

## **Cadet and Young Persons (Vehicle Use)**

### **Objective**

The objective of this SOP is to ensure a consistent and safe approach to the authorisation of Cadets and Young Persons (CYPs) in the use of the club vehicles.

### **Requirement**

CYPs (under 16) must have parental permission to drive club vehicles as "P1". When competent to drive as "P1" their logbooks should be signed.

### **Buggies**

The buggies are simple vehicles. The main dangers are driving it into things, especially gliders, and the risk of overturning. Training must address the following:

- Always consider the airfield as active.
- Keep to the edge of the airfield at all times unless directed by an instructor or senior member.
- Maintain a good lookout when driving.
- Stop and check before crossing the airfield.
- Never drive directly towards gliders (e.g. what would happen if the brake failed?) or other objects.
- Do not use headphones when driving.
- Do not use telephones when driving.
- Do not execute sharp turns when not towing gliders.
- Coil the rope after use
- If any CYP does not drive safely they will be not permitted to drive as "P1"

### **Four Wheel Drive or Geared Vehicles**

Four wheel drive and geared vehicles present a greater risk for damage and injury if not driven correctly. CYPs must be cleared to drive the buggy first. Additional training will take longer.

Training must address the following:

- They must be able to reach the controls and have good external vision.
- Not exceed the speed limit (20mph).
- Drive with windows open.
- Demonstrate they can tow slowly and safely.
- Demonstrate they can reverse slowly and safely.
- Demonstrate they can stop correctly given a stop signal
- Demonstrate overall competence.

Training must be delivered by an instructor or responsible person. Training is for a specific vehicle (Land Rover, Pajero etc.). Training can be carried out on non-flying days or away from flying operations. Some CYPs may not be competent.

Chris Edwards