

## **Green Laser Pointer (GLP) Certification**

*The Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA) is committed to the safe usage of GLPs while engaged in astronomy activities. To this end we are requiring club members that own GLPs to read and sign this document.*

- 1. Ensure that the GLP is operated **only** by designated, responsible adults, preferably PAA members who are familiar with the potential hazards of laser light. During public events, it is best to assign one or more members to help GLP operators spot oncoming air traffic;*
- 2. Take special care not to shine a GLP in the direction of any person, vehicle, aircraft, or wildlife;*
- 3. Never point a GLP at a glass window or anything with a shiny surface. The reflected beam can be just as dangerous.*
- 4. Avoid using a GLP near an airport or airport runway approach. We suggest a that GLP not be used within 10 km of any airport;*
- 5. Use the minimum power to do the job: if a 5mW laser is bright enough, why use a stronger one?*
- 6. Be aware that distraction and distress can be experienced by anyone illuminated by green laser light, even if the level is well below that which would cause physiological damage;*
- 7. Use good sense in storing your GLP. Don't leave lasers accessible to children. Consider removing the batteries when you are done using a GLP.*

*I have read and understand the rules for usage of Green Laser Pointers.*

Name (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_