



Club Conditions of Membership September 2017 Rev3

The Bicester Gliding Centre membership year runs from 01 July and expires 30 June of each year and by paying a Membership Fee each member agrees to be a member of the club for one year and to the following:

Rules and Regulations, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the club as laid down in the constitution and/or as directed by the Club's Committee from time to time. All pilots are to comply with the Flying Information Book held on the Club's web site.

Data Protection Act I consent to computer processing and limited use of my data by Bicester Gliding Centre and as required by the British Gliding Association. Bicester Gliding Centre undertakes not to sell or provide your data to any commercial organisations.

Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults I have read and understand the Club's Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Policy.

Declaration of medical fitness (for those flying only) I hereby declare I do not suffer from any condition which may create or lead to a dangerous situation in flight such as black-outs, fainting or dizziness etc., any nervous disorder or any other illness or injury which could be potentially life-threatening during flight. All solo pilots are required to satisfy themselves they comply with the relevant medical requirements.

Private Owners' Levy by paying the levy fee the owner/ Syndicate Principal (the 'Owner') agrees the Private Owners' Levy allows me to keep one trailer and glider at Bicester Gliding Centre (BGC) in the approved trailer parking area or other such area as may be directed by the Directors and to use the clubs' facilities to operate and use the same glider during the Membership Year. I/we agree to indemnify and keep indemnified BGC from and against all claims for loss damage and personal injury in respect of the use of my glider and trailer. I understand that I shall make no claim whatsoever against BGC arising out of the use of my glider and trailer permitted to be placed at BGC by me or any member of my family or visitors. I/we confirm that I have read the BGC Flying Information book and I agree that I/we will comply with the recommendations therein. I/we agree to behave in a responsible manner and to display the trailer ID Tag on the trailer at all times; failure to comply with reasonable requests from Directors of BGC will result in me losing this Private Owners Levy.

On expiry of this agreement/permission the Owner shall at his own expense remove the trailer and or glider from the airfield or within 10 days of notice to do so by BGC. If the Owner is in default of compliance with the obligation to remove the trailer and or glider from the airfield BGC may at its sole discretion remove any Owner's trailer and or glider from the airfield without any obligation to compensate the trailer and or and glider owner for the value of the trailer and or glider and its contents and BGC may recover the cost of removal from the Owner. BGC will make reasonable steps to contact the Owner and if the trailer and or glider have not been removed 4 weeks following issue of a notice to remove the trailer and or glider then BGC shall have the right to dispose of the trailer and or glider. BGC shall be entitled to deduct reasonable costs associated with disposing of the trailer and or glider and any monies remaining will be held by BGC for one year thereafter BGC shall retain the monies for their own use.

Additional Membership Charges

EXCLUSIVE USE HIRE – enables members to book a club glider for exclusive use to take away on expedition or to fly in a competition. A daily rate of:

Glider	Full Member	Junior/Cadet
K13	£68	£48.60
K21	£79.20	£54.00
K8	£46.80	£36.00
Astir	£68.40	£48.60
Twin Astir 111	£79.20	£54.00

Hire for 9 day comps will be charged 7 days hire; permission to hire is at the discretion of the committee.

SEASON TICKET – for 12 month period to run from date of purchase, covers all soaring fees on all single seat gliders, also gives 50% discount off published rate for exclusive use hire. Full member £450; Junior/Cadet £325

ANNUAL REFRESHER – One 3,000ft Aerotow, one aerotow launch failure (if required), 3 Winch Launches and 30 min Motor Glider. It is intended that all flights are undertaken during the same day and with the same instructor. If this is not possible the office should be advised by the duty instructor. £75

DAVE WATT SPECIAL FLYING TEST – One 4,000ft Aerotow to undertake the standard flying skills test and charged at 3,000ft (£40.50) plus glider hire at normal rates

MOTORGLIDER MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION – pay annual fee of £300 and enjoy a £25.00 per hour discount off of the published Motorglider hourly rate. Available to licensed PPL/NPPL/SPL holders only.

LAUNCH FAILURE COSTS – will be charged at 50% of the club rates for the launch cost and normal full rates for airtime.

MOTORGLIDER USE BY VISITING INSTRUCTORS OR EXAMINERS – normally BGC's Motorglider may not be flown by a Power, Social or Temporary member; however visiting instructors or examiners or BGC power members may fly a BGC Motorglider providing they are-undertaking training or examination with BGA member(s); the charge shall be at the Full Members rate.

TUG HIRE – £147 per tacho hour for member's private use (self-hire is subject to BGC approval) and £176.40 including VAT for non-members where used for retrieve. Non-members may not hire the club tugs for self-use.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – A class of membership open to those between 18 and 25 years old at the start of BGC's membership year (01 July)

CADET MEMBERSHIP – Open to those under 18 years old at the start of BGC's membership year (01 July), subject to approval by the Cadet Scheme Manager. Any Cadet who is under 16 on 01 July and whose parent is a full flying member will receive free membership.

CADET TRAINING SCHEME – The club offers a limited number of Bursaries each year to assist younger members with their training and flying costs. Bursaries are usually assessed March each year, with applications received from all younger members (up to the age 18).

POWER MEMBERSHIP – Required to fly as PIC, a powered aircraft based at Bicester. Additionally, Power Members have the same privileges as a Social Member. BGC reserves the right to charge commercial operations additional fees.

THREE MONTH MEMBERSHIP – (including free 3 month membership with flying packages) only available once per person.

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP – This is offered to members of other BGA clubs who live more than 50 miles from Bicester.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP – Allows use of BGC facilities and one flight per month in a club aircraft.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SCHEME – We encourage members of the local community to join the Club and have initiated a scheme that offers a free annual membership to those who are prepared to volunteer their help for at least three days per month taking on such tasks as grass cutting, winch driving, log keeping, etc. The number of Community Volunteer memberships available are limited to 10 and subject to the Mid-Week Flying Instructor's recommendation and approval by the Committee. Normally this membership is not open to pilots who have their own glider based at Bicester.

RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP – Bicester Gliding Centre (BGC) offers Reciprocal membership to visiting pilots who are members of another BGA club. BGC reserves the right to check with the 'home club' that they are a current member and reserves the right to refuse membership to individual pilots. BGC is a 7 days per week operation and applies a "Quid Pro Quo" policy in relation to visiting pilots.

Pilots from clubs who do not offer their members a 7 day a week operation (eg. primarily operate on weekends only) and who wish to fly at Bicester on a weekday will be charged the normal Temporary Member fee. Where 5 or more pilots from a visiting club wish to fly at Bicester, BGC will discount the Temporary Member fee.

Reciprocal Membership will allow BGC club aircraft to be flown solo subject to the approval of the duty instructor. Where a Reciprocal Membership pilot flying a BGC aircraft is involved in an accident the pilot in question will be asked to pay either the insurance excess or repair cost up to a maximum of £500 unless the committee decides to waive such costs.

MEMBERS GUESTS - Members other than Social Members may bring friends/family to fly as a Temporary Member and will be charged a Temporary Membership fee. In all cases the cost of the flight shall be paid direct by debiting the flying account of the member who brings the guest. All guests of BGC members must sign the Pre Flight Declaration whether or not they are flying in a member's or club glider. This will also apply to pilots authorised to carry F&F in their own glider. Friends and Family of instructors will not be charged a Temporary Day Membership fee but the flight costs will be debited to the member's flying account.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP - A Temporary Membership form is to be completed for the current BGC year. Temporary Membership will not allow BGC club aircraft to be flown solo. Temporary Members are not permitted to bring friends/family to fly as a Temporary Member.

CAMPING – The erection of tents/trailer tents is subject to BGC approval at all times and must not be left erected whilst the owner is off site for more than 2 days. Tents must not be occupied for more than 10 consecutive days in any month.

INSTRUCTOR CREDITS – For each day an instructor attends a weekend rostered day, either as part of their normal instructor team or takes a swop from a rostered instructor or takes a place on the Volunteer DutyMan Weekend Instructor Slot they will receive a credit against their next year's membership of £10. Note it is the duty of the DI to inform the office who has attended their duty day.

A Basic Instructor who has upgraded to Assistant Instructor after 01 July 2014 and who is on the regular weekend duty roster shall receive 2 years free membership of BGC provided they remain on the weekend roster, attends all their rostered days or arranges suitable swop(s). Should they leave the regular weekend roster then the membership fee shall become due. Instructors who have been granted 2 years free membership shall not receive the daily £10 credit during the period of their free membership period.

PRO-RATA MEMBERSHIP – New members joining (and those upgrading their membership) part way through a BGC membership year will be charged pro-rata for the remaining part of the year. Those joining part way through a month will be charged for the full month. The standard 5% surcharge will be added to the current membership rate.

INSURANCE EXCESS - It is the normal policy of BGC to waive the insurance excess where a club member has been involved in an accident or to contribute to the repair costs of the club aircraft. However where the accident has in the opinion of the club's committee resulted from gross or wilful disregard of normal sensible flying reserves the right to ask the pilot to pay either the insurance excess or repair cost up to a maximum of £500.

E&OE: BGC reserves the right to change prices or review the above policies at any time.