

NAS Laser Pointer Directives

Only Class 1 or 2 RED lasers will be used in the lecture room taking into account guidance on use below.

A class 3R laser (supplied by NAS) may be used on the Observatory site out of doors for training purposes by a NAS member provided approval has been given by the committee that they:

- 1) Use only laser pointers provided by the Society, with positive action momentary switches
- 2) Take care not to illuminate people present at or within view of NAS activities. Care must also be taken to avoid indirect exposure by pointing a laser pointer towards a reflective surface. Note: reflective surfaces include mirrors, polished metal, glass and shiny white boards but other surfaces may also reflect light strongly.
- 3) Do not leave laser pointers where other people, especially children, can handle them.
- 4) Do not use the laser to be used as a finder/pointer on a telescope.
- 5) Ensure that ALL NAS members on site are happy for the laser to be used for that training session.

When demonstrating to the public outside, the laser will be held high above one's head before momentarily depressing the 'ON' button ensuring there is no risk whatsoever of the beam hitting a person or any reflective material. The beam will never be aimed at a low elevation to ensure any part of the beam is always above head height. The laser should be extinguished when aircraft are obviously flying in the immediate vicinity.

The signing of this document and subsequent approval for use does not preclude the user from sole responsibility and liability in the event of any improper use and subsequent injury/damage.

Member Name: _____

Member Signature: _____