

BWNDGC Operating Guidelines for using flying lists or booking online.

Instructors

Should be enabled to choose their preferred methods of training either by the Open Flying list, Bookings or both and not required to operate outside of their comfort zone.

Availability of instructors will drive the rota with both options being available if possible.

Instructors operating an Open Flying list should manage the list but give some preference to members arriving to help set-up the launch point.

If the list is long, it would be reasonable for the instructor to advise his/her candidates how he/she intends to manage the list. This could be, for example, by giving shorter flights or restricting the number from the list that will be flown. If the list is short, few issues should exist. This should be made clear at morning briefing.

Trainees/Members who prefer the flying list.

Members should put their names on the list on arrival. The list is prioritised on a first come first served basis. The instructor should have the right to change the order of the list to allow for conditions and check flight requirements. Members adding their names to the list late should only expect to fly if the instructor has sufficient capacity and wishes to accept the addition. No pressure should be put on the instructor to "just fit me in."

Members are expected to assist at the launch point when not flying to support other pilots on the list.

Trainees/Members who prefer to book.

As per the guidelines for booking already published, morning trainees are expected to arrive by 09:00 to help set-up the launchpoint and afternoon trainees should arrive by 13:00 in readiness for a briefing before their flight, and then to remain on site to help pack equipment away at the end of the day. Morning trainees who have not yet arrived by the time of the 9:30 briefing may be removed from their booked lesson. They may of course subsequently add their name to the open flying list.

Ideally, two trainees per instructor should be attending AM and PM. The trainee not flying is expected to retrieve the glider of the other trainee and should remain available at the launchpoint until both training sessions are completed. Both trainees should help get their nominated glider to and from the launchpoint as applicable.

Both morning and afternoon trainees are welcome and encouraged to attend the launchpoint for longer than their booked session but are free to arrive or leave the site as prescribed by their AM or PM booking session.

Members who book should make every effort to arrive or to cancel their booking at the earliest opportunity should their circumstances change to prevent attendance.

Members who are unable to book due to demand can add their names to the standby list for booking on the day. Acceptance is only possible if there is a last minute cancellation and the instructor wishes to restructure their plans. In these circumstances arrival by 09:00 to assist with setting up should be expected. Such members' names can also be added to an open flying list if operated.

How to Get Help

In the event that the booking system doesn't seem to enable a member to do what they want to do on a particular day, they should contact Steve Lambourne who has the ability to adjust sessions under some circumstances.

Club solo and private owners

As always Club solo pilots and private owners are expected to assist in setting up the launch point and packing equipment away to assist the smooth running of the operation that supports their solo flying.

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