



**For the attention of users
of the Dune du Pilat site**

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Subject: Sensitive nature of the large Dune du Pilat site: new Municipal Order and new rules.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The French Federation of Paragliding (F.F.V.L) wishes to draw your attention to the practice of paragliding on the site of the large Dune du Pilat.

In consultation with the services of the town hall and the authorities, including the Conservatoire du Littoral, new rules have been set by municipal decree for free flight practitioners, with the aim of:

1/improve the respect of the environment, in particular the respect of natural areas and oyat plantations.

2/to reduce the number of accidents by regulating the use of the area. To achieve this, a registration requirement has been introduced for all groups of up to 10 pilots (including supervisors) for a maximum period of 14 days per year. This procedure must be carried out on the platform www.parapilat.com.

3/avoid conflicts of use when there are large numbers of tourists and users, particularly in the northern sector of the Corniche.

This flying site is fragile, particularly subject to tourist and environmental pressures, and is the scene of numerous accidents, problems of over-frequented areas and a growing number of deviant practices (take-offs in strong winds, recurrent failure to respect priorities, flights without helmets, reckless risk-taking, etc.). We must absolutely respect the new rules of practice which are different according to the sectors (see map). Our responsible behaviour will be evaluated in order to avoid a real risk of closure: it is therefore an essential issue.

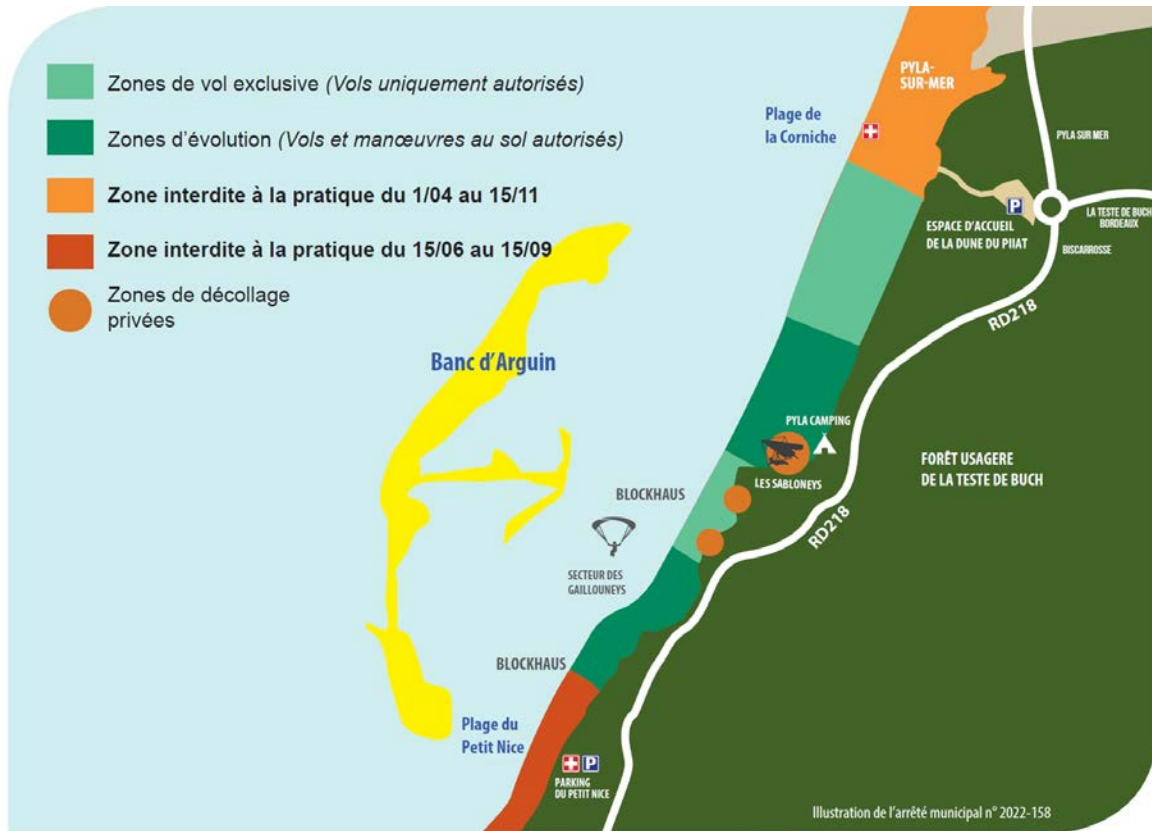
We therefore ask all pilots to respect the rules of use of the Pilat site mentioned in the [municipal decree n° 2022-158 of 25 March 2022](#), and to respect the registration procedure for groups of pilots (French or foreign) staying on the dune: www.parapilat.com

A reminder to foreign professional instructors will also be made through the European federations.

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*President of the Commission
for Sites and Practice Areas*

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I. Regulatory framework for paragliding and hanggliding on the Dune du Pilat.



Please be particularly careful to respect :

- > Access to the site, development zones, exclusive flight zones and zones prohibited to practice.
- > The rules of priority.
- > The peace and quiet of visitors.
- > The oyat plantations in which take-offs and evolutions are forbidden.

Reminders: helmets must be worn and the area must be cleared.

2. Obligation to register groups - Dune du Pilat

The FFVL would particularly like to draw your attention to the arrival on the site of groups of pilots (under the supervision of an organising structure), whether supervised or not (clubs and schools).

Indeed this site has a limited capacity, the federation and the town of La Teste-De-Buch have the will to better organize the massive and punctual influxes which destabilize a fragile balance. To do this, it is setting up :

- a registration obligation: a group of a maximum of 10 pilots (including supervisors) can register their days for a maximum of 14 days per year,
- a limit on the number of pilots: a maximum of 50 pilots per day for the whole group must be respected,

- a shared calendar to be filled in and consulted to inform the local managers of your arrival and to keep yourselves informed of the number of pilots and the possibilities of flying at that time.

The aim is to encourage visitors to choose another period if too many groups are already present.

If you plan to come and fly in a group on the Dune du Pilat, you must first :

- register online : www.parapilat.com
- consult the [booking schedule](#)

Unregistered groups will be asked to leave the dune.

3. Regulatory framework for any EU national wishing to supervise paragliding and hang-gliding for remuneration in France

Any European national legally established in a Member State or other State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area to carry out one of the activities of the regulated profession of sports educator may carry out this same activity in France, on a temporary and occasional basis, provided that he or she declares himself or herself to the Prefect. This general principle is organised by the sports code in such a way as to guarantee the safety of users (Code du sport, articles L.212-7, R.212-84, R.212-92 to R.212-94, A.212-182-2).

Regarding the **freedom to provide services (LPS)**:

Persons wishing to work in France on a seasonal basis (less than 16 weeks) must apply for an LPS, which is renewable every year. The conditions for obtaining this permit are as follows

- to be a national of one or more EU member states;
- be a European resident outside France;
- provide proof that you are working in the same profession in your country of residence and justify the volume of work over at least one sporting season;
- Prove that you have a good command of the French language.

Regarding **free establishment**:

This is the procedure for European nationals who wish to establish themselves permanently in France. It allows you to obtain a professional card. The conditions for obtaining the card are as follows:

- be European (including French living abroad);
- be permanently established in France;
- have a European qualification;
- full-time professional experience for at least two years during the previous ten years.

The declaration process must be done online at the website: <https://www.arquedi.sports.gouv.fr>

Failure to comply with this obligation to declare may result in an immediate ban on exercising one's activity on the Dune du Pilat site, as well as criminal proceedings.

The penal sanction against an educator who practices without having made a declaration is provided for in article L 212-12 of the sports code (1 year in prison and a 15 000 euro fine).

For the Dune du Pilat site, the declarations are studied by the Service Départemental à la Jeunesse, à l'Engagement et aux Sports (SDJES de la Gironde) Espace Rodesse - 103 bis rue de Belleville - CS 61693 - 33062 Bordeaux Cedex.