

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL SPORT PILOTS**

In order to be certificated ("licensed") as a Sport Pilot, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 17 years of age
- Possess a current Medical Certificate or a state-issued driver's license
- Be able to read, write and speak the English language
- Have completed the following flight training as a student pilot training under a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI):
- *A minimum* of 20 hours flight time, including:
  - Fifteen hours of dual flight instruction (time spent in flight training with an instructor in the aircraft with you)
  - Five hours solo
  - Two hours dual cross-country
  - One solo cross-country flight
  - Three hours of test prep instruction
- Completion of the FAA Sport Pilot Knowledge Test
- Completion of the FAA Sport Pilot Practical Test

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING PILOTS SEEKING TO ADD A GYROPLANE SPORT PILOT RATING**

In order to add a Sport Pilot rating to your existing Recreational or higher Certificate, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Receive training and endorsement from a sport pilot CFI stating that you are proficient (meet the standards in the [Sport Pilot PTS](#)) in a rotorcraft gyroplane; and
- Completion of a Proficiency Check by another sport pilot CFI.

However:

- No minimum hour requirements
- No solo hour requirements
- No dual or solo cross-country flight requirements
- No FAA Sport Pilot Knowledge Test
- No FAA Sport Pilot Practical Test with a DPE or FAA Inspector

## What are the Sport Pilot Privileges and Limitations

When operating as a sport pilot, you as the pilot must operate within the following guidelines of the sport pilot certificate:

### **Privileges:**

- > Fly during the daytime using visual flight rules (VFR). 3 miles visibility and visual contact with the ground is required.
- > Cross-country flying anywhere in the U.S.
- > Fly up to 10,000 feet above mean sea level (MSL) or 2,000 feet AGL, whichever is higher.
- > Fly solo or with one passenger.
- > Can share operating expenses with another person.
- > Fly in Class E and G airspace (and B, C, and D airspace with appropriate training).
- > Allows sport pilots to fly production (standard airworthiness certificate) and experimental amateur-built aircraft that meet the definition of a light-sport aircraft.
- > Allows rental of special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA).

### **Limitations:**

- > Prohibited from Class A airspace.
- > Prohibited from flying in Class B, C, or D airspace until you receive training and a logbook endorsement from an instructor.
- > No flights outside the U.S. without prior permission from the foreign aviation authority.
- > May not tow any object.
- > No flights while carrying a passenger or property for compensation, hire or for furtherance of a business.