

The Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston Hang Gliding Club

Tandem Regulations

- 1) A Fellow Feathers Tandem Administrator will be appointed by the Fellow Feathers Executive Committee on an annual basis, and no later than the first Fellow Feathers meeting after a new Executive Committee is elected. The Tandem Administrator shall oversee the Fort Funston Tandem program to insure all tandem operations are conducted in a safe manner and in compliance with Fellow Feathers, USHPA, and GGNRA rules.
- 2) A Funston Tandem Instructor is a pilot with a USHPA Tandem Instructor rating (T-3) who has been approved by the Fellow Feathers Tandem Administrator. Funston Tandem Instructors may fly tandem at their own discretion.
- 3) A Funston Tandem Pilot is a pilot with a USHPA T-1 or T-2 rating and who has been approved by the Fellow Feathers Tandem Administrator. Funston Tandem Pilots may only fly tandem under the direct supervision of a Funston Tandem Instructor or the Fellow Feathers Tandem Administrator.
- 4) Funston Tandem Pilots, Instructors, and their tandem hang gliding equipment must be initially evaluated and approved by the Fellow Feathers Tandem Administrator and shall be re-evaluated annually. Annual evaluations may also be made by any Officer of the Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston Hang Gliding Club.

Approval Requirements for a Funston Tandem Pilot or Funston Tandem Instructor

- A. Current USHPA card with Tandem rating.
- B. Appropriate Tandem launch method: "FL". (Foot Launch).
- C. Special skill: "AWCL". (Assisted Windy Cliff Launch).
- D. Safe tandem HG equipment, i.e. of good design and in good repair.
- E. Parachute re-pack card verifying re-pack within last 12 months.
- F. Extensive solo pilot experience at Fort Funston.
- G. Current tandem logbook.

Fellow Feathers Tandem Regulations, continued:

- 5) The Tandem Administrator shall maintain a list of approved Funston Tandem Pilots and Tandem Instructors.
- 6) Funston Tandem Pilots and Tandem Instructors shall comply with all USHPA tandem regulations, as well as all Fellow Feathers and GGNRA rules.
- 7) Funston Tandem Pilot or Tandem Instructor approval may be rescinded by the Tandem Administrator or a majority of the Fellow Feathers Executive Committee at any time for unsafe tandem operations, or rules violations. Tandem operations may be shut down for the day by any officer of the Fellow Feathers Executive Committee.
- 8) Funston Tandem Pilots and Tandem Instructors must hold a current USHPA Tandem rating and have a Fort Funston helmet sticker.
- 9) Tandem students must be members of the USHPA.
- 10) The Fellow Feathers Special Use Permit from the GGNRA specifically states:
“Commercial activity is not authorized by this Special Use Permit”.
Under our permit, commercial tandem instruction at Fort Funston is strictly prohibited.
- 11) Funston Tandem Pilots and Tandem Instructors must use at least one experienced wire person to assist launch.
- 12) Tandem flights are only permitted when landing on the beach is a safe option and when weather conditions allow an additional margin of safety above what would be expected for solo pilot operations.
- 13) Tandem Instructors must use conservative judgment to assess weather and traffic conditions to decide when tandem flights are appropriate. Tandem Pilots must follow the directions of their supervising Tandem Instructor.
- 14) Funston Tandem Pilots and Instructors shall report all safety related incidents to the Tandem Administrator within 24 hours of the incident. Failure to report shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of tandem privileges.
- 15) Tandem Instructors and tandem students must both sign a Non-compensation document. The signed non-compensation document must be placed in the storage locker drop box prior to the tandem flight.