



Foreign Ratings

Standard Operating Procedure 12-03
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12-03.01 Issuance of Foreign Equivalent Ratings

Observers / Instructors may issue a foreign pilot a USHPA rating using a combination of his/her country's rating system and actually observing flying skills. An Observer/Instructor may choose to, or not to, require that all flying tasks be performed. The Observer/Instructor should administer the appropriate test. Oral testing is acceptable. It must be insured that the right-of way rules and FAR's are understood. It must be clear that many sites have particular rules and protocol that must be learned and followed. The foreign pilot must complete the overall time, tasks and judgment requirements for each rating. Applicants must be full USHPA members in order to apply. Observers/Instructors are to mark the application "Foreign Pilot" and include a copy of the foreign rating with the application.

12-03.02 Operation by Foreign Pilots Holding IPPI Ratings

Foreign pilots holding IPPI cards may operate in the US as if they held the equivalent USHPA rating provided that the pilot presents him/herself to the site director at all sites to be flown and receives the local and national regulations, and obtains a USHPA membership. Thirty (30) day temporary USHPA memberships are acceptable for this purpose. Pilots operating with an IPPI card will not be issued a USHPA rating. Foreign pilots wanting a USHPA rating should apply using the procedure outlined in 12-03.01.

12-03.03 Requests for Information by Foreign Pilots

If a foreign pilot contacts the USHPA office requesting information about flying in the US, the USHPA staff will advise the pilot to get an IPPI card. USHPA will advise the pilot to obtain USHPA membership, and will forward necessary application materials for a full and/or 30 day membership, so that the pilot will have appropriate insurance when flying in the US.