<CLUB> Junior Gliding Program

Information & Application Pack

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This pack is made up of a total of 5 pages. The first 4 pages provide information about the <CLUB> and its Junior Gliding Program. Page 5 is the Junior Gliding Program

Application Form. The final page (to be attached) is the <CLUB> Membership and Indemnity Form. This is included as it provides parental consent for those under 18 and is required before anyone can join the <CLUB> in any type of membership.

**ABOUT THE <CLUB> AND GLIDING**

The <CLUB> is a non-profit making members club. The Club is responsible for all glider pilot training, all the launching done on the airfield, and all the facilities, the clubhouse, office, hangars etc.

The <CLUB> provides and administers the standards of the qualified volunteer member flying instructors who enable us to fly. The <CLUB> owns <EQUIPMENT PARAMETERS>. Gliding training is only allowed to be done in the two seat gliders and only by properly qualified instructors.

The <CLUB> has <XXXX> members.

Once members have completed their “ab-initio” or beginners training, they can continue to fly the <CLUB> two seat gliders or progress into the sleek, better performing single seat gliders and continue their advanced training of thermal soaring, paddock selection, cross country and competition.

**ABOUT THE <CLUB> JUNIOR GLIDING PROGRAM**

The aims of <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program is to encourage young people into gliding in the hopes they become the club members and enjoy the world of aviation and freedom to fly. It is also a pathway into a career in aviation. Getting into the program is not automatic. Each applicant has to show he or she meets the requirements described below.

**<CLUB> CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

The <CLUB> is committed to promoting our club as being child-safe with zero tolerance for child abuse. We aim to create a culture of child safety that reduces the opportunity for harm and gives all members of the club a clear process to follow when someone raises concerns about child safety or reports abuse. The <CLUB> applies the [VSA Child Safe Policy](https://victas.glidingaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/VSA-Child-Safe-Policy-24082022.pdf) to all members and volunteers.

**FAIR PLAY CODE**

The <CLUB> is committed to the Victorian Government’s [Fair Play Code](https://www.victastest.glidingaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/fair-play-code.pdf) legislation July 2018 which incorporates encouraging appropriate standards of behaviour that enables every Victorian to be involved in sport and recreation that is safe, welcoming and inclusive.

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

The <CLUB> is committed to ensure that all Instructors have a current Working with Children endorsement.

The principal benefit of the Junior Gliding Program is very low-cost gliding training. For <YEAR> the costs are:-

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| Annual Subscription  Glider Hire  Aerotow  Winch | **CLUB MEMBERS**  $xxx.xx  $0.xx per minute  $x.xx per minute  $x.xx per minute | **JUNIOR PILOT MEMBERS**  $xxx.xx  $0.xx per minute  $x.xx per minute  $x.xx per minute |

A Junior Pilot must be a member of the [Gliding Australia](https://glidingaustralia.org/) at a student cost of $xxx.xx per annum.

Applications are accepted from girls and boys aged 15 to 18 inclusive. Each applicant must have had at least one flight in a glider prior to applying. This Information and Application pack includes two forms.

1. The Application Form to join the <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program
2. The <CLUB> standard membership and indemnity form, which has to be completed and returned along with every Junior Pilot application. This form includes parental consent for those under 18.

Every Junior Pilot's progress is reviewed at the end of June each year. Those not making sensible use of <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program will be assessed on continuation to allow others to join. Sensible use equates to at least an average of 3 flights a month. Junior Pilots making good progress may be offered a further year in the program, depending on numbers; this could even be extended to a third year for Junior Pilots doing well if there are not too many new applicants waiting to join.

The aim of the <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program is to take Junior Pilots through Basic training, through early solo flying, and on to gain their GPC. If some Junior Pilots are able to progress even further to Silver C and beyond, this would be actively encouraged.

Junior Pilots are expected to send in a progress report every three months, and as gliding needs a team effort, especially at the launch point, the club expects to see Junior Pilots demonstrating involvement in the various tasks that go with launching and retrieving gliders without repeated prompting. In all other aspects, Junior Pilots are deliberately treated in the same way as other club members.

Junior Pilots are expected to arrange their time at the club in the same way other members do by contacting the club regarding the availability to fly and working with Instructors on their progress.

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To be fair and equitable, the <CLUB> has a selection process based mainly on the information in the returned application form.

If there are several good applicants but no places available, the applications are held and a selection is made when a place becomes available. All applications will be acknowledged and given an indication of the current situation.

The current <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program Co-ordinator is xxxxxx, who is happy to discuss any questions concerning the program.

**JUNIOR PILOTS SECTION**

**POINTS POTENTIAL JUNIOR PILOTS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING:**

Do not apply unless you have had at least one recent glider flight **THIS IS A MUST**. The club will help arrange this with you. Ring <CLUB> on (03) xxxx-xxxx.

When you fly at the club, tell your Instructor you are interested in learning to fly. He or she should treat your flight as an introduction to handling the glider. Be sure you enjoy it and want to do more.

The <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program is to help successful junior pilots, but first you have to qualify for a place. Consideration of applications is based on satisfaction of the following criteria:

1. **COMMITMENT** - Learning takes time and effort. To get to solo often takes 60 or more training flights. Unless you plan to spend whole weeks here at a time this means regular visits spread over several months with the possibility of flying and helping on the airfield on cold winter days. You need to be a determined character and you need to bring this out in your application.

**TIME** - Have you got other hobbies, school or college work, or part time jobs that if you consider carefully may well severely restrict the time you could spend at the club. Flying training needs continuity if you are to make good, safe progress. Contact your Instructors to ensure that you can have gliding training on the day you will be there to make the best progress. Consider your options and what you would most likely do, then think about the demands on your time. Can you fit gliding in as well?

1. **VOLUNTEERING** - Students waiting their turn to fly are required to provide the help needed at the launch point. The club cannot operate without this help, but it does require you being out on the airfield while you are waiting your turn. For this reason, most casual fliers aim to spend most of the day here.
2. **MONEY** - Even at Junior Pilot rates, your training needs some financing, although it may cost more to get here than to fly!

Every Junior Pilot will have an account that must be kept in credit. Junior Pilots should start their accounts with at least $50. Training flights are usually taken in blocks of 3 flights, check the prices on page 3 and work out what it will cost you. Are you sure you

can afford it? Some days there will be the opportunity to fly again so you could spend more.

It is suggested that Junior Pilots need to be able to add at least $50 a month to their accounts to be able to fly with the continuity mentioned. It is not compulsory, but it is a reasonable guide. Consider your source of income.

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1. **TRAVEL -** Getting to the club, unless you have your own transport, is obviously going to be a problem for anyone without willing parents or similar. Your application must cover this, but do not be too easily put off. The <CLUB> can supply a list of members to your parents with their addresses and telephone numbers who live in your vicinity who can offer transport. These members MUST have a current Working With Children Certificate and provide this to your parent(s)/guardian.
2. **AERONAUTICAL INTERESTS** - Glider pilots come from all walks of life, some of who have had little interest in aircraft or flying before taking up gliding. However, it can help in your application if you can show some previous sustained interest in aeroplanes or gliders or in any other form of aviation. The application form covers this and also includes why you want to take up gliding.
3. **HEALTH AND EYESIGHT** - The application form asks you to give your weight because we need to know that you are within the weight limits of our gliders. You need to be between 57kg-100kg. To fly a glider, you need to have good eyesight in both eyes; wearing glasses or contact lenses is not a problem. You also need to be in reasonably good health with the normal range of movements of all your limbs and joints.

If you consider these points, they should help you and perhaps for the younger applicants, help your parents. Think about what is involved and the effect it could have on the other aspects of your life. Gliding is a sport or a hobby. In your age group, your education must come first and you need to be sure that gliding will not adversely affect it.

1. **WILL YOU BE SUCCESSFUL?** - As described on page 3, applicants should understand they might be in competition with others for an available place. Probably all we will know about you is what you have put into your application form, and if you are a serious applicant, it is worth doing a good job on your form.

If you are successful, there are no additional forms to fill in. The Club will set up a membership account for you. Arrive at the <CLUB>, pay something into your account, then go out and fly.

Finally, if you do find you are not making much use of your Junior Gliding Program membership, please let a Club Representative know as soon as possible so that someone else can take your place. Any credit in your account will be returned to you.

**<CLUB> JUNIOR GLIDING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

The boxes on this single page should be filled in and the form returned to the <CLUB>, <ADDRESS>,

Attention: Co-ordinator, <CLUB> Junior Gliding Club Program.

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| First Name: Surname |

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| Date of Birth: Address:  Telephone: Post Code |

For the next 7 Headings, the type of information we are looking for is described on page 3 under “Points Potential Junior Pilots Should Consider Before Applying”. It may be best to write your response to these points on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form, but if you would rather use the limited spaces below, please do so.

These headings are intended to help you make a sensible application. Answer the questions but do not be too constrained by them. Expand your answers; please add any points you feel you would like to make.

**1. Commitment** - Do you consider you will have the resolve to overcome the inevitable frustrations of learning to fly? When did you do your qualifying glider flight? What did you do, how did you get on?

**2. Time** - How many days could you reasonably spend at the <CLUB> in the next year? What other demands have you got on your time?

**3. Money -** How much could you afford to spend each month on learning to fly? Where is this money going to come from?

**4. Travel** - How will you make the journey from where you live to the <CLUB>?

**5. Aeronautical Interest** - Why do you want to learn to glide? Have you any other previous or current interest in aviation? If so, what form does it take?

**6. Health** - How heavy are you? How tall? Confirm you are in normal health with no known disabilities and have normal eyesight in both eyes. Wearing spectacles or contact lenses is not a problem.

**7. Anything Else We Should Know?** - Please add anything else you think may be help to those who have to choose which applicants should be selected for the <CLUB> Junior Gliding Program.

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| Signature of applicant:  Date: |