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| **Defence Instructions and Notices**  (Not to be communicated to anyone outside HM Service without authority) | |
| **Title:** | Basic Gliding Courses 2019 |
| **Audience:** | All Regular and Reserve personnel including MoD Civil Servants |
| **Applies:** | Immediately |
| **Expires:** | When replaced or rescinded |
| **Replaces:** | N/A |
| **Reference:** | **2019DIN10-006** |
| **Status:** | **Current** |
| **Released:** | January 2019 |
| **Channel:** | 10: Sports and Social Events |
| **Content:** | This DIN contains course details, cost, dates and application procedures for basic Gliding Courses at Upavon Airfield |
| **Sponsor:** | Lt Col (Retd) JW SAGE RE – Army Gliding Association |
| **Contact:** | **AGA Courses Sec – Sgt Paul Wright 07840 831581**  **Email:** [courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk](mailto:courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk#_blank) |
| **Keywords:** | Gliding, adventurous training, soaring, flying |
| **Local Keywords:** | Sport, Air Sports, Gliding |
| **Annex:** | Annex A: Application Form |
| **Related Info:** | [www.wyvernglidingclub.co.uk](http://www.wyvernglidingclub.co.uk) |
| **Classification:** | OFFICIAL |

**Basic Gliding Courses at the Army Gliding Club (Upavon) 2019**

1. **Introduction**. The Army Gliding Association (AGA) runs basic introductory gliding courses at Army Gliding Club (Wyvern) at Upavon in Wiltshire. The courses are designed to introduce military personnel into the sport of gliding and provide an opportunity for intensive flying training over a five day period. MOD employed civilians and dependants may also apply for courses but will only be granted a place in the event that military personnel cannot fill course vacancies. The AGA has converted 2 training gliders so that they can accommodate non able bodied personnel. The Battleback programme has a course reserved in July and is not available to non-Battleback personnel.
2. **Aim**. The aim of the course is to teach the basic principles of flight and how to fly a glider. Following the course, the opportunity then exists for further training, ultimately up to solo, competition and Instructor standards. Regular Continuation and Adventure training courses are also run throughout the year on behalf of the AGA.
3. **Course Dates**. The dates when the basic course will be run in 2019 are:
4. AGC(W) 1 25 – 29 Mar 19
5. AGC(W) 2 08 – 12 Apr 19
6. AGC(W) 3 20 – 24 May 19
7. Battleback 15 – 19 Jul 19[[1]](#footnote-1)
8. AGC(W) 4 09 – 13 Sep 19
9. **Course Costs**. The cost for the Basic course is £199.00[[2]](#footnote-2) for serving military and £300.00 for Civil Service/civilians and dependants[[3]](#footnote-3). A £50.00 deposit is required when allocated a place on the course and payment details will be sent to successful applicants. The balance is payable on arrival at the course. Owing to the number of individuals who fail to turn up to courses deposits, once paid, will only be refunded if applicants are unable to attend due to operational or exceptional extenuating circumstances. A letter stating the reason for non-attendance is to be submitted by the applicant’s unit and countersigned by the applicants CO/OC. In most instances servicemen may receive financial assistance from their unit/Corps non-public funds to offset some, if not all, of the costs.
10. **Membership**. The course fee (for servicemen) includes all gliding and motor gliding during the course and twelve months membership of the Wyvern Gliding Club. In addition, any further gliding and instruction within the first six-month period is free or until solo standard is achieved, (with the exception of any additional motor gliding where a charge will be made). Normal Club rates for flying will apply for all, including servicemen, once solo standard is achieved, or for non-military after the end of the course. More information is available at:
11. Wyvern Gliding Club at: <http://www.wyvernglidingclub.co.uk/>
12. **Accommodation**. Accommodation may be available in Trenchard Lines, Upavon, or other local barracks. You are to contact the AGA secretary who will provide details of the accommodation cell in Trenchard Lines. Non-entitled personnel may incur a financial cost if they use publicly funded accommodation facilities.
13. **Applications**. Annex A to this instruction is to the AGA Secretary at least one calendar month before the course starts, however late bids may be considered provided there are sufficient places available. Dependents may
14. Successful applicants are to produce a certificate endorsed by their MO/GP confirming that they meet the DVLA group 1 requirements applicable to driving private motor vehicles (this does not require a medical). Applicants must not exceed an upper weight limit of 242 lbs (fully clothed) or exceed 6’3” in height.
15. **Contact Details**. Completed application forms and enquiries are to be sent to the AGA Secretary [courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk](mailto:courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk#_blank).
16. Sgt Paul Wright, AGA Secretary

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Annexes

A. Army Gliding Association - Course application form 2019.

**ANNEX A to**

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**Army Gliding Association Course Application Form**

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| Applicants Details | | | | | | | | |
| Surname |  | | First Name (known as) | | |  | | |
| Rank |  | Staff Number | | |  | | Age |  |
| Unit Address |  | | | Tel No - mil | | |  | |
| Tel No - civ | | |  | |
| Fax No – mil or civ | | |  | |
| UIN | | |  | |
| Unit Reference |  | | | Applicants weight | | | lbs | |
| Contact Details  (if different from unit address) |  | | | Tel No - mil | | |  | |
| Tel No - civ | | |  | |
| Fax No– mil or civ | | |  | |
| e-mail address | | |  | |
| Give details of any previous flying experience[[4]](#footnote-4) | |  | | | | | | |
| Course Details Course Number \_\_\_\_\_\_ (From\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)  Course Number \_\_\_\_\_\_ (From\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)  Course Number \_\_\_\_\_\_ (From\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)  Do you require accommodation? YES / NO | | | | | | | | |
| Applicants Signature: | | | | | Date: | | | |
| Unit Approval | | | | | Rank Name  Signature  Date | | | |

Completed forms are to be emailed to [courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk](mailto:courses@wyvernglidingclub.co.uk#_blank) or posted to:

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1. This course is sponsored by Air League and the places are only available to WIS/Battleback personnel. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Battleback courses are centrally funded and individuals are not required to forward a deposit. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Dependents will only be allowed to participate on the course on a fill up basis. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Experience in gliders or powered aircraft including standard achieved and number of launches/hours. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)