

BGA GUIDANCE – COVID19 AND GLIDING OPERATIONS



To stem the spread of the COVID19 virus in England, N Ireland, Scotland and Wales, significant public health related restrictions are in place. The following National Governing Body COVID secure guidance is provided to support BGA clubs.

Gliding

The sport of gliding of course takes place outdoors. With care and within limits, gliding can be compatible with social distancing and other COVID19 mitigating requirements. This BGA national governing body guidance supports COVID-safe gliding operations including solo and dual/instructional flying where permitted.

It must be noted that Government public health requirements and implementation dates may differ between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. BGA will endeavour to identify any relevant differences between countries which are directly relevant to operations at gliding sites. Other differences, such as quarantine and local restrictions are not included here and should be carefully considered by individuals and clubs in areas where they apply. The following guidance is relevant everywhere.

COVID19 mitigation

The following BGA guidance, which supports a COVID-safe risk assessed and risk managed approach to restarting gliding operations, is based on [published official guidance from DfT](#), and all must be alert to any forthcoming new or revised information which may call for new or different actions. Members should also keep each other honest in the interest of the wider community.

MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

SELF ASSESS

Members who suspect they have or [have COVID19 symptoms must stay at home and follow NHS guidance](#).

1. Members who:
 - have been diagnosed with COVID19 at any time during the past 10 days, or
 - have had symptoms of COVID19 at any time in the past 10 days, or
 - have been in close contact with someone who has COVID19, or
 - are required to be quarantinedmust stay away from the club and follow the current NHS guidance.

FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE

- Members are responsible for their own compliance with any Govt 'local lockdown' requirements.
- Members are responsible for following club guidance, including eg, recommended maximum numbers at the launch point.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Identify what activity or situations might cause transmission of the virus.
- Think about who could be at risk.
- Decide how likely it is that someone could be exposed.
- Act to remove the activity or situation, or if this is not possible, control the risk.

Guidance for COVID-19 risk assessments

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/risk-assessment.htm>

Share the results of your risk assessment with your members.

MANAGE CONTACT

- Minimise contact with shared surfaces and equipment.
- Minimise contact with other members through social distancing.
- Provide hand washing/sanitising facilities or require all members to bring hand sanitiser.
- Consider when the use of face coverings for added protection is appropriate. Face coverings are generally not needed outdoors if socially distanced. People should maintain 2m distance from each other. Where that is not possible and is permitted under national public health guidance, they should maintain 1m distance with a face covering.

MANAGE CAPACITY

- Ensure social distancing is possible - limit numbers if necessary.
- Consider the number of members who can reasonably socially distance at the launch point.

SUPPORT CONTACT TRACING

- Keep a record of all attending club members.
- Ensure the club has access to member contact information.

NON-PARTICIPANTS

- Discourage non-participants.

DUAL FLYING:

Provide easily understood and practical guidance re;

- Cockpit cleaning
- Use of face coverings during briefings and in flight (if it is safe and practical to do so, noting that a passenger must use a face covering).
- Flying supervision

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