

## AOSPKC CODE OF CONDUCT

Power kiting of any type can be a fast and exhilarating sport and is subject to its own levels and degrees of danger. The voluntary code of conduct is intended to provide information and advice for all powerkiters and spectators alike.

The participation in this exhilarating sport has been under pressure from concerned Local Authorities, it is respectfully requested that all kiters adopt this code to demonstrate to the general public and local authorities, that we can be relied on to use flying sites in a responsible manner.

- Be Courteous to others whether members of the club the public or officials, you are an ambassador for the sport & club.
- Actively promote the safe enjoyment of power kiting - advise members of the public of the potential dangers with power kiting and general power kite activities.
- Respect and obey any prohibition or advice notices posted by the landowner and/or controlling official(s).
- Ensure you are in possession of current and specific third party BPKA insurance which is available for inspection by landowners and/or controlling official(s)
- Please keep all club equipment and facilities in a clean, tidy, safe useable condition, should accidental damage to equipment / property occur please report the incident to the committee using the incident report form.
- Remove hazards when you see them, if you can't remove a hazard please report it to the committee so they can take appropriate action.
- Give way to any livestock and/or pedestrians - keep a safe distance and respect other land users!
- Do not drop or leave any litter - take it home with you
- Park vehicles sensibly - do not obstruct rights of way or access points, it may be you that needs the Ambulance!
- Check your equipment! Never fly on damaged equipment and don't fly if the wind is too strong for you. If in doubt, don't go out!
- Only have one kite out at a time.
- When not in use, safely stake your kite out and do not leave it unattended. Weigh down the trailing edge of your kite with sand, mud, bean bags, your board, buggy, etc. Detach the power lines.
- Do not leave stakes in the ground, they are a hazard to other beach users.

### Additional Safety Advice for Buggy & Landboard

- Have consideration for other beach users, stick to the areas permitted for use and if there is no room because of tourists and the tide wait for the beach to clear.
- Stay well away from people. if you can't buggy / landboard and look around because your concentrating on the kite go back to kite basics until you can!
- Never let an unknown person try your buggy or landboard as they may not be able to handle it safely.
- If you lend your buggy / landboard to someone make sure it's in a fit condition for use. Check:
  - Tyre pressures
  - Wheel / axle / frame / headset nuts are tight
- Consider wearing a helmet, even the best pilots can make mistakes and you'll set a good example to people coming into the sport who haven't developed all their skills yet.
- Get 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance, it's not expensive and can be obtained through the BPKA website [www.bpka.co.uk](http://www.bpka.co.uk)