

MGC members' charges 2010 - 2011

Joining fee ^[1]

All new members over 21 years of age, with the exception of social and full-flying members of other BGA clubs joining as country members, pay a one-off non-refundable joining fee of **£75**
Two or more members of the same family (parents/children) joining at the same time pay **£112.50**

Subscription ^[2]

		<i>p.a./ month</i>	
12 month flying ^[3]	Full-flying	£395/£33 ^[4]	
	Country	£215/£18 ^[4]	
	Overseas	£160/£14	
	Junior (<i>Age on 1 April 2010</i>)	Under 25	£180/£15 New!
		18, 19 & 20	£105
16 & 17		£80	
	14 & 15 ^[5]	£60	
Limited flying	Winter country	£110	
	Associate ^[6]	£105	
	Social* ^[7]	£35	

**The immediate family (spouse and children) of full-flying, country, overseas and associate members have the same rights to use the club's facilities as social members, at no charge.*

Flying charges

Unlike most UK gliding clubs, which charge by the minute for flying club aircraft, the MGC charges its members an annual "flying fee" (below) for unlimited flying time, subject to availability, on weekends, bank holidays and week days when no holiday or members' courses are being run.

Flying fee ^[8]

		<i>p.a./per month</i>
Full flying	Except instructors and private owners (below)	£288/£24
Instructors	Instructors on the instructors' rota	£144/£12
Private owners	Member must be on the CAA aircraft register or insurance and glider must have valid ARC	£144/£12
Country members	(a) Living more than 100 mile radius	£288/£24
	(b) members of BGA/overseas clubs OPTION 1: unlimited flying in MGC aircraft	£288/£24
		£144 (winter)
	(c) Members of BGA/overseas clubs OPTION 2: pay per day at visitors' rates	visitor's daily flying fees
Associate members	Permitted to fly up to 3 days per year	
Overseas and junior members	Juniors under 25 on 1 st April	£144/£12
Temporary/trial members	Per month, max 3 months	£24 in advance

Aircraft hire ^[9]

Exclusive use of any club aircraft on- or off-site, **£60/day**

Launch fees

Winch or bungee **£8.50** (**£4.25** for juniors under 21 on 1st April ^[10])
Simulated cable breaks (landing is immediately and straight ahead) **£4.25**
Aerotow: Under review, interim charges are **£4.25 minute, minimum £17.00**

Members' caravan park charges

Flying members (full- country and overseas) may apply annually for a caravan pitch. If there are more applicants that spaces they are allotted by the committee **£395** per year

Members' course charges

All holiday courses are open to club members who benefit from preferential rates but do not have booking priority over non-members; prices are inclusive and a flying guarantee applies.

Members' weeks are exclusively for club members and are charged at half average holiday course prices. No flying guarantee applies.

A 10% discount is applied for all courses booked 1 month in advance.

Notes on members' charges

[1] A non-refundable joining fee is payable by all members who receive shares (*see [3] below*).

The joining fee is due for payment immediately on joining by new members over 21 years old. For those under 21 years old when they join, the fee becomes due on April 1st after they reach 21 years of age.

If a non-shareholding member subsequently changes to a class of membership that attracts a joining fee, the joining fee becomes due immediately or on April 1st after they reach 21 years of age.

The joining fee will be waived for course members who join on or before the last day of their course (including one-day "A weekday at the Midland Gliding Club" courses, but excluding trial lessons).

Membership is provisional for the first 6 months during which time membership can be revoked by the committee; if this occurs only the prorated portion of the subscription will be refunded.

[2] Annual subscriptions are due on April 1st, when they are payable in full or by monthly direct debit.

[3] Full-flying members, overseas members, junior members over the age of 18 and country members who are members only of the MGC become shareholders and are entitled to vote at Annual and Extraordinary Meetings of the club.

Social members and those who qualify for country or winter membership because they are full-flying members of other BGA clubs do not qualify to become shareholders.

[4] Spouses joining as full-flying or country members each pay 75% of the individual subscription.

[5] Flying membership for 14- and 15-years olds is available only to children of flying members.

[6] Members who have been active full-flying, country or overseas members of the MGC for 7 years may apply for Associate membership, which is granted at the committee's discretion and reviewed annually.

Associate members are entitled to use all club facilities including accommodation and to fly up to 3 times per year, paying visitors' flying fees on each occasion; they retain their shares and voting rights.

[7] New social members must *either* be proposed and seconded by full-flying, country or overseas members *or* apply directly to the club secretary and have their application approved by the committee. In either case social membership is granted at the discretion of the committee.

Social members are required to reapply annually. Readmission to social membership is not automatic; the committee reserves the right to withdraw social membership and to place an upper limit on the number of social members at any time, which may be reduced from one year to the next.

Social Members have the right to use club facilities with the exception of accommodation and campsite but are not entitled to fly. They do not have the right to sign in guests.

Social Members are not shareholders and do not have voting rights.

[8] Payment of the flying fee entitles members to fly any single- or two-seat club aircraft on weekends, bank holidays and week days when no holiday or members' courses are being run, subject to availability and with permission of the No1 instructor; only launch charges apply.

When demand for aircraft is high the No.1 instructor may allocate aircraft to individual members according to their objectives (e.g. badge attempts), training requirements or other criteria.

On weekdays during the course season, members who are not on a holiday or members' course

- may, with the permission of the course instructor, fly solo in any club aircraft that is not required by course members. However, priority will be given to course members.
- can request check flights, which may be granted at the instructors' discretion. One check flight of up to 30 minutes per day is covered by the flying fee.
- are *not* entitled to instruction in club two-seaters, course instructors are assigned exclusively teaching paying course members.

[9] Exclusive on-site use of club aircraft requires the approval of the No.1 instructor at the morning briefing. Off-site use of club aircraft requires prior committee approval; requests should be submitted at least one month in advance, in time to be considered at the next monthly committee meeting.

[10] Junior members under 21 at the start of the membership year (1st April) qualify for half-price winch and bungee launches. They should indicate the deduction of 50% on their payment envelope.