

PILOT BRIEFING TOPICS

Pilots yet to qualify with the BGA Cross-Country Endorsement must be supervised*. As part of that supervision process, they should be briefed. The briefing needs to address relevant Threat and Error Management (airmanship) points.

The aim of the following briefing topics is to establish that the pilot has considered all necessary to ensure their flight is conducted with the least risk reasonably possible.

Utilising a mix of Q&A and direct advice, the supervising person could use the following briefing topics in discussion as part of a group briefing or pilot specific briefing, as suits the club operation and the pilots needs.

Is the **Aircraft** prepared?

- Correctly rigged and DI'd, including positive control checks?
- Ballasted correctly?
- Seating adjusted as required – can the pilot reach everything? (Cable release, canopy jettison, u/c lever, etc)
- Electrics working? (FLARM, radio, electric vario, etc)
- Know how to use the radio, FLARM, electric vario, etc?
- Oxygen? (If flight above 10,000 ft is anticipated)

Are the **Conditions** suitable for the flight?

- NOTAMs checked?
- Airspace limitations?
- Relevant navigation features, eg marking limits of flight or airspace etc?
- Anticipated weather conditions, eg wind changing direction/strength, ridge lift diminishing, wave setting up, cumulus turning to showers or CB?
- Wind effect while soaring? Advice re drifting downwind, eg don't!
- Precipitation expected and what to do if it rains?
- Busy airfield? Any unusual activity?
- Misting canopies/low sun considerations?

Is the **Pilot** prepared?

- What is the objective of the flight?
- Overall currency/recency adequate?
- Currency/recency on the type of glider and launch type adequate for the planned flight?
- Does the pilot feel fit to fly, eg physically and mentally?
- Hat/sunglasses/pee-bags? Water?
- Does the pilot understand the briefed limitations and restrictions?

*Detailed guidance on supervision is contained in the BGA publication 'Managing Flying Risk'.