

Ed Levin Site Introduction Requirements & Checklist

Wings of Rogallo

October 4, 2024

H4s and P4s with significant flying experience at Ed Levin are welcome to give site introductions.

Requirements to give introductions

- Must be a Full Member of Wings of Rogallo, as defined in the club's bylaws.
- Must possess a P4 or H4 rating.
- Must have flown at Ed Levin for at least 2 full years.
- Must have flown from all launches in a variety of conditions, and be familiar with the seasonal and diurnal weather patterns.
- Must have flown at Ed Levin at least 5 times in the past year.
- Must not have had any suspensions at any Wings of Rogallo site in the past 2 years.
- Must not have had any USHPA suspensions in the past 2 years.
- Must not receive any compensation for mentorship.

Guidelines

- Intro givers must be intimately familiar with all [Ed Levin Site Procedures](#).
- Intro givers are not instructors, and should not give in-flight radio instruction or coaching to pilots. Radio communication should only be used if a potentially dangerous situation is observed that requires intervention.
- Intro givers who fail to carry out the responsibilities described herein may have their site introduction privileges revoked at the discretion of the Ed Levin Site Chairperson.

Introductory Flight Checklist

- Assess the weather conditions, and determine which launch is the most appropriate (for the 600 and 1750 launches)
- Discuss the landing pattern options
- Explain where the emergency lock box is located
- Explain what an "emergency X" placed in the LZ means
- Explain the decision-making process to the pilot (observing wind direction consistency and strength, discussing daily weather forecast)
- Observe the pilot's launch, and note any difficulties, assessing whether the pilot is capable of launching safely unsupervised.
- Observe that the pilot lands safely and performs an appropriate landing approach for the conditions.
- Debrief after the flight, and discuss any issues observed, particularly if there are any concerns about the pilot's ability to fly safely without supervision.
- Make sure all flying activities are done one hour before sunset
- Report any serious issues or concerns to the Ed Levin Site Committee, and optionally, the pilot's instructor (for example, if the pilot has clearly misrepresented their skills and experience, falsified their log book, or if the pilot does anything that endangers themselves, other pilots, or the site).