



New Applicants and New Member procedure

1. All applicants for new membership or trial flights must complete a New Membership form to be forwarded to Secretary who will ensure they are provided with a copy of this document.
2. Those applicants wishing to try the hobby before joining will be teamed with an instructor (by instructor coordinator) the instructor will arrange with the applicant a meeting on site for trial flights on buddy box. Any number of flights are allowed over three days (not required to be consecutive) but days of flights must be reported to Secretary to comply with BMFA insurance requirements. Any further flights beyond three days must be covered by the applicant's joining both MSRM and the BMFA.
3. The membership secretary to circulate the applications to the committee members who, within 7 days, have the opportunity to lodge any objections to the Chairman, Vice Chair or Secretary.
4. If there are any objections lodged, the Chair will decide a course of action to be taken, i.e. further investigation, not accepting the application, arrange meeting with a committee member etc.
5. Depending on spaces to fill within the club, the applicants will be taken on a first come first served basis.
6. The applicants form (copy) will be forwarded to the Instructor Coordinator who shall arrange for the new applicant to meet with one of the trainers at Stoke Ash, the trainer to assess if the applicant is a suitable fit for the club, and assess ability, needs and equipment. The trainer will inform the Secretary of his/her findings and recommend if training is required.
7. The member will then be formally invited to join the Club by the membership secretary.
8. The applicant will pay the fees and be informed of his/her acceptance. The Instructor Coordinator will arrange for the new member to get his/her safety/club flying approval by a nominated instructor. This will be based on;
 - Awareness of site and general BMFA rules, introduction to other members flying at the same time.
 - Confidence that the new member is aware of the basic safety rules and will take time to learn further rules and gain experience from other members. Review of new member's model(s) and flight kit.
 - Suitability for new member to either fly unsupervised or a suggested program of training to be able to achieve this. Can only be signed off as Safe to Fly Solo by the Instructor Coordinator, Instructor or Safety Officer.
9. **No new member of whatever skill level will be allowed to fly solo and unsupervised until they have been assessed and passed fit by an Instructor or Safety Officer in any or all of the following classes; Electric glider, Electric fixed wing, IC fixed wing, Electric helicopter, IC helicopter and multirotor.** Such passes (or fails) to be notified to Secretary for recording on membership form.
10. This does not preclude guest flyers from other clubs (subject to safety scrutiny).

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