



## **BAFSA UPDATE November 2019**

### **1. Membership 2020**

All BAFSA membership expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

The BAFSA Committee has determined to hold membership fees at R1 000.00/annum, which is the same as it has been for the past 5 odd years.

Your Aero Club of South Africa membership has been reduced to R450.00/annum.

Please keep a lookout for mails from Aero Club regarding online payment and renewal process.

A reminder that it is a condition of your licence validity to be a member of an approved aviation recreation organisation (ARO), so please renew your membership by 31/12/19 to avoid the risks of flying without a valid licence.

### **2. New Pilot**

Congratulations go to Sarah Bauling on attaining her licence on 12/11/19. Welcome to the sky and the world of ballooning.

### **3. Aviation Recreation Organisation (ARO)**

ALL ballooning activities in South Africa are required to be under the auspices of an approved ARO (refer CARS Part 149).

As stated above, pilots are to be members of an approved ARO. This means:

- Pilots are required to be members of BAFSA
- BAFSA has to be an approved ARO

This regulation requires that the ARO (BAFSA) submits an annual application for approval, along with a Manual of Procedures.

As in 2018, the Manual of Procedures has been revised and updated and approval of this was obtained on 21/11/19, following an audit by SACAA. See last page.

Once pilots have renewed their membership for 2020, you will receive a copy of the Manual of Procedures (MOP) by e-mail, which pilots are expected to review and familiarise themselves with. This will enable BAFSA to confirm that each member has a copy of the MOP. A copy will also be uploaded to the BAFSA website.

BAFSA have been advised by SACAA that they will be conducting ad hoc "ramp inspections" of our ballooning activities around the country and will be questioning pilots on their knowledge of the ARO MOP. You are requested to co-operate with SACAA Officials in this regard.

4. **Montgolfier Day 2020**

A Montgolfier Day (21/11/19) flight was held over the past weekend in Parys. 6 pilots and 3 balloons took part in the fun flying and socialising in Parys.



5. **Aero Club Centenary 2020**



2020 marks the centenary of our Aero Club, one of the oldest aero clubs in the world. All Aero Club sections will be participating in the numerous local and international events throughout the year. Refer to the Aero Club Calendar of Events on:

<http://www.aeroclub.org.za/a-events/>

for details.

BAFSA is arranging for a repanelled envelope, sporting the centenary logo. This envelope will be launched officially as soon as possible in the new year ..... Watch this space.

6. **Pilot Training**

The Department of Sport and Recreation sponsored pilot training is proceeding, albeit not quite at the rate we had hoped, theoretical training and examinations have been completed in varying degrees by the candidates. It is hoped that flight training will commence soon.

7. **Afrox South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020**

Save the Dates : 12/07/20 – 17/07/20  
Venue : Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris  
Event Director : Mathijs de Bruijn

We would like to attract as many participating pilots as possible, including pilots from overseas, so please start your planning soon.



8. **Incident & Accident Reporting**

All pilots need to inculcate a culture of reporting of incidents and accidents. These can serve as great learning experiences for current and trainee pilots alike.

All pilots should familiarise themselves with the definitions and differences of an incident vs an accident and report occurrences accordingly to Flip Steyn at [fsteyn@telkomsa.net](mailto:fsteyn@telkomsa.net).

The Manual of Procedures provides the required information within the Safety Management System.

This is the last BAFSA Update for 2019.

Wishing you all Safe Flying, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and safe travels – take care.

**BAFSA COMMITTEE**





**CIVIL AVIATION  
AUTHORITY**

**SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**

**APPROVAL CERTIFICATE**

**APPROVAL NO: CAA/ARO/001**

In terms of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011, as amended, and subject to the conditions specified below, the South African Civil Aviation Authority hereby certifies:

**BALLOON AND AIRSHIP FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**C/O AEROCLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**HANGAR 50**

**HURRICANE ROAD**

**RAND AIRPORT**

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**AVIATION RECREATION ORGANISATION**

approved according to Part 149

**CONDITIONS**

1. To oversee and develop safety standards for operation of its members
2. To continuously evaluate compliance with the conditions of its approved MOP, and the South African Civil Aviation Regulations 2011, as amended
3. To advise the SACAA on regulatory amendments applicable to its operation
4. To notify the SACAA of non-compliance by its members
5. This approval is valid until the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 whilst the approved Organisation remains in compliance with Part 149 and it's MOP.

  
For: **DIRECTOR OF CIVIL  
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