelo, President

Adolfo Reyes, Legal Advisor

Ahmad Sayeed (rummii), Administrator

Jet Acuna, Activities Administrator

### **MPC Tandem Group:**

Uwe Klein, Team Leader

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