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Object : reminder of regulations and the fragility of the the « Grand Dune du Pilat » site (Giant Dune of Pilat)

The French Federation of Free Flying (FFVL) would like to inform you about flying conditions at the site of the « Grande Dune de Pilat ». (Giant Dune of Pilat)

This remarkable site is under great pressure from the detrimental impact of tourism and Free Flying will need to be managed in a more and more regulated way. Over the last few years there have been problems due to the excessive number of pilots, the growing number of bad practices (taking off in high wind conditions, non-respect of priority, flying without helmets...) and numerous accidents. All of these put the site at risk, with a very real risk of the site being permanently closed to Free Flying.

The FFVL is very worried about the future of the site and works daily for its preservation. It is essential that everyone in the world of Free Flying fully understands what is at stake, and work in the same direction. We therefore ask all pilots to carefully follow the flying instructions and respect the rules and regulations.

Here below you will find the rules on how to use the Pilat site respectfully, the introduction of registration procedures for outside groups (French or foreign), as well as a reminder to all foreign professional instructors giving lessons.

Please send this information to all your members.

Have a great flying season.

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Présidente de la FFVL

I. . Dune Of Pilat Rules and Regulations for Paragliding and Hang-gliding Free Flying at Pyla



Please be especially careful about respecting :

- Access to the site (1,2,3) take off zones, flyover and landing zones, priorities
- The rules of priority
- Visitors rights to safety and calm
- Obligation to wear a helmet
- Clear the zone



2. Obligation to register groups – Dune du Pilat

The FFVL would especially like to draw your attention to groups of pilots coming to the site both with or without group organisers (clubs or schools).

The site has a limited capacity and the Federation would like to better organise the massive influx which has a destabilizing effect on the site's fragile balance. In order to do so, the federation has implemented

- Obligation to register ;
- Limitation of the number of pilots ;
- A shared calendar to inform local site managers of intended visits and for people to be able to consult the number of visiting pilots at that period.

The objective is to incite pilots to choose another date if there are already too many groups.

If you intend to come to the Giant Dune of Pilar with a group, you must beforehand :

- register on line at : <https://forms.gle/n1dgEUH4wfpGxrPL9>
- consult the shared calendar :
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KH0-J9XgcN27Wz_Bqk3eshLkZaFoyuvomrdM5glME7w/edit#gid=913185391
- Respect the number limitations for the site : 1 group = 4 – 10 pilots maximum (including group organiser) and 50 pilots maximum all together (including group organisers)

Groups which are not registered will be asked to leave the dune if the maximum number of 50 people has already been reached.

3. Rules and regulations for all European community citizens wishing to organise paragliding or hang-gliding activities professionally (against payment) in France

All European Community citizens wishing to set up or work independantly as a professional sports educator are under the obligation to register with the Prefect in the Department where they wish to mainly work (decret n°2009-1116 dated 15 September 2009).

Freedom to Supply Services (L.P.S. Libre Prestation de Service)

People wishing to work seasonally in France (less than 16 weeks in total), must apply for Freedom to Supply Services (LPS) and renew their application every year. The conditions are the following :

- Be a European citizen ;
- Reside outside of France ;
- Provide proof that they have the same profession in their own country of residence ;
- Be fluent in French.



The declaration must be made on line at <https://www.arquedi.sports.gouv.fr>

In the case of the Giant Dune of Pilat, the declarations are examined by :

La direction départementale de la cohésion sociale de Gironde

(DDCS 33 6 Espace Rodesse – 103 bis rue de Belleville – CS 61693 – 33062 Bordeaux Cedex)

Freedom of Establishment :

This is the procedure for European citizens wishing to set up professionally and permanently in France and to obtain a professional license. The conditions are as follows :

- Be a European citizen (including a French person residing in another country)
- Move permanently to France
- Have European qualifications
- Have a minimum of 2 years full time experience over the last 10 years