



**AERO CLUB OF INDIA (NAC-India)**  
Established: 1927  
(Member: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, Switzerland-NAC-India)

## **ACI GENERAL SPORTING CODE**

*MASTER COMMON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)*

*Aligned with FAI General Sporting Code*

*Applicable to All Air Sports Disciplines in India*

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### **1. Purpose and Scope**

This ACI General Sporting Code establishes the common definitions, governance principles, authorisation processes, enforcement mechanisms, and disciplinary framework applicable uniformly to all air sports disciplines in India. The Code is issued by the Aero Club of India (ACI), the National Air Sports Control of India (NAC-India), and is aligned absolutely with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) General Sporting Code.

### **2. Statutory and Institutional Authority**

This Code is issued under:

- Article 246 read with Seventh Schedule, Union List Entry 29 of the Constitution of India
- Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024
- National Air Sports Guidelines (NASG)
- Designation of ACI as National Air Sports Control of India (NAC-India)
- FAI General Sporting Code

### **3. Applicability**

This General Sporting Code applies to:

- All air sports disciplines recognised by FAI and governed by ACI
- All pilots, athletes, officials, instructors, operators, clubs, and event organisers
- All recreational, training, competitive, demonstration, and commercial sporting activities
- All national and international air sports events conducted in India

## 4. Definitions

Air Sport: Any sporting or recreational aviation activity recognised by FAI.

NAC-India: National Air Sports Control of India, being the Aero Club of India.

Sporting Licence: Licence issued under FAI Sporting Code through ACI.

Event: Any organised air sports activity, competition, display, or demonstration.

Authorisation: Written approval issued by ACI permitting conduct of an activity or event.

## 5. Governance Principles

- ACI is the sole apex authority for governance of air sports in India.
- All air sports activities require ACI recognition and authorisation.
- State Governments and local authorities act only as facilitators.
- DGCA interfaces only for aircraft certification, airworthiness, and airspace safety.
- No parallel or private regulatory regimes shall apply.

## 6. Sporting Licences and Membership

- All participants must hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence issued through ACI.
- Licence validity, currency, and discipline-specific ratings shall be governed by ACI.
- Foreign participants shall comply with FAI and ACI entry protocols.

## 7. Authorisation Flow (Common)

Step 1: Application submitted to ACI by operator or organiser.

Step 2: Verification of licences, equipment, site, and safety plan.

Step 3: Risk assessment and discipline-specific review.

Step 4: Issuance of written authorisation by ACI.

Step 5: Coordination with State authorities and DGCA where applicable.

## 8. Safety Management and Reporting

- Mandatory safety management practices shall be followed.
- All accidents and serious incidents shall be reported to ACI without delay.
- ACI may initiate safety reviews, audits, or investigations as required.

## **9. Enforcement and Compliance**

ACI shall enforce compliance through:

- Inspections and audits
- Suspension of licences or authorisations
- Withdrawal of event sanction
- Referral to competent authorities where required

## **10. Penalties and Disciplinary Action**

Penalties may include:

- Warning or censure
- Temporary suspension
- Permanent revocation of licence or authorisation
- Disqualification from events
- Reporting to FAI or DGCA as applicable

## **11. Appeals and Due Process**

- Affected parties shall have the right to be heard.
- Appeals may be submitted to ACI within prescribed timelines.
- Decisions of ACI shall be final for sporting matters.

## **12. Alignment with FAI**

This Code shall be interpreted in harmony with the FAI General Sporting Code. In case of conflict, FAI provisions shall prevail for sporting matters, subject to Indian law.

## **13. Review and Amendments**

This General Sporting Code shall be reviewed periodically to ensure continued alignment with FAI standards, NASG, and Indian statutory requirements.