

Recommended content of 3 year standardisation checks for BGA Assistant and Fully rated instructors



Introduction

BGA standards require that a standardisation check is carried out with a CFI or Instructor examiner in the third year following the last 5 year refresher course (or new rating).

The aim of the 3 year standardisation check is to ensure continuing safe, standardised and effective flying and instruction.

The following structure and content is recommended, but this must be tailored to the individual to attain the aim above.

Delivery

The standardisation check may be carried out by a CFI or Regional Examiner.

Composition

The time taken to complete the check is dependant on the individual.

Ground briefing recommended check / content

- Airspace awareness (local and national)
 - Draw a line on a map. Can the instructor identify the airspace and the rules / altimetry behind each symbol (as a minimum)
- A morning brief (NOTAMS, MET, Airfield layout)
 - Can the instructor sort the wheat from the chaff when briefing relevant NOTAMS?
- A discussion of topical critical safety issues identified by BGA / local initiatives
- Effectively brief for an exercise to be flown
 - Clarity/appropriateness of briefing and use of explanation aids

Flight Sortie recommended check / content

- Teach a launch method in use at the club
 - Focus on safety elements – speeds and standard profile for winning
- Teach launch failures
 - Focus on safe speeds and planning
- Teach a selection of the stalling and spinning syllabus
 - Focus on good teaching of prevention
- Teach the principal elements of circuit planning
 - Focus on safe, high final turns and safe, high margin decisions
- Teach the approach and landing phase
 - Focus on recognising/addressing undershoot/overshoot

Factors to take into consideration before flying

- Their currency and 'style' of own flying?

- How long since their last refresher?
- What was the content of their last refresher / check?
- Are there any exercises they avoid or don't get enough practice at?

In addition to the above

Satisfactory completion of the 3-year check must be recorded/signed in the instructor's Log Book.

Don't forget aerotow launch failures. If you are a primarily a wire launch/aerotow site, get them to teach the other launch type.

If they only did the minimum amount of flying last renewal they should teach all the launch failures to you.

Ask them what they think they should do and what they want to do. (i.e. include something they think they need or enjoy)

Include an opportunity to discuss safe instructing and taking over control in plenty of time.

Does the instructor know what to do in the event of an accident or emergency? Where is the Club emergency procedure pack?

Don't forget to ask them what they thought of the session afterwards.