

Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND ENTITLEMENTS.

1. FULL MEMBER:

- a. Pay the Full Membership fee.
- b. Entitled to fly at normal club rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements) and have full social use of the club and its facilities.

2. HONORARY MEMBER:

- a. Shall be elected on the recommendation of the committee at an Annual General Meeting providing that a majority of the voting members present are in favour
- b. No membership fee.
- c. Entitled to fly at normal club rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements) and have full social use of the club and its facilities.
- d. (Any reference to "Full Member" should be taken to include Honorary Members)

3. FAMILY MEMBER:

- a. The "lead member" to be a Full (Adult) Member and pay the Full Membership fee.
- b. Members of the immediate family, i.e. spouse, parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren, (but not siblings or more distant relations) pay no membership fee and are entitled to fly at relevant club rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements). Established partners may be regarded as spouses.
- c. Family members have full social use of the club and its facilities.
- d. These entitlements cease to apply when the Family Member first flies solo at which time they become liable for Membership fees in force at the time.

4. JUNIOR MEMBER:

- a. Available to those aged 25 years or less at the time of joining or renewing membership.
- b. Pay relevant Junior Membership Fee
- c. Juniors under 21 fly at relevant Junior rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements)
- d. Juniors over 21 fly at relevant Full rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements)
- e. Not entitled to Family or Guest Membership facilities

5. SOCIAL MEMBER:

- a. Pay Social Membership fee.
- b. Entitled to full social use of the club and its facilities.
- c. Permitted to fly with qualified instructors or passenger-carriers up to 6 days per year.

6. RECIPROCAL MEMBER:

- a. Available to members of other gliding clubs in the reciprocal membership scheme.
- b. Entitled to fly at normal club rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements) and have full social use of the club and its facilities on the days flown.
- c. No Guest Membership fee is chargeable.
- d. Flying limited to 6 days per year.

7. GUEST MEMBER:

- a. Available to bona fide guests of Full Members and to members of other gliding clubs not in the reciprocal membership scheme.
- b. Pay the Guest Membership fee unless the Guest Member is immediate family of the Full Member as defined in 3. above in which case no Guest Membership fee is due.
- c. The Member inviting the Guest is responsible for the payment of all fees incurred by the Guest.
- d. Entitled to fly at normal club rates (subject to qualifications and medical requirements) and have full social use of the club and its facilities on the days flown
- e. Flying limited to 6 days per year.

8. WINTER MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Aimed particularly at members of other clubs which do not operate during the winter.
- b. A reduced membership fee is payable for all rights of a Full Member (except voting) for the period 1st October to 31st March inclusive.
- c. No reduction is made for joining the scheme after the 1st October.

9. SINGLE SEATER SCHEME:

- a. Available to both Full and Junior Members.
- b. Entitled to fly club single seat gliders without airtime charges.
- c. Launch fees are payable at the appropriate rate.
- d. Limited to 50 hours flying.
- e. Runs from the 1st of the month taken out for 12 months. Can be taken up at any time.
- f. Payment in full required, no monthly payment options.
- g. Does not include membership fees.

10. FIXED PRICE SCHEME:

- a. Only available on first joining to both Full and Junior Members.
- b. Available to Adults and to Juniors over 21 for first year of membership.
- c. Available to Juniors under 21 for the first two consecutive years of membership.
- d. Entitled to fly with qualified instructors in club two-seaters or solo without winch launch or airtime charges
- e. Juniors in the second year of the scheme are limited to three winch launches each day.
- f. Monthly payment options available.
- g. Flights are limited to 1 hour. Flight times more than this limit are chargeable at normal rates.

11. VOTING RIGHTS:

Full Members, Junior Members aged 18 and over, Temporary Members and Honorary Members are entitled to vote on motions presented to the club at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting. Other classes of membership may address the meetings but do not have voting rights. Junior members will not vote on the setting of the full membership subscription rate.

12. REJOINING ADMINISTRATION FEE:

Chargeable at the discretion of the Membership Secretary to any lapsed member of any class re-joining after a break of 3 months or more.

MEMBERSHIP FEE PROCEDURES:

- 1. Membership:** Membership renewals are due on 1st June annually. Any member who has not paid in full by 30th June will not be entitled to fly as a member and will be removed from the flying list. Anyone joining the club for the first time will pay the full annual membership fee for the first year and the membership fee for the second year will be adjusted to bring renewal into line with the normal membership year. For example, someone joining in July would have effectively paid for April, May and June of their second year, so the second-year membership would be reduced to 9/12ths of the full year's membership fee. These rules apply to all classes of annual membership.
- 2. Fixed Price:** This is an option which can be taken up on first joining the club. The entitlement is for 12 months from the date of joining for Adults and Juniors over 21 and 24 months from the date of joining for Juniors under 21
Payment can either be by one annual payment or by 12 or 24 monthly payments.
- 3. Monthly Payment scheme.** Available at the discretion of the Membership Secretary. Only available on Fixed Price schemes.
Payments are: one payment of three times the monthly amount; nine payments of the monthly amount; two final months with no payment.
If a payment is missed on a fixed price scheme the member is moved to the pay as you fly scheme.
- 4. Trailer and Caravan Rental:** Normally this option would be taken out at the beginning of the membership year (1st June) and would run until 31st May the following year. Any member bringing a trailer or caravan onto site for the first time partway through a membership year will pay pro-rata for the remaining months of the membership year.
- 5. Go for Gliding, Trial Flights, and Gliding Experiences:** Vouchers must be collected, checked for date validity and put into the launch point cash box before any flying takes place. Vouchers must be completed with the holder's name inserted. If the voucher is out of date it should be accompanied by written acceptance of an extension from the issuing agency (which must also be retained). In the case ESGC vouchers the validity may be extended on the authority of the committee. It is the responsibility of the instructor to ensure that these procedures are followed, at least by checking with the log keeper. Persons taking Trial Flights or Go for Gliding courses are deemed to be temporary members for up to three months from the date the voucher was used.
- 6. Guest Members, Reciprocal Members.** Flying fees and, in the case of Guest Members, the Guest Membership fee, should be paid to the Log Keeper on completion of flying. The Log Keeper should ensure that the Guest or Reciprocal Member is aware of this requirement before they fly. Payment should be put in an envelope and clearly marked with details of the member's name and flight details and put in the cash box at the launch point.
- 7. Refunds.** Fees are not refundable (except at committee discretion) in the case of a member leaving the club partway through the membership year. This applies to membership fees of all types, trailer and caravan rentals, fees for single seat or fixed price schemes and any other fee.