**BGA Club Annual Return 2023**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather data to help BGA to recognise and respond to trends in UK gliding membership, activities, club structures and viability. Data from past returns has been been invaluable, especially in supporting BGA’s rationale for regulatory change and other representations to government and external bodies.

The data will be used mainly in Executive and Development Committee activities and (apart from a continuation of the data published annually in S&G as ‘BGA Clubs Annual Statistics’) the data will not be published or communicated outside BGA except in aggregated and anonymised form.

The BGA year is 1 Oct – 30 Sep. The membership data you supply in this annual return should be completed as at 30th September 2023

It is of enormous help if you can complete and return this document promptly to the BGA office by post or email to [debbie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:debbie@gliding.co.uk) by 30 November 2023 or as soon after as possible.

Thanks in advance.

BGA Executive Committee

## Section 1 – Your Club Contacts

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| Club Name : | |
| Club Email | Club Website |
| Invoice Email (if different) | Club Tel No. |

I confirm, for and on behalf of the club, that the information in this and the following pages is complete and a fair representation of the club.

Name:

Date:

## Club Officers

Please enter the name and a contact email for your club officials.

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| Chairman Name  Email |
| Treasurer Name  Email |
| CFI Name  Email |
| Technical Officer Name  Email |
| Safety Officer Name  Email |
| Publicity Officer Name  Email |
| Secretary Name  Email |
| Child Protection Lead Name  Email |
| Junior Liaison Name  Email |
| Airspace Officer  Email |

## Section 2 – Membership

The BGA needs accurate statistics as to the number of active glider pilots for its own internal administrative procedures, for its dealings with Sports Council and other government bodies, for FAI purposes and for political lobbying both nationally and internationally.

Membership categories vary from club to club but are usually of three types:-

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Membership type | No at 30th Sept | General Definition | Notes |
| Full flying |  | Full flying | Includes concessionary members e.g. juniors/cadet schemes, seniors. |
| Temporary (not including temporary members from other clubs) |  | Limited flying, not more than 3 consecutive months | e.g. Introductory/trial lesson member, course member (unless converted to full flying).  Give total number in year to 30th September |
| Non-flying |  | Use of social and domestic facilities | Essentially a social membership. |

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| Full flying members | | | |
| Age <22 |  | Age 51-60 |  |
| Age 22-26 |  | Age 61-70 |  |
| Age 27-30 |  | Age 71-80 |  |
| Age 31-40 |  | Age 81+ |  |
| Age 41-50 |  |  |  |
| Total full flying members (all ages) | | |  |

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| Female full flying members | | | |
| Age <22 |  | Age 51-60 |  |
| Age 22-26 |  | Age 61-70 |  |
| Age 27-30 |  | Age 71-80 |  |
| Age 31-40 |  | Age 81+ |  |
| Age 41-50 |  |  |  |
| Total female full flying members (all ages) | | |  |

## Affiliated Membership

There are several University clubs, Scout groups, enthusiasts and other organisations occasionally flying with BGA member clubs. To enable the BGA to identify the true number of participants in UK gliding we need information about these “affiliated members” too. Affiliated members are not included when calculating the annual BGA membership fees. Only the declared membership figures for full flying members aged 22 and over and trial lesson/introductory flight members are used for that purpose.

Please list the affiliated organisations, clubs or groups within your club, whether they attend regularly or not, and provide an estimate of the total numbers in each organisation.

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| Affiliated organisation | Total numbers in organisation |
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## Section 3 – Your Club Operation

Data in this section, together with membership data, is frequently used in discussion with CAA and others to describe the scale and importance of the UK gliding operation in relation to other airspace users and recreational activities.

### Summary of flying in year ending 30 September

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Winch, autotow, bungee launches | Aerotow launches | Self launch | Total launches | Number of flying days |
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| Total hours flown from site |
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### Other information

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| Is your club a… | Yes/No |
| Junior Gliding Centre? |  |
| CASC? |  |
| Is Aerodrome Safeguarding in place? |  |

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| Does your club have a simulator? |  |
| If yes, does it use display screens, VR or both? |  |
| Is the simulator integrated into your training syllabus? |  |

THANK YOU for completing this annual return.

Please send the completed return to debbie@gliding.co.uk