

Tennessee Tree Toppers
Flight Regulatory Program
2008 Revision

A. Clearance Procedure

1. Tennessee Tree Toppers (TTT) membership is required prior to use of TTT facilities. Pilots showing intent to fly without proper clearance are subject to citation. Glider setup at launch is considered evidence of intent to fly. See TTT Citation System.
2. All pilots are subject to the clearance procedure. Pilots may be questioned regarding knowledge and experience. If the clearance official is uncertain of the applicant pilot's competence, the applicant pilot may be required to demonstrate skills at another site. Pilots may be required to acquire or improve certain skills before clearance for specific sites is granted.
3. A TTT flight permit will be issued on submission of a complete and valid application, receipt of membership dues, and agreement by the applicant to observe TTT regulation. The flight permit indicates, but does not guarantee, final launch clearance.
4. The TTT rating system complies with USHGA standards. The TTT reserves the right to issue a TTT rating below the USHPA rating where warranted.
5. Personal checks are accepted and encouraged. Checks returned for insufficient funds will result in suspension of membership privileges until settlement of account.
6. No refunds are available after official clearance.
7. Flight permits will be replaced with each new glider or helmet at no charge.
8. Lost flight permits will be replaced at a charge of \$1.00.

B. Flight Permit Skill Level Minimum Requirements

1. TTT Novice: USHPA Novice with FSL (flat slope launch) skill sign off. Winds 10 mph or less.
2. TTT Intermediate: USHPA Intermediate with FSL and AWCL (assisted windy cliff launch) sign offs. Winds 20 mph or less.
3. TTT Advanced: USHPA Advanced and above with FSL and AWCL sign offs. Winds 30 mph or less.
4. Tandem 1 and 2: All tandem operations must be conducted in compliance with USHPA and FAA regulation. The pilot in command must hold a current Tandem 1 or 2 rating, USHPA membership, and TTT membership. The passenger must be a rated pilot, USHPA member, TTT member, and/or otherwise qualify as tandem passenger under the current USHPA tandem exemption.. All conditions of the current USHPA tandem exemption must be met.

C. Site Skill Requirements

1. Henson's Gap: Minimum rating of TTT Novice. First mountain flights allowed under the supervision of a TTT approved USHPA certified instructor.
2. Whitwell: Minimum rating of TTT Intermediate. First mountain flights prohibited. Pilots showing intent to fly with insufficient rating are subject to citation. See TTT Citation System.
3. Southwest Site: Minimum rating of TTT Intermediate. Two person wire crew required. Pilots showing intent to fly without proper clearance are subject to citation. See TTT Citation System.

D. TTT Authorized Instructors

1. Instruction at TTT sites requires BOD approval. Current USHPA certification and current TTT membership are required of all instructor and tandem instructor applicants.
2. Application should be presented to the TTT BOD before the regularly scheduled meeting before the intended instruction.
3. Tandem flights must comply with current USHPA and FAA regulation. All conditions of the current USHPA tandem exemption must be met.

E. Flying Rules

1. All flight activities must comply with USHPA part 100 and FAA FAR part 103.
2. A pilot flying over any TTT launch below tree top level while launch is occupied by any person will be considered as posing a threat to person and/or property, in violation of FAR 103, and subject to the TTT citation system.
3. Tandem operations must meet all conditions of the current USHPA tandem exemption and FAA regulation.
4. When launching from TTT sites in conditions requiring wire crew assistance, pilots of aircraft without side flying wires must provide a suitable alternative wing restraint system. If no such system is available, wire crew assistance should be denied and launch clearance revoked pending compliance.

F. Citation System

1. Infraction of these regulations may result in immediate suspension of membership privileges upon citation by any TTT BOD member pending investigation, ruling, and resolution by the BOD.
2. The TTT BOD will hear the citation, results of any investigation of the violation, and any defense from the member charged with violation, at the next BOD meeting.
3. The BOD will set penalties for violations and/or other conditions for reinstatement, except where specified in the TTT Flight Regulatory Program or TTT Bylaws, on an individual case basis.
4. Membership privileges will continue in suspension and new application will be denied until such penalties and/or other conditions for reinstatement of membership privileges as may be set by the TTT BOD, Flight Regulatory Program, and/or the TTT Bylaws have been satisfied.
5. The BOD will approve reinstatement of membership privileges at the next meeting after satisfaction of penalties and/or other conditions.