

Deeside Gliding Club

MANDATORY SAFETY and MEDICAL NOTES

This page is for you to keep for your information

Although gliding is one of the safest of the “adventurous aviation” sports - accidents although rare, can happen. It is important that you are aware that gliding is a potentially dangerous activity and therefore flying in a glider is not as safe as flying in a commercial airliner.

We are not qualified to express an opinion confirming your fitness to fly and you must ensure that you are fit to fly on each occasion. You must not fly if you are suffering from any serious medical condition or have recently undergone surgery unless you have a certificate of your fitness to fly from your doctor. You must not fly if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Deeside Gliding Club operates the Code of Practice recommended for flying training in gliders at British Gliding Association affiliated gliding clubs in the UK. It is the only means by which payment can be made by a member of the public for the privilege of flying in a glider. The individual receiving the lesson is considered to be a member of the flight crew and *not a passenger*. The flight is not classed as public transport as defined in Article 119(2)(a) of the Air Navigation (No 2) Order 1995, which provides that a flight shall be for the purpose of public transport if valuable consideration is given or promised for the carriage of passenger(s) on that flight.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY WHAT FOLLOWS AND SIGN A MEMBERSHIP FORM BEFORE YOU GO FLYING.

Age Limits

Children under the age of 18 will require a parent's or guardians written consent and if under 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other nominated adult while at the airfield. There is no upper age limit. Children under the age of 14 will be able to fly at the discretion of the instructor conducting the lesson.

Sizes and Weights

If you are heavier than 16 stones 4 lbs (228lb or 103kg) you may not be able to fly in our gliders as most gliders have a pilot weight limit of 242 lb or 110kg for each seat, which includes the weight of the parachute (15lb or 7kg). Very tall or very small people (over 6'4"/193cm or under 5'/152cm) may not be able to fly in our gliders. Please seek advice from a club official.

Parking

Please note that your car insurance may not be valid while driven or parked on the airfield.

Alcohol

Even the most moderate drinker should be aware that the Railways & Transport Safety Act makes it an offence for pilots, including glider pilots, to fly while over the prescribed limit for alcohol.

The Law is very clear on this and applies to you even for a trial lesson flight.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO FLY IN A GLIDER WITH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION IN YOUR BLOOD EXCEEDING 20mg per 100ml.

This is ¼ of the Drink/Drive limit and is effectively a zero tolerance limit!

This means:

- No alcohol within the 8 hours before flying
- No more than 5 units in the 12 hours before your flight
- You should not fly if you have consumed a substantial amount of alcohol during the 24 hours before your flight

MEDICAL INFORMATION

When flying under instruction, you will be doing so with a suitably qualified pilot. There are medical requirements that individuals need to satisfy before they fly solo. This does not apply to pilots under instruction.

The following conditions may cause difficulty while flying. If you suffer from any of these, particularly the more serious conditions, it may be wise to obtain medical opinion.

Blackouts from any cause	Ear disease
Epilepsy	Defective vision
Severe head injury	Migraine
Recurrent fainting or giddiness	Diabetes of any form
High blood pressure	Kidney stones
Angina	Psychiatric disorders
Coronary artery disease	Severe motion or travel sickness
Bronchitis	Other conditions requiring
Asthma	treatment with drugs
Sinus disease	

In addition, pregnancy, minor illnesses, drugs and the donation of blood may make you temporarily unfit to fly and you should seek medical advice before doing so.

For your comfort in flight and on the airfield

Airfields are exposed places; often colder than you might expect, so be prepared to add an extra layer! Please don't wear a skirt if you are intending to fly.

In warm weather, you will need plenty to drink, high factor sun cream and a hat.

Try to avoid drinking diuretics such as tea, coffee and cola for a couple of hours before flying as it would be a shame to have to cut your flying short to answer a call of nature.

For those who suffer from motion or travel sickness, you may be interested to know that many pilots achieve relief from their symptoms by wearing acupuncture wrist bands.

Feel free to bring a camera, there is always something worth photographing. Large camera's and video camera's are not advisable in flight.

Booking

The club operates trial flights on specific dates. It is best to book flights in advance by contacting the club by e-mail trialflight@deesideglidingclub.co.uk or by phone on 013398 85339. Please indicate in your message the name of the person to be flown, potential dates and a contact phone number. We will get back to you as soon as possible with details of the booking made for you.

If you have any questions during your visit, please just ask and someone should be only too pleased to assist you.