

The Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

Club Rules

The Club

1. The name of the Club shall be The Stratford on Avon Gliding Club.
2. The objects of the Club shall be to encourage and promote the technique and art of gliding and soaring.
3. The assets of the Club shall be held and administered for the benefit of the Club members by The Stratford on Avon Gliding Club Limited and a Management Committee thereof appointed by the members of that Company.
4. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies :
 - a. A registered charitable organisation
 - b. Another club which is a registered CASC
 - c. The sport's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
5. Applicants for Full Flying membership of Stratford on Avon Gliding Club give their consent to becoming members of the Club and understand that their contribution to the assets of the Company should it be wound up whilst they are a member, or a year and a day after they cease to be a member, shall be limited to the sum of one pound.

Membership

6. The Club may consist of Honorary, Full Flying, Temporary, and Associate members.
7. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of gliding as a particular sport. The acceptance of all members shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee, but shall be in accordance with the provisions of these rules. Anyone who is refused membership shall have the right of appeal and shall be advised as to why their application has been refused.
8. All members shall be liable to an annual subscription as recommended by the Committee and approved by the members at a General Meeting.
9. All members shall be liable to an entrance fee in the first instance, but this may be waived at the discretion of the Committee.
10. No person may be elected as a member without signing, and in the case of a minor a parent or guardian also signing, the membership application form.
11. The Club shall publish and operate a Young Persons Protection Policy. It is the responsibility of every Club member to honour the provisions of that policy.

12. Any member may resign at any time by settling all outstanding fees and giving written notice to the Secretary.
13. Membership of the Club shall be recorded by a Club administration system and can be proven by use of the member's password. Written proof of membership shall be supplied on request by the Membership Secretary.
14. It shall be the responsibility of all members to ensure that their correct postal address is registered with the Club, and that any registered email address is correct. Every notice shall be deemed to have been delivered when posted or delivered by hand to the registered address, or emailed to the registered email address, of the member.
15. Temporary members may be elected for a period of 28 days from the date of the acceptance of their membership. They shall pay such subscription, and comply with any regulation, laid down by the Committee.

The Committee

16. The Committee shall manage the Club in accordance with these Club Rules. One half of the members of the Committee, one of whom shall be an officer of the Club, shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall have the authority to appoint such subcommittees as necessary and make regulations as to their conduct.
17. The officers of the Club shall be: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, the Chair, Deputy Chair, and Treasurer being elected from the Committee by the members of the Committee. No individual shall hold more than one such officer post at any one time.
18. Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of the members of the Committee shall not be less than four nor more than twenty. The Committee may invite members of the Club to attend committee meetings as and when they deem it fit. The Chief Flying Instructor shall be invited to attend all committee meetings in an advisory capacity.
19. The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt members to serve on the Committee, but such co-opted members shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their co-optation.
20. At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meetings to be held in every subsequent year, one third of the members of the Committee for the time being, or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one third, shall retire from office. The members of the Committee to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their election or appointment. As between members of equal seniority, the members to retire shall, in the absence of agreement, be selected from among them by lot. The length of time a member has been in office shall be computed from his last election or appointment. A retiring member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
21. The monies of the Club shall be banked with a bank appointed by the Committee.
22. The Committee shall appoint an independent Assessor to perform an annual review of the Club's accounts.

Flying

23. The Club shall be affiliated to the British Gliding Association.
24. A Chief Flying Instructor will be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the British Gliding Association. The Chair also has the powers to terminate that appointment. The CFI shall not also hold the post of any officer of the Club at the same time.
25. The Chief Flying Instructor is responsible for the flying training and discipline on the airfield. Any decision made in relation to these responsibilities shall be final and binding on all members.
26. All members shall be bound by the current operation regulations of the British Gliding Association. The Committee may make supplementary rules and regulations for the good order of the Club and determine launching and flying fees which shall be binding on all members.

General Meetings

27. The Secretary shall, at least twenty-one days before an Annual General Meeting and fourteen days before an Extraordinary General Meeting, send every member a notice stating time, date, and place of such meeting.
28. The Chair and Treasurer shall prepare reports for the Annual General Meeting.
29. If a Full Flying Member, at least one month before the Annual General Meeting, makes a written request to the Secretary stating a motion to be proposed, then the Secretary shall give notice of such motion in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.
30. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, and shall be called if a written request is received by the Secretary and signed by not less than one tenth of the Full Flying Members stating the motion to be proposed.
31. A Full Flying Member is entitled to a single vote in each poll at a General Meeting. In the event of a tied poll, the Chair shall have a deciding vote. Associate, Affiliated, Honorary, and Temporary members may attend General Meetings of the Club but shall not be entitled to vote. Non-members may attend General Meetings with the approval of the Chair but shall not be entitled to vote.
32. A proxy for a member shall be accepted for a poll at a General Meeting, but not for a vote by show of hands. Authorisation of the proxy shall be accepted if it is delivered to a member of the Committee at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting, in writing on paper, stating the name and membership number and signature of the member, the name of the proxy, and the meeting and any adjournments thereof for which the proxy is authorised.

Sanctions

33. The Club shall reserve the right to claim from any member up to the insurance excess for repair or damage or injury, for which the Club is held responsible where such is the result of the negligence of that member. Negligence is to be determined by a special sub-committee chaired by the Chief Flying Instructor.

34. A member whose subscription is one month in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Club, but may be re-admitted on such terms as the Committee may think fit.
35. The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members at a General Meeting of the Club, announced in the meeting notice and decided by a majority vote.
36. The Committee may refuse all facilities to any member at any time, provided that this right shall neither be arbitrarily nor unreasonably exercised. Any member refused such facilities shall have the right to appear in person at a Committee or Sub-committee Meeting and state their case. The Committee shall state their decision in writing to the member and report on the matter at the next General Meeting. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members at a General Meeting of the Club, announced in the meeting notice and decided by a majority vote.
37. Two committee members, or two instructors, or one instructor and one committee member, have the right to refuse and exclude any visitor whose behaviour is, in their opinion, prejudicial to safety or to normal and peaceful operation of the Club. Refusal or exclusion may not be exercised for reasons of race, sex, religion, age or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of gliding as a particular sport.

The Rules

38. Any matter not decided by these rules shall be decided by the Committee.
39. These rules shall apply equally to affiliated gliding clubs and associations.
40. No rule shall be amended or repealed without the consent of the members voting on such motion at a General Meeting.

R Maksymowicz
Chair

J Dickinson
Secretary