

# Club operating rules 25/7/24

The Club Operating Rules should be read in conjunction with the Mid-Week Flying Standard Operating Procedures and the Mutual Flying Passenger Carrying Rules.

In order to ensure the highest standards of safety, it is mandatory to comply with the Rules. The Rules do not supersede BGA Regulations which should be complied with.

## 1. Instruction and Supervision

- a. The Duty Instructor or in the case of Mid-Week Flying or in the event there is no instructor available, the Duty Pilot, is responsible for the running of the airfield.
- b. The instructor in charge will be fully, or with the permission of the CFI or DCFI, assistant rated. On occasion when an instructor is not available to take charge, flying may take place under the Mid-Week Flying rules (see the separate Mid-Week Flying Standard Operating Procedures).
- c. The instructor/duty pilot in charge must ensure that Notams are consulted before flying commences and the full briefing check list adhered to.

## 2. Minimum Ground Crew:

- a. Winch launching - winch driver, light operator/log keeper and a wing runner.
- b. Aerotow - tug pilot, wing runner and radio operator/log keeper.

## 3. Glider – Daily Inspections

- a. The DI of an aircraft must be completed before the aircraft is taken to the launch point and club aircraft must also have the DI book signed.
- b. Daily inspections of club single seat gliders may only be carried out by instructors, or members with at least a Bronze Certificate who have been cleared for this by an instructor and their record card signed to that effect.
- c. Daily inspections of club two seaters may only be carried out by instructors or under their supervision by a member cleared to DI club gliders, or by Bronze Certificate or above members specifically cleared to DI club two seaters with their logbook and record card endorsed to that effect.
- d. Positive control checks must be carried out on all gliders before towing to the launch point and signed for in the DI book.

## 4. Land Rover, Winch, Tractors and Gators

- a. A Land Rover emergency vehicle must be on the field.
- b. No member may drive the winch before going solo.
- c. The Land Rovers, winch tractor and grass cutting tractor can only be driven by persons holding a full UK driving licence.
- d. Gators - Members under the age of 16 must have completed and passed the club training syllabus for young drivers before they may drive a Gator – a full UK driving licence is not required.
- e. Only approved winch drivers or winch drivers under training may drive the winch tractor.
- f. Only the approved “grass cutters” may drive the grass cutting tractor.

## **5. Pilot Responsibilities**

- a. It is a pilot's responsibility to ensure that both his/her logbook and record card are signed by an instructor after a check or instructional flight.
- b. It is every pilot's responsibility to ensure that he/she has a check flight at the required intervals.
- c. All pilots without a Bronze Badge with a Cross-Country Endorsement or an SPL must obtain a briefing from the duty instructor before flying.
- d. No pilot flying a club aircraft may undertake a cross-country flight without the permission of the CFI or duty instructor.
- e. A member taking a club machine cross-country must ensure that there is a serviceable trailer for the aircraft and arrange a retrieve crew before leaving
- f. Any pilot making a field landing must follow the BGA code of conduct for field landings.
- g. No aerobatics may be carried out below 1,500ft without the permission of the CFI or his deputy. All pilots except assistant and full cat instructors must obtain authorisation from the instructor in charge before flying aerobatics in club aircraft. Intermediate and unlimited badge aerobatics must be authorised by an aerobatic instructor and cannot be flown in club aircraft.
- h. Intentional spinning is not permitted below 1500 feet. This applies to the lowest point of the expected recovery height.
- i. When landing on 08 towards the trees the glider must stop before the windsock.

## **6. Minimum Age**

- a. No-one under the age of 14 may start formal flying training.
- b. Those under 14 can take a flight with the permission of the duty instructor provided they meet the required height and weight requirements for the aircraft, are secure in the parachute, and are deemed mentally mature enough to understand and act on instructions.

## **7. Winch and Aerotow Operations:**

- a. When the winch is on the airfield Aerotows must be from a position farther into the middle of the field than the winch line.