



TakeWING Aviation Sport Instructor Information Sheet

What is a CFI with a Sport Pilot Rating (CFI-Sport)?

A Certified Flight Instructor with a Sport Pilot Rating (CFI-Sport) has privileges similar to other FAA certificated flight instructors (CFI Subpart H); however, he or she may only instruct in the category of light- sport aircraft in which he or she is qualified. A CFI-SPORT may also perform proficiency checks to add a category or class to the certificate of an existing Sport Pilot per 61.321 and Sport Pilot CFI-SPORT per 61.419.

Flight experience requirements

Airplane category instructors need 150 hours of flight time as a pilot, which must include at least:

- (i) 100 hours of flight time as pilot in command in powered aircraft,
- (ii) 50 hours of flight time in category,
- (iii) 25 hours of cross-country flight time,
- (iv) 10 hours of cross-country flight time in category, and
- (v) 15 hours of flight time as pilot in command in category that is a light-sport aircraft.

Additional instructor skills

Instructor pilots must build additional skills in the Fundamentals of Instruction and Technical Subject Areas. All the sport pilot tasks must be mastered to:

- Perform the maneuvers and procedures at a higher level than the sport pilot tolerances.
- Have instructional knowledge of tasks (how to instruct).
- Have knowledge of common errors and be able to identify, analyze, and correct mistakes.

Sport Pilot Certified Flight Instructor (CFI-SPORT) Airplane Applicant requirements

- Hold at least a Sport Pilot certificate.
- Receive training and endorsement from Sport CFI or CFI to take the knowledge test and the Fundamentals of Instruction (FOI) knowledge tests.
- Pass both the FOI knowledge test and CFI-SPORT knowledge test for specific category.
- Meet ALL Sport Pilot CFI requirements per 61.407 through 61.411. It should be noted that *Spin training is required* per 61.409 (m) for airplanes and sailplanes which can be done in a non-LSA aircraft certificated for spins.
- Obtain and log training within 60 days before practical test with an authorized instructor and obtain endorsement for practical test from Sport CFI in your logbook and a signed application 8710-11 in IACRA.
- Pass CFI sport practical test with DPE/SPIE.
- Receive Sport Pilot CFI Certificate and log book endorsement for category/class of aircraft used for Practical test.