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Bristol & Gloucester Gliding Club Standard Operating Procedure Cadet Young Persons & Vehicles

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Preface

This document describes the Standard Operator Procedures associated with the operation by Cadets of the powered vehicles used by the BGGC.



Cadet and Young Persons (Vehicle Use)

Objective

The objective of this SOP is to ensure a consistent and safe approach to the instruction and authorisation of Cadets and Young Persons (CYPs) in the use of the club vehicles.

Requirement

CYPs (under 16) must have parental permission to drive club vehicles as "P1" i.e. unaccompanied. When competent to drive as "P1" their logbooks should be signed.

Buggies

The buggies are simple vehicles. The main dangers are driving it into things, especially gliders, and the risk of overturning. Training must address the following:

- Always consider the airfield as active.
- Keep to the edge of the airfield at all times unless directed by an instructor or senior member.
- Maintain a good lookout when driving.
- Stop and check before crossing the airfield.
- Never drive directly towards gliders (e.g. what would happen if the brake failed?) or other objects.
- Do not use headphones when driving.
- Do not use telephones when driving.
- Do not execute sharp turns when not towing gliders.
- Coil the rope after use.
- If any CYP does not drive safely they will be not permitted to drive as "P1"

Four Wheel Drive or Geared Vehicles

Four wheel drive and geared vehicles present a greater risk for damage and injury if not driven correctly. CYPs must be cleared to drive the buggy first. Additional training will take longer. Training must address the following:

- They must be able to reach the controls and have good external vision.
- Not exceed the speed limit (20mph).
- Drive with windows open.
- Demonstrate they can tow slowly and safely.
- Demonstrate they can reverse slowly and safely.
- Demonstrate they can stop correctly given a stop signal
- Demonstrate overall competence.

Training must be delivered by an instructor or responsible person. Training is for a specific vehicle (Toyota, Broughton etc.). Training can be carried out on non-flying days or away from flying operations. Some CYPs may not be competent.

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