

Club operating rules

1. All BGA regulations will be complied with.
2. No flying will take place without an instructor being in charge. The instructor in charge will always be fully rated unless with the prior permission of the CFI or deputy.
3. The instructor in charge must ensure that Notams are consulted before flying commences.
4. A Land Rover emergency vehicle must be on the field.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Daily inspections of club single seat gliders may only be carried out by instructors, or members with at least a Bronze badge who have been cleared for this by an instructor and their record card signed to that effect.
8. 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.
9. Positive control checks must be carried out at the launch point before the first flight of any glider on that day.
10. It is every pilot's responsibility to ensure that he/she has a check flight at the required intervals.
11. All pilots without a Bronze Badge with a Cross Country Endorsement or an SPL must obtain a briefing from the duty instructor before flying.
12. No pilot flying a club aircraft may undertake a cross-country flight without the permission of the CFI or duty instructor.
13. 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
14. Any pilot making a field landing must follow the BGA code of conduct for field landings.
15. The Land Rovers, winch tractor and grass cutting tractor can only be driven by persons holding a full UK driving licence. Members under the age of 16 must have completed and passed the club training syllabus for young drivers before they may drive a Gator.
16. 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.
17. Intentional spinning is not permitted below 1500 feet. This applies to the lowest point of the expected recovery height.
18. No member may drive the winch before going solo.
19. No-one under the age of 14 may start formal flying training. 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.
20. When landing on 08 towards the trees the glider must stop before the windsock.
21. When the winch is on the airfield Aerotows must be from a position farther into the middle of the field than the winch line.