

1. TITLE

The Club shall be called Loughborough Students' Union Gliding Club

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Club shall be to provide gliding instruction and facilities for its members and to promote a practical interest in aviation in its members. Also, it shall organise other social activities from time to time, as desirable.

3. AFFILIATION

The Club shall form part of Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and as such, shall adhere to all guidelines and policies as approved by its members at Loughborough Students' Athletic Union General Meetings.

The Club shall also be affiliated to the British Gliding Association (BGA) through the Royal Air Force Gliding and Soaring Association (RAF GSA) via association with the Four Counties Gliding Club (FCGC) at Royal Air Force Station Wittering.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall be open to all students of those institutions in membership of Loughborough Students' Union (namely Loughborough University, Loughborough College and the RNIB Vocational College). At the discretion of the Club, members of staff at the above institutions and alumni may join the Club.

Associate Membership

The Club may apply to the Athletic Union to have a maximum of FIVE associate members per academic year. These non - student individuals would be expected to be high-class performers, who could contribute to the club in the following ways:

- (a) As a short term measure for the Club to enter a new league/competition which, with the current level of student players could not be sustained.
- (b) As part of a Regional or National Academy
- (c) To enhance the Club's activities

Maximum numbers

The Club's Committee must be aware of maximum membership level as indicated in its annual development plan and not permit over-subscription.

The subscription fee shall be determined annually by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and must be paid to the Club Treasurer before any participation in club activities.

5. CLUB COMMITTEE

The Club's Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Club and posts must include Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee positions must be held by current students. There must be at least three Committee Meetings per term.

6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Shall oversee the running of the Club, preside at all meetings and ensure that they are properly conducted. Shall be the principle Loughborough Students representative to the FCGC. In his/her absence, a member of the Club's Committee shall take the chair.

Secretary Shall give notice of all Committee and General Meetings and take the minutes of each. Shall be responsible for the dissemination of information to members and any correspondence thereto. In conjunction with the Treasurer, shall be responsible for the upkeep of membership records.

Treasurer Shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Club's accounts in accordance with Loughborough Students' Athletic Union policies. Shall also be the Club's signatory for any cheques issued from the Club's private account (these cheques also to be countersigned by either the Athletic Union President or Athletic Union Sports Administrator).

Technical Officer Shall ensure the serviceability of all Club equipment. Shall ensure that all LSU aircraft hold validated Certificates of Airworthiness and insurance applicable with the aircraft type. Shall ensure that all mandatory flying records are kept up-to-date. Shall be the BGA's and FCGC's principal contact for technical matters.

Training Secretary Shall co-ordinate flying training at RAF Wittering. Shall also organise transport for those members flying. Shall organize expeditions and training courses with the

Committee's approval.

Social Secretary Shall co-ordinate social events during term time, and at other times with the Committee's approval.

Press and Publicity Shall publicise events as well as results from gliding competitions involving members.

Committee Advisor Shall be a postgraduate student or associated member with substantial experience, who shall act purely in an advisory capacity with regard to legal and regulatory issues. In the case of a postgraduate being appointed, he/she shall hold no voting rights at a Committee meeting.

7. MEETINGS

General Meetings

A General Meeting shall be called by the Committee or by written request, signed by not less than one quarter of the membership. Two weeks' notice of such meetings must be given by the Secretary to the membership and at least one such meeting should take place each term.

Annual General Meeting/Election of Club Committee

The election of Officers of the Club Committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which shall take place the week either side of the first day of March each year.

8. QUORACY

Quoracy at General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting shall be no less than 40% of the membership.

Should such meetings be inquorate, then a further General Meeting shall be held within 15 days and will be automatically quorate.

9. VOTING

All Club members shall have speaking rights at all meetings, BUT only current, registered student members of those institutions affiliated to Loughborough Students' Union are entitled to vote.

10. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution must be passed by two thirds of those present at a General Meeting or by 51% of the membership.

All amendments must be ratified by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union Executive Committee, who will then forward the same on to the Procedures Committee of Loughborough Students' Union for approval.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event that the club is no longer able to carry out its activities, and thus folds, all assets will revert back to Loughborough Students' Athletic Union.