

The Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston Hang Gliding Club

Tandem Rules and Regulations

1. A Fellow Feathers Tandem Director shall be appointed by the Fellow Feathers President or Executive Committee (EC) on an annual basis, and no later than the first Fellow Feathers club meeting after a new EC has been elected. The Tandem Director shall oversee the Fort Funston tandem program to ensure all tandem operations are conducted in a safe manner and are in compliance with Fellow Feathers, USHPA, GGNRA and FAA rules and regulations.
2. The Tandem Director shall maintain a list of all approved Tandem T1's and Tandem Instructors.
3. Prior to their first tandem flight at Fort Funston, Tandem pilots and their tandem hang gliding equipment shall be evaluated and approved by the Tandem Director or a member of the EC, and shall be re-evaluated annually.
4. **Requirements to fly tandem at Fort Funston:**
 - a. Current USHPA membership, including:
 - i. Tandem T1 Rating or Tandem Instructor Certification.
 - ii. Appropriate Tandem launch method: "FL" (Foot Launch).
 - iii. Special skill: "AWCL" (Assisted Windy Cliff Launch).
 - b. Have a current Fort Funston helmet sticker.
 - c. Have extensive, safe solo pilot experience at Fort Funston
 - d. Use safe tandem HG equipment of good design and in good condition.
 - e. Maintain a current tandem logbook.
 - f. Possess a parachute re-pack card verifying re-pack within the previous 12 months. This may be a dedicated page in the pilots tandem logbook.
5. Prior to being allowed to fly at their own discretion, Tandem T1 pilots must first perform three safe tandem flights under the direct supervision of the Tandem Director, a member of the EC, or an approved Tandem Instructor.
6. Tandem Instructors may fly tandem at their own discretion.
7. Tandem T1's and Tandem Instructors shall comply with all Fellow Feathers, USHPA, GGNRA and FAA rules and regulations.

8. For any tandem violation or unsafe operation, tandem pilots may be suspended for up to one week by the Tandem Director or any member of the EC. Longer suspensions shall be governed by the Fellow Feathers Disciplinary Procedures as outlined in the club rules and Bylaws.
9. Any Tandem T1 or Tandem Instructor who violates the rules or conducts unsafe tandem operations may suffer loss of both tandem and solo flying privileges.
10. Tandem students must be current members of the USHPA.
11. The Fellow Feathers GGNRA Special Use Permit (SUP) specifically states: "Commercial tandem flights or instruction are strictly prohibited.". Violation of the SUP may result in an extended suspension or permanent termination of all flying privileges, both solo and tandem.
12. Tandem operations may be temporarily shut down by the Tandem Director or any member of the EC.
13. Tandem pilots must use at least one experienced wire person to perform a mandatory hang-check and assist with launch.
14. No more than two (2) tandem flights may be in the air at Fort Funston at any one time. Flying tandem in crowded or marginal conditions may be considered unsafe and can result in disciplinary action as mentioned above.
15. 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.
16. Tandem pilots shall use conservative judgment to assess weather and traffic conditions to decide when tandem flights are appropriate.
17. Tandem pilots must report all safety related incidents to the Fellow Feathers Tandem Director or Safety Director within 24 hours of the incident. Failure to report shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of tandem privileges.
18. Dogs or other pets may **not** be taken tandem.