

MGC members' charges 2011 – 2012
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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 x6</i>	
12 month flying ^[3]	Full-flying	£420/£72 ^[4]	
	Country	Residing more than 100 miles from the club or full-flying member of another BGA club £215/£18 ^{[4][5]}	
	Overseas	Living outside UK for more than 9 months/year £170/£28.50	
	Junior (<i>Age on 1 April 2010</i>)	Under 25	£190/£32
		18,19 & 20	£110
		16 & 17	£85
14 & 15 ^[6]		£65	
Limited flying	Winter country ^[7]	For flying members of other BGA clubs £60/quarter	
	Associate ^[8]	For former MGC flying members £110	
	Social* ^[9]	£37	

**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 fees ^[10]

		<i>p.a./ month x6</i>
Full flying	Except instructors and private owners (below)	£306/£51
Instructors	On the instructors' rota	£153/£25.50
Private owners	Member must be on the CAA aircraft register or insurance and glider must have valid ARC	£153/£25.50
Country members	(a) Living more than 100 mile radius	£306/£51
	(b) members of BGA/overseas clubs OPTION 1: unlimited flying in MGC aircraft	£288/£24 £153 (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	£153/£25.50
Overseas and junior members	Juniors under 25 on 1 st April	£153/£25.50
Temporary/trial members	Per month, max 3 months	£26 in advance

Aircraft hire ^[11]

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

Launch fees

- Winch or bungee **£9 (£4.50** for juniors under 21 on 1st April ^[12]). Free after 5 on same day
- Simulated cable breaks (landing is immediately and straight ahead) **£4.50**
- Aerotow: 2000' £28, 3000' £36, 4000' £45

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 **£420** per year

Members' course charges

Under review

Notes on members' charges

[1] The joining fee applies to all classes of membership with the exception of social membership and country/winter membership for members of other BGA clubs joining the MGC; they must pay the joining fee if they subsequently change their membership to a class with a joining fee.

Members who pay a joining fee become shareholders and have the right to vote at Annual or Extraordinary Meetings of the Club.

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

[2] The joining fee for new junior members is deferred; it becomes due on renewal of membership when they reach 21 years of age.

[3] Annual subscriptions are renewable on April 1st in full, or by 6 monthly direct debit instalments. Membership is provisional for the first 6 months during which time it can be revoked by the committee; if this occurs the prorated proportion of the subscription only will be refunded.

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

[5] Country members who are members of another BGA club do not pay a joining fee. They do not become shareholders or have the right to vote at meetings of the MGC.

[6] Junior Membership (flying) is available only to 14 and 15 year old children of flying members.

[7] Winter country membership is available from October to March inclusive to full-flying members of other BGA clubs. Charges are levied per quarter in advance for one or two quarters.

[8] Members who have been active full-, country or overseas members for more than 7 years can apply to become Associate members at the start of a membership year. Associate membership is granted at the discretion of the committee and reviewed annually.

Shareholders who become Associate members retain their share and voting rights. They 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.

[9] New social members must be proposed and seconded by full-flying, country or overseas members or apply directly to the club secretary after which the committee will consider the application.

Social membership is granted at the discretion of the committee.

Social members are required to reapply annually and will be readmitted to membership at the discretion of the committee. The committee reserves the right 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.

[10] Payment of the flying fee entitles members to fly any club two- or single-seat club aircraft, subject to availability and with permission of the No1 instructor; only launch charges apply.

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

On weekdays during the course season members 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.

Members can request check flights, but these will be conducted at the instructors' discretion. One check flight of up to 30 minutes per day is covered by the flying fee.

Instruction is only available to course members,

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

[12] Junior members under 21 on 1st April of the current year should indicate on their payment envelope the deduction of 50% from all charges for winch and bungee launches.