



Risk assessment - Gliding operations during COVID19

Devon and Somerset Gliding Club

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BASIC PRINCIPLES - HANDS - FACE – SPACE – FRESH AIR

RISK ASSESSMENT - Members must read this Risk Assessment

General Principles - From Monday 19th July 2021 the government has lifted most legal restrictions imposed in response to the Covid19 pandemic. However this does not mean that we can return to life as it was before Covid. As a members' club we can choose to retain whatever requirements we consider appropriate to protect our members, their families and our visitors. Our Instructors have expressed a strong desire to retain face coverings in two-seaters and continue sanitising club gliders and equipment at every crew change. Your Management Committee has decided to proceed with caution and for the time being retain most of the existing Club Covid19 risk assessment.

Social distancing – whilst there is no legal limit on numbers indoors, members are requested to maintain social distancing and remain in small groups

Hygiene - when handling equipment, contact should be minimised where possible. Equipment should be cleaned and sanitised before first use of the day and at every crew change, and then after last use of the day with appropriate cleaning materials eg disinfectant wipes.

Regular washing of hands for 20 secs with soap or application of sanitiser is essential. Water station facilities have been provided at launch point and winch.

Face Coverings - When working / flying in close proximity in the two-seater cockpits, Passengers must wear face coverings, and Instructors if safe to do so. It is strongly recommended that Face Coverings are worn in the Clubhouse unless seated and eating or drinking.

Vulnerability Considerations - the vulnerability of the Instructor and pupil in two-seater operations is recognised. They must understand the risks and whether they can manage them to acceptable levels. If necessary additional mitigations need to be in place. Consideration should be given to those using the equipment after you.

Visitors - Visitors to the Clubhouse should scan DSGC QR code and provide contact details.

Health declaration -. To comply with Section 1), By putting your name on the DSGC Flying List, you agree to practice the actions outlined within the Risk Assessment including the health declaration of Section 1. Members who are on site but not flying should enter their names in the non-flying section of the Flying List or the list in the Clubhouse and scan DSGC QR code. Contact Lists will be held for a minimum period of 21 days, and will be provided to assist Track and Trace if necessary.



What are the hazards?	Activity	Who might be affected	What action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?
<p>1. Contact with COVID19 infected persons</p>	<p>Gliding activities</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site</p>	<p>All members are requested to take regular lateral flow tests</p> <p>All members and visitors on site should confirm that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they have not tested positive at any time in the past 10 days - they have not been instructed to self-isolate in the past 10 days - they are not required to be quarantined <p>If any of the above apply then they must stay away from the Club and follow NHS guidance.</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site</p>
<p>2. Catching COVID19 from two seat operation</p>	<p>Activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing the site and aircraft - Removing gliders from hangar - Preparing the gliders , eg batteries, parachutes, daily inspection 	<p>Instructor & Pupil</p>	<p>Minimise the number of people involved in each operation. Ensure hands sanitised before handling equipment. Clean surfaces touched after getting gliders from the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Sanitise hands after handling equipment.</p>	<p>Instructors & Pupils</p>
	<p>Pre-flight activities including briefing, preparing cockpit and access, and In-flight</p>	<p>Instructor & Pupil</p>	<p>Briefings shall be conducted outside the glider. Ideally parachutes will be used by a single pupil on any individual day. Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched by previous pilot, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc.... To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Care to be taken when entering the glider, recommended that</p>	<p>Instructors & Pupils</p> <p>continued....</p>

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			front-seat pilot enters first. Face coverings shall be worn in flight providing it is safe to do so. Passengers must wear face coverings.	
	Post-flight activities including exit from aircraft, retrieving gliders and preparing for next crew and debriefing	Instructors & Pupils	Care to be taken when exiting the glider, recommended that rear-seat pilot exits first. After flight, Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Debriefing shall take place outside the glider.	Instructors & Pupils
	Putting gliders away	Instructors & Pupils	At the end of use. All equipment likely to have been touched during the day should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. Clean surfaces touched after putting gliders in the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Batteries and parachute clips.	Instructors & Pupils
3. Catching COVID19 from solo flying	As above	Pilots	As above cleaning regimes	Pilots
4. Catching COVID19 from ground equipment	Retrieve Vehicles	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels, gear sticks handbrakes, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground crew
	Winch	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew



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	Launch Control operator	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use including , computer keyboard, telephone, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew
5. Infecting others with COVID19	Use of Clubhouse	All members and visitors on site	Avoid gathering in large groups Face coverings should be worn unless seated and eating or drinking. Minimise seating to enable social distancing. Ensure adequate ventilation when occupied by keeping doors and windows open. Members and Visitors should scan DSGC QR code and enter contact details on list. Catering operation - see separate risk assessment and mitigation.	All members and visitors on site
6. Infecting others with COVID19	Gliding activities	All members on site	Should you start displaying symptoms after visiting the Gliding Club, you must inform the Secretary immediately, so that other members who have been onsite can be informed.	All members on site
8. Trial lessons	Visitors	Visitors	Trial lesson visitors should undergo a self-test within 48 hours before flight, Or may be required to complete a Covid19 rapid flow test and / or have their temperature taken prior to flight. Passengers must wear a face covering in the glider	Members managing Trial lesson visitors

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