



BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLIDING CLUB

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLIDING CLUB AND THE AIR CADET HISTORIC FLIGHT, 26th June 2024

This agreement is made between the Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club (BGGC) and the AIR CADET HISTORIC FLIGHT (ACHF) and is intended to be a mutually beneficial agreement which facilitates the operation of the ACHF at Nympsfield. The Committee and Officers of BGGC are enthusiastic for these classic wooden gliders and wish offer the ACHF BGGC membership and use of airfield and social facilities on terms that are attractive to the ACHF but not seen as excessively generous in comparison with existing BGGC membership packages.

Whilst BGGC offers training from ab-initio to advanced, the predominant club culture is one of soaring and cross country flying by experienced private owners resulting in peaks of activity in soarable weather particularly when soaring starts, then long relatively quiet periods until the end of the soaring day and often little activity on unsoarable days. It is recognised that the ACHF will add value to BGGC by bringing not only additional members and flying activity thereby increasing the utilisation of equipment, airfield and facilities outside the normal peak times of airfield activity, but also a cultural rebalancing of the club.

BGGC is a member of the British Gliding Association (BGA), operates from an estate wholly owned by the Bristol Gliding Club Pty Limited and offers the ACHF a long term stable base, oversight of flight safety, the potential for 7 day a week flying, an 1100 metre grass airfield, winch and aerotow launching, hangarage, members workshop facilities, use of social facilities including bar and café, and annual caravan pitches in the secluded wooded area on the south side of the airfield.

Detailed terms of the agreement are set out below:

1.0 ACHF Group Membership Terms

1.1 ACHF members who wish to fly from Nympsfield in any capacity must sign a BGGC membership application / safety briefing form before flying. Applications for full membership (i.e. Flying or Associate) are provisional until approved by the BGGC Committee.

1.2 ACHF members who are not Flying members of other BGA clubs and who wish to base or fly their own private (non ACHF) glider at Nympsfield or fly as P1 in a BGGC club glider must join as a Flying member of BGGC.

1.3 ACHF members who are current Flying members of other BGA clubs may fly at BGGC as Reciprocal members at the BGGC Reciprocal daily rate.



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1.4 Other ACHF members who wish to fly as P1 on an occasional basis or who wish to fly more than 6 times in the membership year as P2 must become a Temporary member and are entitled to use of the Club's facilities as granted to Flying Members during their period of temporary membership. Group temporary membership terms for ACHF members are as follows:

- One Day Temporary Member of BGGC: £20 per day
- One Week Temporary Member of BGGC: 10% of the Full Flying membership or such other weekly rate as from time to time shall be decided by the BGGC Committee or AGM.

Each individual is limited to a maximum of 2 periods of weekly temporary membership or 6 daily temporary memberships during the membership year unless otherwise agreed by the BGGC Committee.

1.5 Associate members of BGGC are entitled to use all club social facilities and up to 6 flights per membership year as P2 in BGGC gliders. ACHF members who join as Associate members of BGGC are entitled to an Associate Membership group discount of 50%.

1.6 Associate members wishing to rent an annual caravan pitch at BGGC must pay the full Associate membership fee without discount.

1.7 The BGGC membership year runs from 1st April. ACHF member joining BGGC part way through the membership year shall pay pro-rata membership fees rounded to the closest full month.

1.8 Any member of ACHF who is not a member of BGGC must be escorted at all times in member only areas by a BGGC member.

1.9 ACHF members (approved by ACHF Chief Pilot) with BGGC guest flying privileges (approved by BGGC CFI) or higher rating may invite close friends and family as guests to fly with them in a ACHF glider as permitted by Civil Aviation Authority cost sharing regulation. Such guests should sign a BGGC membership / safety briefing form clearly annotated as "Guest of ACHF member (name)" before flying. The ACHF committee may also invite guests e.g. former Air Cadets or other interested parties in line with the above, this category of guest would be subject to the BGGC temporary membership levy of £20. Guest flying in BGGC club gliders shall be subject to BGGC requirements in force at the time. If glider seating configuration prevents wearing of a parachute as recommended by the BGGC Flying and Information Manual, the P1 must brief the guest about the risk of flying without a parachute.



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1.10 ACHF members retain the sole right to decide who may fly in ACHF gliders or their own private gliders. BGGC members may take an Associate Membership of the ACHF (£30pa) and be offered a flight in both 2-seaters. Further flying opportunities would require Full Membership (£100pa). It should be noted that Associate Membership does not normally confer flying rights.

1.11 Existing members of BGGC who were not members of ACHF on 1st May 2020 and who join HF to take advantage of these arrangements shall be excluded from HF group membership arrangements.

1.12 ACHF to provide a list of paid up ACHF members annually to BGGC office by 31st March.

1.13 The BGGC / ACHF group membership agreement to be reviewed annually by BGGC Chairman and ACHF Chairman

2.0 Hangarage:

2.1 BGGC offers the ACHF up to two hangar slots in the south hangar at normal south hangar annual rental. ACHF retains the right to rotate aircraft types with their other aircraft in storage at their sole discretion provided they fit the allocated hangar space.

2.2 The facilities fee year runs from 1st January

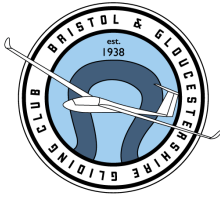
2.3 BGGC offers trailer parking for two ACHF trailers near the south hangar where they could be parked closely together and a temporary structure or tent erected over them. Trailer parking fee for one trailer is included in each hangar slot fee as per normal BGGC practice.

3.0 Storage:

3.1 BGGC offers the ACHF use of one room upstairs in the old clubhouse building for storage of non-flammable spares. Use of upstairs rooms in the old clubhouse for any purpose other than storage is not permitted due to fire regulations.

4.0 Caravan Slots:

4.1 ACHF members who have BGGC membership status of Associate or higher shall be entitled to rent a BGGC annual caravan pitch. The facilities fee year runs from 1st January.



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5.0 Launch Fees:

5.1 ACHF gliders shall be flagged in the club's Freeflight system and will incur a group winch launch fee equivalent to the standard non Silver club rate, currently £10. A daily quantity discount will be offered as follows - on any day in which the number of winch launches by HF gliders exceeds 20, then all launches that day by HF gliders will receive a cash back discount of 20%. The exact cashback process is at present unclear but should involve minimal manual processing by the BGGC club office.

5.2 Aerotows by ACHF gliders shall be at normal club rates.

5.3 It is understood and agreed that during the club "grid launch" which commences when it becomes soarable and typically lasting for 2 hours, the grid launch shall take precedence over ACHF launches.

5.4 All other ACHF member flying in club or their own private gliders, shall incur normal launch fees.

5.5. Flights in ACHF gliders by BGGC members when so invited by ACHF members shall also be subject to the discounted winch launch fee and shall qualify for the discount trigger.

6.0 Soaring Fees:

6.1 BGGC will not levy soaring fees for flights by ACHF gliders.

6.2 ACHF members flying in BGGC Club gliders shall pay normal soaring fees.

7.0 Flight Supervision and Safety:

7.1 Members of ACHF shall be subject to the briefing, oversight, recency and check flight requirements set out in the BGGC Flying and Operations Manual or as otherwise required by the BGGC CFI and/or BGGC Duty Instructor.

7.2 A local agreement shall be implemented between the BGGC CFI and ACHF Lead Instructor to delegate supervision and authorisation of flights in ACHF gliders to nominated ACHF members.

7.3 All ACHF members including Associate members must receive a safety briefing before first entering the operational flying area or crossing the airfield to the south side.



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7.4 Members of ACHF are encouraged to participate in operational activities including rotas to support club flying including launch point and winch operation. Suitable training will be given where required.

8.0 Workshops:

8.1 ACHF members may use club member workshops subject to normal BGGC booking process and fees.

9.0 Review of This Agreement:

9.1 This agreement shall be reviewed by the BGGC Chairman and ACHF Chairman on an annual basis. Changes shall only be implemented by mutual agreement.

Signed for Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club:

Name: Neil Andrew Payne, Chairman.

Date: 26th June 2024.

Signed for Air Cadet Historic Flight:

Name: Adam Clarke, ACHF Chairman

Date: 26th June 2024