

ASMB Launch Controller/ Wing Runner Briefing

THANK YOU, the launch controller / wing runner plays an important role in the Glider Launch process.

PLEASE READ this briefing note and advise the duty pilot or launching pilot when you have done so.

PRE-LAUNCH preparation

DO NOT interrupt the pilot during their Aircraft inspection and Pre-flight checks routines.

DO REQUEST that members of the public and other club members stand behind the aircraft.

WHEN THE PILOT indicates

CONNECT the launch cable to the glider,

CONFIRM the glider canopy is closed and **LOCKED**,

ASK the pilot to confirm the **AIRBRAKES** are **CLOSED** and **LOCKED**,

CHECK CAREFULLY the circuit **AIRSPACE** and advise when the **AIRSPACE** is **CLEAR**,

MOVE to the GLIDER wingtip

ONLY WHEN the pilots advises (usually by a thumbs-up):

LIFT up and **LEVEL** the glider wings,

COMMUNICATE with the **WINCH** on UHF radio (channel 14),

“WINCH this is LAUNCH, GLIDER on the wire, there is NO CIRCUIT TRAFFIC, ALL OUT, ALL OUT”. (Or “TAKEUP SLACK.... ALL OUT ALL OUT” as required)

STOPPING the Launch

AT ANY TIME if you or anyone else spots a **DANGER** or **HAZARD**:

IMMEDIATELY CALL “STOP, STOP, STOP” and place the wing tip back on the ground.