

This form creates legally binding obligations between you and the Bath, Wilts & North Dorset Gliding Club Ltd. You should read it carefully before signing it.

# Bath Wilts & N Dorset Gliding Club

## Membership form

This form is to be used to apply for membership of the club. Please tick the relevant box below for the type of membership you require. In consideration of your payment of the Membership fee, we are very pleased to welcome you to the *Bath Wilts & N Dorset Gliding Club*.

If you are under 18, please ask your parents or guardian to sign the form on page 2.

To the Management Committee of *Bath Wilts & N Dorset Gliding Club* (the "Club"), *The Park, Kingston Deverill, Warminster*. I apply for, or to continue, membership of the Club to fly in gliders or aircraft as pilot in command or crew under instruction. I understand membership is subject to committee approval.

<b>Annual memberships</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Full member <input type="checkbox"/> Junior member <input type="checkbox"/> Cadet member <input type="checkbox"/> Associate member	<input type="checkbox"/> Family member	<b>Occasional memberships</b> <input type="checkbox"/> First Lesson flights (Trial Flight) <input type="checkbox"/> Bath University Gliding Club member <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Flying (Reciprocal, & Friends and Family) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Previous flying experience		
Where did you hear about the club?		

<b>Applicant</b>	
Name .....	Date of Birth ...../...../.....
Address .....	Occupation .....
Postcode .....	Phone No .....
E Mail – In Capitals.....	Mobile No .....
<b>Undertaking A:</b>	
In consideration of my being admitted [or continuing] as a full member of the Club, I agree to be bound by and observe: The Mandatory Safety Rules and Medical Notes; The Club Rules and Flying Order Book, Child Protection and other Regulations of the Club and the British Gliding Association. I also agree to consider any guidance and follow any instructions that I may be given and to take responsibility for my actions and those of any guests that I may bring to the gliding site.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE MANDATORY SAFETY RULES AND MEDICAL NOTES. (Please tick)	
<b>Note: The Mandatory Safety Rules and Medical Notes are provided on a separate sheet for you to keep for your information. The sheet should be attached to this page. If not, please request it now.</b>	
I am over 18 years of age (If under 18 please see over the page)	
Signature of applicant .....	Date ...../...../.....

The box on the other side of this sheet must be completed if the applicant is under 18 years of age. There are also further parts *all* applicants need to complete.

**Parent or Guardian** of applicant under 18yrs of age

Name ..... Phone No .....  
Address ..... Mobile No .....  
..... E Mail – In Capitals.....  
Postcode .....

**Undertaking B:** I declare that I have read and understand Undertaking A above and that I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of the Applicant giving the undertaking, who is a Minor. I agree both on my behalf and on behalf of the Applicant to accept and be bound by Undertaking A, and the club rules regarding members under 18. I am over 18 years of age.  
By returning this completed form, I agree to my son / daughter / child in my care\* taking part in the activities of the club. (\* Please delete as necessary)

**Signature of Parent/ Guardian** ..... **Date** ...../...../.....

Parents or Guardians signing for annual membership for the applicant will be sent further details and forms for signature in line with the Club's Child Protection Policy.

**Data Protection Declaration:**

I understand that my information will only be used by the club for club purposes and to ensure that I am kept informed about club news and events. I understand that from time to time it is necessary for the club to share information about its members with the British Gliding Association.

**Signature** ..... **Date** ...../...../.....

**Emergency Contact Details – Next of Kin** Junior members - this to be completed by parent or carer

Please insert the information below to indicate the person(s) who should be contacted in event of an incident/accident. Please supply sufficient details for us to be able to contact them in the event of an emergency. Please note that you will need to ensure we are kept informed of any changes to these details.

Name ..... Address (if different) .....  
Relationship .....  
Phone No ..... Postcode .....  
Mobile No .....

**Medical Declaration**

When flying under instruction, you will be doing so with a suitably qualified instructor. There are specific medical requirements that individuals need to satisfy before they fly solo. This does not apply to pilots under instruction. Please read the medical notes that have been supplied on the back of the Mandatory Safety Notes

**I declare that I will bring to the attention of my instructor, in confidence, any medical condition which could cause an adverse effect during flight.**

**I am aware that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that if there is doubt about my fitness to fly, I will not fly and will seek advice from my GP.**

I understand that a formal medical declaration countersigned by my regular GP will be required before solo flying as set out in BGA Laws and Rules medical standards.

**Signature** ..... **Date** ...../...../.....

**OR**  
 I am a solo pilot and have or will submit the relevant medical paperwork, as per BGA laws & rules, to the club.

**Signature** ..... **Date** ...../...../.....

# MANDATORY SAFETY and MEDICAL NOTES

This page is for you to keep for your information

Although gliding is one of the safest of the “adventurous aviation” sports – accidents although rare, can happen. It is important that you are aware that gliding is a potentially dangerous activity and therefore flying in a glider is not as safe as flying in a commercial airliner.

We are not qualified to express an opinion confirming your fitness to fly and you must ensure that you are fit to fly on each occasion. You must not fly if you are suffering from any serious medical condition or have recently undergone surgery unless you have a certificate of your fitness to fly from your doctor. You must not fly if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY WHAT FOLLOWS AND SIGN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BEFORE YOU GO FLYING.**

## Age Limits

Children under the age of 18 will require a parent's or guardian's written consent and if under 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other nominated adult while at the airfield. There is no upper age limit. The minimum age is 14 years old.

## Sizes and Weights

If you are heavier than 16 stones (224lb or 102kg), you may not be able to fly in our gliders as most gliders have a pilot weight limit of 242 lb (110kg) for each seat, which includes the weight of the parachute. If you are over 15 stone, you should contact the club beforehand to check availability of instructors. You must also weigh a minimum of 7 stone (98lbs or 44.5Kg). Very tall or very small people (over 6'4"/193cm or under 5'/152cm) may not be able to fly in our gliders. Please seek advice from a club official if you are not sure.

## Parking

Please note that your car insurance may not be valid while being driven or parked on the airfield.

## Alcohol

Even the most moderate drinker should be aware that the Railways & Transport Safety Act makes it an offence for pilots, including glider pilots, to fly while over the prescribed limit for alcohol.

The Law is very clear on this and applies to you even for a trial lesson flight.

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO FLY IN A GLIDER WITH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION IN YOUR BLOOD EXCEEDING 20mg per 100ml.**

**This is ¼ of the Drink/Drive limit and is effectively a zero tolerance limit!**

This means:

- No alcohol within 8 hours before flying; no more than 5 units for a man, 3 units for a woman, in the 12 hours before your flight
- 1 unit is ½ a pint of ordinary strength (3.6%) beer or ½ a standard glass of 12% wine
- It takes an hour to absorb one unit of alcohol so if you have consumed a substantial amount during the 24 hours before your flight you could still be over the limit.

Please see over the page

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

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The following conditions may cause difficulty while flying. If you suffer from any of these, particularly the more serious conditions, it may be wise to obtain medical opinion.

Blackouts from any cause	Ear disease
Epilepsy	Defective vision
Severe head injury	Migraine
Recurrent fainting or giddiness	Diabetes of any form
High blood pressure	Kidney stones
Angina	Psychiatric disorders
Coronary artery disease	Severe motion or travel sickness
Bronchitis	Other conditions requiring treatment with drugs
Asthma	
Sinus disease	

In addition, pregnancy, minor illnesses, drugs and the donation of blood may make you temporarily unfit to fly and you should seek medical advice before doing so.

## **Loose articles**

Due to the real risk of small loose objects obstructing the control mechanisms, we have to prohibit the use of mobile phones in flight, including their use for taking photos. Before getting in the glider, please put your mobile phone in a secure zipped pocket.

Normally the object of a trial lesson is to give you experience of taking the controls and this leaves little time for photography. If however you wish to take photos, you must use a camera with a secure neck or wrist strap. Also all loose coins, keys etc must be in a zipped pocket or removed before your flight

## **For your comfort in flight and on the airfield**

Airfields are exposed places; often colder than you might expect, so be prepared to add an extra layer. Please ladies, don't wear a skirt if you are intending to fly.

In warm weather, you will need plenty to drink, high factor sun cream and a hat.

Try to avoid drinking diuretics such as tea, coffee and coca-cola for a couple of hours before flying as it would be a shame to have to cut your flying short to answer a call of nature.

**If you have any questions during your visit, please just ask and someone will be very pleased to assist you.**