



Hello COPA Flight Captains,

I hope the spring flying weather is coming soon to your part of the country. Not so promising here in Ottawa.

I am writing to provide you with the highlights of the changes to COPA for Kids for 2018. We are very excited about these and we hope that it will add some more value to the already-successful CFK program. The program also has a new look this year. You can access the new certificates, brochure, and registration forms by clicking on the links below. As well, the revised *Guide to COPA for Kids* is available on COPA's website. COPA Flights should contact Jessica Papp to order required materials - copa@copanational.org. **Note:** All materials will be available in French.

[Brochure](#)

[Certificate](#)

[Waiver/Registration Form](#)

Online Registration

This year, we are offering an online registration portal, courtesy of Jeff Page from COPA Flight 70 in Oshawa, Ontario. Jeff's portal has been tested and refined over the past several years and should go a long way to eliminating burdensome paperwork on the day of your COPA for Kids event. Some things to note about online registration:

- Use of COPA's portal is not mandatory
- Use of COPA's portal does eliminate the need for paper registration forms and waivers - both on event day and the requirement to mail your hardcopies back to COPA following your event
- COPA Flights wishing to continue using their own registration process, whether online or not, will be required to submit paper copies of all forms back to COPA as in previous years
- A comprehensive how-to-guide on using the system is being prepared and will be distributed to Flight Captains in the next few weeks
- The portal allows the organizer to configure the registration parameters according to the specifics of your event (ie number of pilots, seats per aircraft, volunteers, etc)

- Pilot registration is also done through the web portal

Online Groundschool

COPA has partnered with online groundschool provider Hangaar to sponsor free PPL groundschool for all kids aged 14-17 who participate in a CFK flight. Following the flight, the participants will receive a standard pilot logbook with instructions containing the access procedure for the Hangaar groundschool. The groundschool meets all of the requirements set forth by Transport Canada for classroom training toward obtaining the PPL and, upon completion of the course, participants will receive the recommendation letter needed to write the written exam at their local Flight Training Unit. For more information on Hangaar, visit their website: <https://hangaar.com/>. **Note:** the Hangaar groundschool is not available in French.



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Scholarship Guide

COPA's 2018 Flight Training Scholarship guide, presented in partnership with the Air Canada Pilots Association, contains details on the dozens of scholarship and bursary opportunities available to people looking to enter the aviation industry. We are hopeful that this will help bridge the gap between COPA for Kids and the front door of the flight school. Copies of the guide will be distributed as part of the participant packages to be handed out on the event day. The Scholarship Guide will be available in May.

Foam Airplanes

Back by popular demand are the foam puzzle airplanes. These foam planes, along with the participant certificates, are for the younger kids aged 8-13

Individual Flights

We are pleased to announce that the COPA for Kids program will now offer pilots and participants the ability to schedule their flights according to their own schedules. We have amended the global insurance policy to allow pilots to conduct CFK flights on their own time, outside of an organized event day. We expect this will increase participation and minimize the

risk posed by weather and other outside factors on one-day events. In order to conduct one-off flights, there are a couple of important provisions:

- The flight must be conducted from a registered aerodrome in Canada
- The pilot must hold a current COPA membership
- The aircraft must meet the same requirements as outlined in the *Guide to COPA for Kids*
- The relevant documentation (registration form and waiver) must be submitted to COPA in advance of the flight in order for the flight to be covered under COPA's insurance
- Where the pilot has not completed a Vulnerable Sector Check and provided the report to COPA, the parent or legal guardian must be present in the aircraft during the flight. For more information on Vulnerable Sector Checks, please see below

Vulnerable Sector Checks

Vulnerable Sector, or "VS" Checks have become standard practice among any organization that offers programming for minors. The realities of the legal environment dictate that in order to continue to be able to offer the COPA for Kids program, COPA will begin requiring participant pilots to complete a VS Check, starting January 1, 2019. As the processing times for these Checks differ significantly by area, we strongly recommend pilots start the process sooner rather than later. Pilots will be required to repeat the Check every three (3) years and provide COPA with the report. Where a pilot has completed the check for another organization, ie Air Cadets, schools, or other youth organizations, COPA will accept an original copy of that Check as sufficient, provided it is not older than 3 years from the date the pilot intends to conduct a CFK flight. Pilots' personal information, including the Check report, will be collected and stored in accordance with the Association's policies pertaining to the collection and storage of personal information. The letter from COPA outlining the details of the volunteer position is contained in Appendix B of the revised *Guide to COPA for Kids*, available on COPA's website. For more information, or for any questions, please feel free to contact Carter Mann - cmann@copanational.org. **Note:** COPA does not reimburse expenses associated with obtaining VS Checks.

Coming Next Year

Starting in 2019, we will be launching a similar program modeled on the COPA for Kids program aimed at introducing older people to general aviation. Look for more details in the near future.