

Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND ENTITLEMENTS.

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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 fees.
- c. (Any reference to "Full Member" should be taken to include Honorary Members)
- 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.

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 normal club rates. Established partners may be regarded as spouses.
- c. Those eligible for junior membership are entitled to fly at the rates pertaining to that class of membership.
- d. Family members have full social use of the club and its facilities.
- e. 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. SOCIAL MEMBER:

- a. Pay Social Membership fee.
- b. Entitled to full social use of the club and its facilities.
- c. Permitted to participate in ground activities including winch driving (if qualified).
- d. Permitted to fly with qualified instructors or passenger-carriers up to 6 days per year.

5. 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 (as set by the committee)
- c. Fly at Junior Membership rates if under 21 (50% of full rates for launches and airtime)
- d. **Not** entitled to Family or Guest Membership facilities.

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. No Day Membership fee is chargeable.
- c. Flying limited to 6 days per year.

7. DAY 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 a Day Membership unless the Day Member is immediate family of the Full Member as defined in 3. above in which case no Day Membership fee is due.
- 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. 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.
- 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. Pay Single Seater Scheme fee in full.
- c. Entitled to fly club single seat gliders without airtime charges. Launch fees are payable at the appropriate rate.
- d. Can be taken up at renewal time and runs for 12 months.

10. FIXED PRICE SCHEME:

- a. Only available on first joining to both Full and Junior Members.
- b. Available to Adults and Juniors over 21 and under 25 for first year of membership. Entitled to fly with qualified instructors in club two-seaters or solo without launch or airtime charges airtime charges for up to 12 months
- c. Available to Juniors under 21 for the first two consecutive years of membership. Entitled to fly with qualified instructors in club two-seaters or solo without launch or airtime charges airtime charges for up to 24 months
- d. Pay annual fee including membership.
- e. Juniors in the second year of the scheme are limited to three launches each day.
- f. Flights are limited to 1 hour. Flight times in excess of this limit are chargeable at normal rates.

11. VOTING RIGHTS:

Full Members, Junior Members, 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 May will not be entitled to fly as a member and will be put on the NO-FLY 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 August would have effectively paid for June and July of their second year, so the second-year membership would be reduced to 10/12ths 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 will be for 12 months from the date of joining for Adults and Juniors >21 <25 and 24 months from the date of joining for Juniors < 21
3. **Single Seat Scheme:** Runs for 12 months. Payment in full required, no monthly payment options. Can be taken up at renewal time only.
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 30th May the following year. Any member bringing a trailer or caravan onto site for **the first time** partway through a membership year would pay pro-rata for the remaining months of the membership year.
5. **Go for Gliding, Trial Lessons, 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.
6. **Day Members, Reciprocal Members.** Flying fees and, in the case of Day Members, the Day Membership fee, should be paid to the Log Keeper on completion of flying. The Log Keeper should ensure that the Day 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 annual fee.
8. **Initial Joining.** Membership will begin no earlier than two days after either
 - a. the first flight in the case of members starting with Go for Gliding and Trial Lesson vouchers
 - b. the date of signing the membership form for all other members.