

MEMBERSHIP REGULATION

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1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The Club Constitution establishes four categories of membership and defines their rights with regard to notice of general meetings, attendance at general meetings, and voting at general meetings. With the exception of Associate (Visiting Pilot) membership, membership is considered permanent unless terminated by the member, the Committee, or by a Club regulation.

- 1) Life member: 18 years of age or older and who has been appointed as a life member by a resolution at an annual general meeting.
- 2) Junior member: Any member less than 18 years of age but otherwise belonging to one of the member categories recognised by the Club (therefore Junior Ordinary (Full), Junior Ordinary (Student), Junior Associate (Non-flying) or Junior Associate (Visiting Pilot).
- 3) Ordinary member: 18 years of age or older but not a life member or an associate member.

Within this category the Club recognises the following member categories -

- Full
- Student (bona-fide full-time student up to and including 22 years of age)

- 4) Associate member: 18 years of age or older but not a life member or an ordinary member.

Within this category the Club recognises the following member categories -

- Non-flying
- Visiting Pilot (temporary three-month membership)

2. ACCESS TO CLUB FACILITIES (subject to section 7)

Member Category	Clubhouse Facilities	Gliders	Tug Aircraft	Club Self-insurance Scheme (see section 10)
Life	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Junior	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ordinary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visiting Pilot	Yes	No	Yes	No
Associate	Yes	No	Yes	No

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership must be made on one of the two forms prescribed by the Committee (see appendix).

- 1) Application for permanent membership.
This application for membership is subject to Committee approval and if accepted membership will begin from the date of the application. The applicable annual membership fee (and GFA fee if required) must accompany the application. With immediate instructor or Committee member approval the applicant will have temporary member status whilst awaiting Committee approval, but with the immediate benefit of Club-member accommodation and flying charges.
- 2) Application for Associate (Visiting Pilot) membership.
This application is subject to the approval of an instructor or Committee member and if accepted membership is immediate and for a period of three months. These members must settle their account with the Club immediately.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may terminate their membership by giving the Club one month's notice in writing provided they have paid all arrears of fees and charges payable to the Club beforehand.

The Committee may discontinue membership of any member upon breach of the Constitution or in accordance with Club regulations.

Membership will be automatically terminated on the 30th June following the death of a member or on the 31st July if the annual membership fee has not been paid (see section 7).

5. CLUB FEES AND CHARGES

All fees and charges set by the Committee from time to time, including annual membership fees, are listed in the "Members' Handbook Part 2 – Club Appointments and Charges". New members are entitled to pro-rata annual membership (on a monthly or part there-of basis) but only on the first occasion of joining the Club.

Club-member accommodation and flying charges will apply to applicants for permanent membership whilst awaiting Committee approval, provided temporary membership is approved on their application. Otherwise non-member charges apply

6. CLUB YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Club membership year is 1st July to the 30th June.

Members are required to declare their membership intentions and contact details for the forthcoming year by the return of a membership renewal form to be sent to all permanent members resident in Australia, via email where possible, at about the end of March. The annual membership fee for the membership category indicated on the renewal form will be debited to the member's account by the end of June and will be deemed to have been paid when the account is subsequently in credit. IF THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED BY 31ST JULY THEN MEMBERSHIP WILL CEASE AS OF THAT DATE. Members who have a temporary difficulty in renewing membership on time are encouraged to request a confidential arrangement with the Committee before their membership ceases.

7. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Upon acceptance as a permanent member the Club Treasurer will create a member account.

It is the responsibility of all members to maintain their account in credit at all times. Members whose account is in debit will forfeit the right to fly, except in the capacity of tug pilot or instructor, until their account is in credit.

All members of WGC are financially responsible for the damage they cause to Club property. See section 9 of this regulation and the "Self-insurance Regulation" for further details.

8. GFA MEMBERSHIP

GFA membership is mandatory before undertaking any glider flying (except as the passenger of a member) but is not part of Club membership. The Club has GFA membership forms and will collect the fee and lodge the application for new members. Thereafter it is the member's responsibility to renew GFA membership and members should be prepared (whenever requested) to produce evidence of GFA membership before flying.

9. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO CLUB PROPERTY

All members of WGC are financially responsible for damage they cause to Club property. Members are required to report damage, regardless of how caused, to an instructor or Committee member as soon as possible.

Damage to WGC aircraft and trailers is of particular significance as the Club does not insure the glider hulls or trailers. The Club instead manages a self-insurance scheme which is described in the "Self-insurance Regulation".

WGC gliders (including cross-hired gliders) are only to be flown by suitably rated, current and financial members of WGC. In the event of damage to a Club-owned or cross-hired glider or trailer which is under the control of WGC, the member responsible is liable for the repair or replacement cost up to the limit set by the Committee. The responsible member may be the pilot-in-command, a member specifically assigned to be responsible (as when taking an aircraft away), or a member ground-handling or transporting a glider.

Members in the following situations are exempt from financial liability -

- Instructors while instructing or flying AEF's
- Air experience instructors while flying AEF's
- Ab-initio students under dual training with an instructor
- New solo pilots for their first two solo flights
- Pilots undertaking an authorised (by a level 2 or 3 instructor) evaluation flight following annual inspection or repairs

In the event of negligence or wilful damage the Committee may seek to recover costs from a member in addition to any limits, exemptions or waivers elsewhere stated.

10. CLUB SELF-INSURANCE SCHEME

The Club self-insures its glider fleet for hull and trailer damage through its “Self-insurance Fund”. Life members, junior members and ordinary members have a limited personal financial liability for any damage they cause to Club-owned and cross-hired gliders and trailers, as prescribed in the Club’s “Self-insurance Regulation”. Associate members and non-members are personally responsible for the full cost of any damage caused.
All WGC gliders and tug carry 3rd party liability insurance.

11. APPENDIX – MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND FORMS

This appendix lists some of the key aspects of membership and the process for applying for membership.

It has been prepared to support an existing member when helping a prospective new member complete the application process.

MEMBERSHIP REGULATION - Appendix, Membership Process and Forms

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For use by Club members when welcoming prospective new members and leading them through the membership application process – this page to be retained by applicant.

1. MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

- Permanent and temporary membership is available. Member categories and entitlements are detailed in the Membership Regulation. Permanent membership is subject to Committee approval and is on-going unless the member submits a written resignation or the Committee terminates their membership. Temporary membership requires instructor or Committee member approval and is valid for three months.
- Membership application must be made on the appropriate form (including a GFA application if required), accompanied by the relevant Club and GFA fees.
- WGC owned and cross-hired gliders may only be flown in the command of a Club member, suitably qualified and entitled, with GFA membership being mandatory.
- The Club will arrange completion of the initial GFA membership application and collect the annual fee. Renewal thereafter is the responsibility of the member.
- Member rates apply to applicants awaiting Committee approval of an application for permanent membership provided temporary membership is endorsed on the application.

2. GLIDER INSURANCE

- WGC glider hulls and trailers are not insured, however the Club provides self-insurance.
- All members (not only pilots in command) are financially responsible for the cost of damage caused to Club equipment, especially gliders and trailers.
 - For associate members and applicants for permanent membership awaiting Committee approval - full market value.
 - For permanent members (excluding associate members) - up to the amount specified in the Self-Insurance Regulation (\$2000 as at 1/03/2011). A waiver scheme is available for permanent members (excluding associate members).

3. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

- Members agree to, and are responsible for, keeping their Club account in credit at all times. Temporary members must settle their account immediately.
- Members whose account is in debit forfeit the right to fly except in the capacity of tug pilot or instructor.

4. CHECK-LIST FOR INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER

- 1) Membership categories and obligations discussed with applicant.
- 2) Appropriate Club membership application form completed.
- 3) GFA membership checked or GFA application form completed.
- 4) Applicable Club and GFA fees paid.
- 5) Forms and fees lodged at office or with a Committee member.
- 6) Applicant advised of Club website, www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au, access to and use of flight roster and Club documents, and how to contact the Committee (secretary@waikerieglidingclub.com.au).

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP

Full Name..... **Date of Birth**/...../.....

Postal Address

Telephone (Home) (Work) (Mobile)

E-Mail Address

Emergency Contact

Full Name.....

Telephone (Home) (Work) (Mobile)

Member Category (tick appropriate box): Ordinary (Full - \$250 , Student - \$125 , Associate (Non-flying - \$50)

GFA Membership Number (Complete GFA membership form if required)

ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (GST is included in Club and GFA fees)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. I will at all times comply with the Club Constitution and Regulations, and instructions, directions and orders of the Club's instructors and officials.
2. I agree that I will keep my Club account balance in credit or otherwise forfeit all flying rights.
3. I acknowledge financial liability for damage to Club property in accordance with Club regulations.

ADDITIONAL FLYING MEMBERS AGREEMENT

4. The Club may at any time and without assigning any reason, refuse to instruct me or to permit me to fly in the Club's aircraft and that upon such refusal the Club shall not be bound to refund to me any annual subscription or other fees paid by me.
5. The Club is in no way responsible for any personal or material accident or damage suffered by me during the period when I am undergoing instruction or otherwise flying the Club's aircraft, or am on the Club's aerodrome or premises, whether caused by default, neglect or lack of skill of the Club's officials or servants, or through any defect in the Club's equipment or otherwise how-so-ever caused.
6. As an Ordinary (flying) member, I will not exercise flying privileges unless I am a current and financial member of the Gliding Federation of Australia.

Proposed by..... Signature.....

Seconded by..... Signature

Applicant's Signature..... **Date** /..... /.....

Witness Signature

Temporary membership endorsement (instructor or Committee member)

Approved Signature

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE (Visiting Pilot) MEMBERSHIP

Full Name..... **Date of Birth**/...../.....

Postal Address

Telephone (Home) (Work) (Mobile)

E-Mail Address

Emergency Contact

Full Name.....

Telephone (Home) (Work) (Mobile)

Period of temporary membership, from /..... / to..... /...../ (three months)

Associate (Visiting Pilot) membership fee \$75.

GFA Membership Number (Complete GFA membership form if required)

Home ClubPosition

ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (GST is included in Club and GFA fees)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. I will at all times comply with the Club Constitution and regulations, and instructions, directions and orders of the Club's instructors and officials.
2. I agree that I will pay all moneys owing to the Club before my membership expires.
3. I acknowledge my financial liability for damage to Club property in accordance with Club regulations.

ADDITIONAL VISITING PILOTS AGREEMENT

4. The Club may at any time and without assigning any reason, refuse my application or terminate my temporary membership.
5. Associate (Visiting Pilot) Membership does not allow access to club aircraft and members have no voting rights. Members will have access to club facilities and accommodation at non-member rates.
6. Aero-tows will be available by arrangement.

Applicant's Signature..... **Date** /..... /.....

This application requires the approval of a Club instructor or Committee member.

ApprovedSignature.....