

## Cadet Scheme Guidelines

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## Introduction

This paper is intended to give new and existing cadet scheme members a clear idea of the SGU cadet scheme. The paper describes the privileges of, and the obligations on, cadet scheme members.

## Scheme overview

The purpose of the scheme is to give the opportunity for young people to take up gliding at a reduced cost and increased level of supervision.

The scheme is voluntary on both sides. Just as any cadet can elect to leave the scheme at any time the club can also withdraw the cash support for any individual. The club may also decline to offer new cadet membership to any individual. The reasons for doing so will be either the cadet has not or can not meet the guidelines, or that the cadet has reached 18 years.

Cadets who leave the scheme when they reach age 18 are encouraged to keep in touch with the cadet scheme. The British Gliding Association (BGA) have numerous schemes for encouraging young people in gliding and young people may continue to qualify up to age 25.

## Entry Qualifications

Cadets must be between 14 and 18 years of age and show commitment to learning to glide and taking up gliding in the UK. Some cadets have indicated that they wish to learn to glide as a stepping-stone to other types of flying and this has not been a reason to disqualify anyone from entry. The scheme is limited in the number of places available and some people may be asked to wait for a place to become available.

## Arrangements on leaving the scheme

As the scheme extends up to 18 years of age only, everyone has to leave the scheme eventually! Cadet members who leave the scheme may continue to fly at the SGU as a student member however no membership additional charge is required until the next membership renewal. Should any cadet be asked to leave the scheme before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday the same arrangement is available.

## Cost of cadet membership and flying

Item	Cost
Annual membership	£55 plus £15 BGA capitation fee
Flying charges - from winch launch. (Instructional or solo flights, and including practice launch failures.)	£4.75 for launch and first ½ hour or part. Full club flying rates for any time after first ½ hour.
Aerotow flights	Launch charged at full club rates (see tariff) but first 30 mins flying time free.
Associate members	As per published tariff.
Course flying with club professional instructor.	All course and flying fees at club rate as published in the tariff (i.e. charged at full rate not at cadet rates.)
Annual cadet camp	Cadet rates for winch launch and flying time.

Charges are subject to review along with all club rates. All other charges are at published club rates.

Cadets should be aware that their accounts will be debited full club rate charges for all flying and a cadet subsidy will be credited to their account periodically. Accounts can be monitored through the clubroom computer and should be maintained in credit after cadet subsidy. Any queries to Kate Byrne or Andy Graham.

Normally on joining the scheme new cadets will be asked to add at least £100 to their account to give an initial flying credit after deduction of membership fees.

From time to time the BGA and other organisations announce bursary schemes to help young people with the cost of learning to fly. In the past several SGU cadets have benefitted from such schemes so it is worth looking out for them.

### **What the club expects from cadets.**

The key to cadet membership is commitment. If at any time a cadet appears to fall short in this respect the club will withdraw the cadet subsidy with immediate effect.

Cadets should be regular flyers, attending the club for at least one day every two weeks. If a cadet does not attend the club for two months without offering a good reason to the cadet director, then the club will assume that they have left the scheme.

Log books and training cards need to be up to date and available for all instructors who fly with cadets. Cadets who do not have training cards and log books available may find that instructors refuse to fly with them!

Cadets need to show that they are making progress toward going solo. There is no specific limit on the number of flights before going solo. However all cadets should make themselves available to fly, or discuss their progress, with Kate or Andy from time to time.

Cadets should be of assistance around the launch point. In order to do this cadets should arrange to be at the gliding club before the start of flying (usually before 9:00 on weekends) and leave at the end of flying. While cadets are waiting for their turn to fly they should make themselves useful around the launch point, looking after log sheets, pushing gliders, attaching cables, signalling etc. This approach will maximise the amount of flying for the cadet on any one day.

Cadets are not allowed to drive any club vehicles unless they have a provisional licence and have had at least 10 driving lessons. Cadets must decline to drive any vehicle even if asked by a club member if they don't meet the requirement.

### **Cadet Camp**

A cadet camp will be run each year and cadets should try to attend, as it is an opportunity to get some concentrated flying practice. It will be held in the school summer holidays.

Unlike events run by youth organisations and schools, only flying and launch point supervision is given. Otherwise cadets are left to their own devices. Parents should take this into account in making their arrangements.

The cadets are responsible for their own accommodation and food arrangements. Some cadets travel each day, some stay in the club's rooms, some bring tents etc. Cooked meals and snacks are available in the club house throughout the week.

In the event of glider's being out of service SGU holiday courses take precedence. The course also has to compete on equal terms with club members wanting to use club two seaters, this tends to affect Tuesdays mostly.

### **Some general points**

Cadets are in all respects full members of the Scottish Gliding Union (SGU). This includes the right to vote at the AGM and any EGMs. Cadets have all of the rights privileges and responsibilities of SGU membership.

Usually cadets fly at weekends as instructors are generally available. Weekday flying is also possible however cadets need to make sure an instructor is available. Cadets may book time with the club professional instructor but this is charged at full club rates as the service has to be funded largely by those who use it.

Cadets may fly with any instructor. Cadets will be encouraged to fly with a range of instructors. Although this tends to slow down early training, the end result is that each cadet is exposed to a number of different flying and teaching styles and can develop their own style from a wider base.

The cadet scheme is run on an open basis. Parents are welcome to attend any cadet activity, or join the club as an associate member. Why not join the club and learn to fly?

If at any time a cadet leaves the SGU, the credit balance outstanding in their SGU account will be refunded in full on request to Kevin Hook.