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Proficiency Testing is essential as it challenges and improves the skills level, as well as the safety knowledge, and flying ability of any pilot who does a proficiency test.

The tests for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Instructors have been in use for over 25 years at SAMAA and have been the yardstick by which a pilot's flying ability and experience has been measured.

Recently a "SOLO" proficiency test was added, and this test sets the base line of competence for a pilot to stand and fly unattended on the flightline at a club, when other pilots are present and flying.

The details of the Proficiency System can be found on the SAMAA website under the Manual of Procedures headed "Proficiency Testing"

1. SAMAA'S intention is that testing of flying ability should be decentralised to clubs, but that a central administration be maintained to collect and record the proficiency obtained, and to issue the appropriate badges. This point of collection and recording will be the SAMAA General Managers office.
2. SAMAA accepted minimum standard for a pilot to fly alone at a club, when others are present and flying is a "SOLO" proficiency.
3. The qualification for judges for testing for different merits is set out in the proficiency booklet.
4. Use must be made of the Judges at Competitions to establish the proficiencies of competitive pilots.
 - (a) Presently a fixed wing proficiency system is available.
 - (b) A helicopters proficiency system is available.
 - (c) A control line proficiency system is available
 - (d) A glider proficiency system is available.
 - (e) A jet qualification test is available.

In due course we trust that other disciplines will produce systems or conversion tests applicable to their models.

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