

Staffordshire Gliding Club Ltd
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Notes for Temporary Associate Members Taking Trial Lessons

Welcome

Welcome to Seighford airfield, the home of Staffordshire Gliding Club. These notes are designed to help you to enjoy your visit. If you take a trial lesson you will be asked to sign that you have read and understood them.

Safety and Risk

Gliding is an adventure sport that offers great enjoyment and exhilaration. Like any adventure sport it involves an element of risk. At this Club, we place the highest priority on safety to minimise that risk. All of our Instructors are trained and regularly accredited by the British Gliding Association. Our aircraft are inspected each day before flying, and thoroughly checked annually. If you have any concerns about gliding, or want more information, please speak to any of our Instructors.

Pre-Flight Briefing

Before you fly you will be given a pre-flight talk or "briefing". To get the greatest enjoyment from your flight, please listen carefully. We will explain what will happen before, during and after your flight, including when and how to use the controls if you want to try them yourself.

The briefing will also include important cockpit safety information such as the use of emergency equipment, where you can safely rest your hands and feet, and how to avoid any risks from loose articles such as cameras.

Keeping Safe on the Airfield

Whilst on the airfield, please:

- Comply with instructions given to you by Club members, and on Notices.

- Keep a good look out around and above.
- Stand clear of gliders and other aircraft unless accompanied by a Club member.
- Stay clear of launch equipment, including vehicles, machinery and cables.
- Stay close to or behind the launchpoint bus.

Medical Matters

For safety reasons we cannot fly you if:

- You have a medical condition which might cause an adverse effect during flight (eg. giddiness, fainting, blackouts, fit, unconsciousness, sickness or severe pain).
- You have consumed alcohol in the previous 12 hours, or a user of recreational drugs.
- You are feeling unwell (such as a bad cold).
- You have been scuba diving within the last 48 hours
- You have had recent surgery.

If you aren't sure whether you are fit to fly, please ask an Instructor.

Height and Weight Limits

Gliders are limited by the height and weight of people they can carry. Your height should be no more than 1.95 m (6ft 5in) and 102 kg (16 stones).

Temporary Associate Membership

To take a Trial Lesson, you must become a Temporary Associate Member of the Club. Your membership will be valid for 3 months from your first flight, and entitles you to full use of club facilities, including further flights at Associate Member rates.