

## MGSA Launch Procedures

Glider pilot: - Accept tow rope for hookup only after "Before Takeoff Checklist" is complete.

- Give thumbs up to wing runner when ready to launch.
- For three wheel and CG hook gliders apply full wheel brake.
- Watch Pawnee complete slack removal.
- When slack is removed wag rudder.
- Remove wheel brake immediately and fully/close and lock spoilers when takeoff roll

begins.

- If no response from tow pilot, call 'glider ready'.
- Avoid distractions that take eyes off tow plane – can cause kiting
- Be ready for PTTT!

Ground team: - Pull rope straight out from tow plane Tost funnel

- Show tail dolly to glider pilot
- Show tow rope end to glider pilot only after canopies are closed and locked.
- After receiving thumbs up check glider configuration (canopies, tail dolly) and pattern before leveling wings.
- Signal tow pilot to take up remaining slack.
- After seeing rudder wag signal tow pilot for takeoff.

Tow pilot: - Taxi on to runway so as to avoid prop wash on open glider canopies.

- Take up final slack when signaled to do so by wing runner.
- After seeing takeoff signal from glider and wing runner begin takeoff.