BECOMING A VSA ACCREDITED

YouthGlide CENTRE

**Why your Club should be an accredited YouthGlide Centre!**

* *Do you want to ensure the long-term future of your club?*
* *Do you want to grow your membership now and into the future?*

The answer, of course, is YES! And the YES is now!

A VSA Accredited YouthGlide Centre (YGC) is a Victorian gliding club that has received accreditation from the Victorian Soaring Association recognising that the club has membership, policies, procedures and support systems in place to encourage pilots aged under 25. This accreditation can be provided to youth groups and schools to assist in collaboration of the commencement of youth gliding programmes in your region.

The club will have demonstrated an ongoing commitment, as part of their club activities, to pursue excellence with a focus on Junior Pilots.

Periodically, the VSA YGC Co-Ordinator will meet with the club to monitor the progress of the YGC.

* The Vision – To help create skilled pilots through great instructing
* The Mission – To put support for Junior Pilots at the heart of club activities
* The Purpose – To transform lives through gliding

**Accreditation**

The VSA YGC accreditation requirements are based on Sport & Recreation Victoria and VicSport criteria for working with juniors. Most aspects of this should already be in place at the club. The list is not designed to be onerous but is all-encompassing in line with current legislation. The accreditation system recognises that no two gliding clubs are the same, providing richness in the variety of gliding available in Victoria, but does aim to ensure that all VSA YouthGlide Centres offer a minimum standard of gliding facilities and governance for junior glider pilots. A VSA YGC certificate is issued to clubs that meet and maintain the requirements, and those clubs may display the VSA YGC logo.

**Australian Junior Gliding Club and Monash University Soaring Society**

The VSA's pursuit of accredited YouthGlide Centres is uniquely in line with the AJGC and MUSS objectives. AJGC and MUSS will support those clubs who attain this rating and pass on recommendations to their members to join and fly at any of the accredited clubs.

**How does a club apply to become a VSA YGC?**

Clubs wishing to become a VSA YouthGlide Centre should email a completed VSA YouthGlide Centre application form to the VSA YouthGlide Co-Ordinators, [Vivienne Drew](mailto:vneviv@gmail.com) and [Ryan Driscoll](mailto:driscollryanl96@gmail.com).

Details and an application form are available below and by clicking the link.

[VSA YouthGlide Centre Introduction](#Introduction)

[VSA YouthGlide Centre Evidence Document](#Evidence)

[VSA YouthGlide Centre Application Form](#Application)

If there are any questions, the VSA YGC Co-Ordinators can advise.

**Support**

The VSA YGC Co-Ordinators will provide a supporting role as the clubs develop their programs.

The Member Protection Information Officer, Alf McMillan is on hand to provide specific information, but before contacting the MPIO, please ensure that you’ve spent time looking at the VSA member website [Child Protection Guidelines](http://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=316&Itemid=181).

**What is a VSA YGC?**

A VSA YGC is an affiliated VSA club that has received accreditation recognising that the club has a junior gliding program with an appropriate junior membership and financial scheme in place, and policies, procedures and support systems to encourage pilots under 25.

The club will have demonstrated an ongoing commitment, as part of their club activities, to pursue excellence with a focus on Junior Pilots.

Periodically the VSA will meet with club personnel to monitor the progress of the YGC.

**Why should clubs apply to become an accredited VSA YGC?**

* To acknowledge the work of clubs in developing excellence in gliding for Junior Pilots.
* To help support an increase in participation by junior pilots.
* To demonstrate an awareness of the extra duty of care required for pilots U18.
* To encourage Junior Pilots to enjoy flying in a safe environment whilst meeting and achieving personal goals and challenges.

**How do clubs apply to become a VSA YGC?**

1. Complete the application form below to be signed by the club president.
2. Provide evidence to the VSA that the club meets the requirements as illustrated on the form ***“Evidence required to become a VSA YGC”.***  Please note some requirements are Essential (E) while others are Desirable (D) and are included to support ongoing progression.
3. Meet with a VSA representative either face-to-face or by video conference / email (at a time and place agreed by both parties) for evidence to be reviewed and formal verification to be completed. Normally 2 and 3 can be completed together.

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|  | **Principle** | | **Possible Evidence** | | **Essential (E)**  **Desirable (D)** | **Notes** |
| 1 | The instructors responsible for the  program are suitably qualified  to GFA standards. | | GFA instructor numbers for those instructors flying with Juniors. | | E |  |
| 2 | The club and instructors  responsible for the programme  are appropriately insured. | | 1. Public liability insurance certificate (PLI). 2. Any other relevant insurance documents (BBL), (Tugs and Gliders). | | E  D | If in partnership with  schools and colleges this may need to be $10M PLI. |
| 3 | All flying and associated activities  to take place within a safe  environment using approved  equipment. | | 1. Safety policy. 2. Risk assessments for flying, activities and vehicle use such as tractors and winches. 3. Aircraft have a current certificate of airworthiness. (C of A) and ARC. 4. Evidence of training. | | E  E  E  D | Particular reference  should be made to age  specific issues e.g. what  age can junior pilots drive the winch or tractors. |
| 4 | The club has a **Child**  **Safety Statement of Commitment** that is compliant with state government policy.  Instructors working regularly with  U18 pilots to be Working with Children checked. | | 1. Copy of the Child Safety Statement of Commitment and Evidence of how this is dispersed to club members. 2. WWC certificate numbers. | | E  E | Use the generic [VSA](https://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=38&Itemid=181)  [Child safety statement](https://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=38&Itemid=181) and place your club logo in the document  Apply on the Victorian [Working With Children](https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply) website |
| 5 | Child protection training has been  completed by at least two club  members one of which should be  an instructor.  There is a nominated and trained  Child Protection Officer. | | 1. Certificates or evidence of the date and training. [Play by the Rules Child Protection and Safeguarding online course](https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/child-protection-and-safeguarding-course) 2. Name and contact details (Inform VSA of personnel changes). Evidence to show place and date of training. | | E  E | The [Child Protection Training online course](https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/child-protection-and-safeguarding-course) provided by Sport Integrity Australia website.  Further information can be sought from the VSA MPIO. Details available on the VS A website. |
| 6 | | The club has adopted the Fair Play Code of Conduct for all club members and all volunteers working with Junior pilots. | | 1. Copies of the Codes of Conduct. 2. Evidence of how this is dispersed to club members. | E  D | Use the [Dept Sport & Recreation Fair Play Code of Conduct](https://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=38&Itemid=181) as guidance but implement individual club code that is appropriate |
| 7 | | First Aid equipment is available at  all times.  Some members trained in first aid. | | 1. Maps or information showing location of first aid equipment. 2. Evidence of date and place of training or certificates | E  D | Contact [St John Ambulance](https://stjohnvic.com.au/training/first-aid-courses.asp) regarding  training available. |
| 8 | | The club has emergency  procedures in place for dealing  with serious incidents/ accidents. | | 1. Copy of the emergency/post-accident procedures policy. 2. Evidence on how this is dispersed to club members. | E  D |  |
| 9 | | The club collects personal details  of all junior pilots and retains the  information confidentially. | | 1. Membership forms. 2. Next of kin forms (NOK). 3. Club data base.   ***The VSA does not need to be sent this information just confirmation it exists and is current****.)* | E  E  E | Next of Kin information  should be easily  accessible in an  emergency and available  to all instructors working  offsite particularly with  Under 18 pilots. |
| 10 | | The club has information about  any medical need or requirements  for their junior pilots. | | This can be collated on the Next of Kin form. | E |  |

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| 11 | There is a nominated volunteer to  co-ordinate junior flying.  The club has implemented a  mentor scheme for Junior Pilots. | Name of coordinator.  Contact details of coordinator. | E  D  D | Inform the VSA of  personnel changes.  See [VSA Junior Gliding Program on VSA website for further information](https://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=303&Itemid=181) |
| 12 | The club has created an  environment where everyone is  encouraged and provided with  equal opportunities. | Inclusion and Diversity policy (I&D) and Evidence of how this is dispersed to club members. | E | Inclusion & Diversion is a term used to  promote equality of opportunity for all to achieve full potential  free from prejudice and  discrimination.  ([See VSA Website for applicable policy under Governance](http://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=316&Itemid=181)) |
| 13 | The club regularly communicates  with its members, parents and  carers of junior pilots about  relevant information. | Evidence of communication via letter, newsletters, website and meetings. | E |  |
| 14 | The club is affiliated to the VSA and GFA. | Membership confirmed with VSA & GFA | E  E |  |
| 15 | The club has introduced a specific  Junior membership and pricing policy for Junior Pilots. | Copy of membership and pricing policy specifically for juniors | E | This policy is up to individual clubs to determine. See [VSA website for guidelines.](https://www.gliding.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=303&Itemid=181) |

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| Club President name: |  |
| Contact details: |  |
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| Proposed YGC Co-ordinator name: |  |
| Contact details: |  |
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| Child Protection Officer name: |  |
| Contact details: |  |
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| Club President Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Club Agreement:** (place a tick in the boxes)

* The club agrees to help integrate new juniors into the club and assist them to participate in all areas of club activities to spread the word of what an awesome club you are!
* By applying to be a VSA Accredited YouthGlide Centre the club is agreeing to become part of and to support the environment and culture described in the VSA Pledge. In doing so, the club agrees to support the VSA and abide by its Terms, Conditions and Policies.
* The club will provide progress reports by 31st March and 30th September each year to remain in the program and receive VSA Sponsorship.
* The club agrees to provide the Evidence criteria each year to the YGC Co-Ordinators to retain accreditation.

**The VSA Pledge:**

The VSA agrees to pay $500 per year to be used ONLY for the club’s YouthGlide program and if the club retains its accreditation from the outlined criteria each year.

The VSA will strive to maintain industry standards and procedures and promote the YouthGlide program to its stakeholders and sponsors and will continue to grow and develop a positive culture that attracts different people who share a common passion.

The VSA will promote the values of support, friendship, safety, enjoyment, education and improvement. And by doing all of this, we will guarantee you will have the support of your junior pilots and a great club!

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| Approved by VSA |  |
| Signed (VSA Representative): |  |
| Name: | Date: |