

# Flying Members Medicals Policy

The BGA medicals policy states:

*“Clubs have a duty to assist their members to comply with these rules and to maintain appropriate records and documentation. This is critical to ensure the continuing safety of gliding. There may also be insurance implications if members are shown not to have met the required medical standard or have failed to provide the necessary declaration supported by the GP’s endorsement.*

*Clubs should ensure that they have a means of tracking members’ ages and medical certification.*

*The individual member is responsible for ensuring that he or she is certified as fit to fly in accordance with the requirements of the British Gliding Association. The club may adopt such means as it deems sufficient or necessary to bring such requirements to the notice of members and may keep a record of medical declarations by members but the club is not ultimately responsible for a pilot’s compliance with medical requirements and standards for fitness to fly”.*

BW&ND Gliding Club wish to comply with the BGA Policy. Therefore to meet the requirement the Club will:

- 1 Ensure the BGA medical requirements are kept up to date and are available in the clubhouse for any member to read.
- 2 Notify new members of their need for a medical before a solo flight.
- 3 Wherever possible send a reminder notice by email, to those who already have a medical, of the renewal date for that medical. The notice will be sent out as far as is possible four to eight weeks in advance of the medical renewal date.
- 4 Maintain the club records of members medicals i.e. type of medical, date issued and renewal date.
- 5 Stop a member flying when a medical has lapsed until such time as the medical is renewed and confirmation given to the CFI or Membership Secretary.

Flying Members must:

- 1 Ensure they comply with the medical requirement for their age and flying status i.e. instructing, solo and tug flying.
- 2 Arrange their medicals.
- 3 Produce evidence of compliance to medical requirements on the appropriate form, (forms downloadable from the BGA website [www.gliding.co.uk](http://www.gliding.co.uk)) duly signed by their doctor and dated. The evidence can be a copy of the original given directly to the CFI or Membership Secretary, or a copy posted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Membership Secretary and posted in the post box in the bar, or by showing the original form to the CFI or Membership Secretary who will take the relevant information from the form for club records and initial and date the form as having been seen.
- 4 Keep their own medical form safe and to produce it in the event of an accident or if requested by the CFI.
- 5 Maintain their own diary date for medical renewal. The club is not responsible for reminders.
- 6 If a medical is not renewed by the due date no flying will be permitted.
- 7 If at any time a doctor declares you unfit to fly, even if only temporary, notice of the doctor’s decision must be given to the CFI.