

Guisborough Model Flying Club



GMFC Under 18s and Vulnerable adults Policy

All members, parents, guardians and carers are to comply with BMFA (British Model Flying Association) and GMFC (Guisborough Model Flying Club) policies and guidelines for the promotion of the welfare and care of under 18s and vulnerable adults.

A junior member is defined as being under 18 years of age. A vulnerable adult is defined as a person of 18 years of age or over but through mental or physical attributes requires a higher level of supervision than would be normally necessary for an adult member.

A responsible adult is defined as a senior member or parent/guardian who has the clearance, experience, knowledge and training commensurate with the type and degree of supervision required.

Junior members must be always supervised by a parent, guardian or an appointed responsible adult. The level of supervision is to be commensurate with the junior member's age, maturity, capabilities, and levels of experience. Under 18s or vulnerable adults shall not undertake any activity which might place them at risk. In any event prior consultation with their parent, guardian or carer must take place if there is any doubt on the member's abilities to undertake a specific activity.

No member of GMFC is to be expected to assume responsibility for a under 18 or a vulnerable adult. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to always supervise any under 18s and a parent/guardian or carer for a vulnerable adult, or to appoint a responsible adult to do so on their behalf. GMFC will not accept responsibility for appointing a responsible adult, nor will it make any recommendations about an individual's suitability for that appointment. It is the parent/ guardian or carers sole responsibility to satisfy themselves of the suitability of the person they appoint and to notify GMFC of the appointment. Emergency contact details for the parent/guardian/carer must be provided if they are not present.

Notwithstanding the requirements of the previous paragraph, should a member discover an under 18 or vulnerable adult who is unsupervised then they must assume responsibility for that person's safety in the first instance. They should never assume this role as an individual but should immediately involve at least one other club member while the matter is being resolved. The situation should then be rectified as soon as possible by seeking out the parent, guardian, carer or nominated responsible adult. Any instance of such an occurrence is to be reported to a member of the committee as soon as possible and a record made. GMFC will then contact the parent/guardian/carer and inform them that should a similar situation arise again, the committee will consider terminating membership for the under 18 / vulnerable adult.

Whilst associating with under 18s or vulnerable adults at a flying site, members should avoid placing themselves in a position that could be open to misinterpretation or question in accordance with BMFA policy. Remember, the policy is there to protect you as well as under 18s and vulnerable adults. All members are required to respect the rights and dignity of under 18s and vulnerable adults and to promote their welfare. Caring is largely a matter of common sense provided everyone is clear on what is expected of them and a few simple principles are adhered to. It is not a responsibility to be feared but is, nevertheless, essential if we are to ensure that we are to be a club that offers opportunities for all.