

# London Soaring Society

## Membership 2023



*London Soaring Society is a not-for-profit sports club registered as an Ontario Corporation Without Share Capital. Our members share the costs of our aircraft fleet and the work that our sport requires, and love to fly at every opportunity.*

London Soaring Club members enjoy the use of shared aircraft, free flight instruction, the camaraderie of club social events, and the love of aviation. Sharing costs in the form of fees is only part of the story – additional contributions are expected in the form of assistance with flight operations during the flying season, field and equipment maintenance, and other activities toward operation of the club to be a Member in Good Standing.

Fees include Membership Dues + Equipment Levy + SAC dues and HST. Fees are payable in advance and non-refundable, and can be paid with cash, cheque, Interac™ email transfer, or credit card with a 3% service fee. The preferred methods are by email to [payments@londonsoaringclub.ca](mailto:payments@londonsoaringclub.ca), by mail to *London Soaring c/o 1439 Mickleborough Drive, London ON, N6G 5R5*, or bring cash or cheque to the club airfield. Credit card service available by prearrangement, it might not be available at the airfield.

The SAC fee is payable to the club with your first payment each year and remitted to the Soaring Association of Canada on behalf of the member. All members are required to belong to SAC (Soaring Association of Canada) for liability insurance coverage - only SAC members and their guests can fly in our aircraft. Members registering with SAC on their own must provide proof of registration. Day Members are a special category which is covered by the club's insurance policy with SAC. SAC dues vary according to current SAC policies and the time of year. The Soaring Association of Canada is our national governing body, they negotiate insurance rates, establish training guidelines and flight instructor training, and provide information in the form of their website [www.sac.ca](http://www.sac.ca) and a magazine.

Insurance waivers must be signed by all visitors to the field, including Day Member, Four-Pack Members, and Volunteers. Annual and Monthly members must sign a member waiver.

### Club Fees

					TOTAL Dues	New Member joining on/after Pro-rated Dues & Levy, Includes SAC Fee <sup>(5)</sup>			
Membership Type	Inclusive	Club Dues	Equip Levy	SAC Fee	31-Jan	01-Jul	01-Aug	01-Sep	01-Oct
Sustaining Member Voting Rights <sup>(1)</sup> Early Payment Discount <sup>(2)</sup>	Use of All Gliders, Flight Instruction, Tow Plane pilot if qualified, XC Reservations	900	500	80	1,480	1,270	964	740	502

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Sustaining Member, Private Owner Voting Rights <sup>(1)</sup> Check Rides <sup>(6)</sup>	Club Glider Usage at Extra Cost, No Flight Instruction, Tow Plane pilot if qualified	900	0	80	980	845	634	490	337
Monthly Member	Use of All Gliders, Flight Instruction, Tow Pilot if qualified, XC Reservations	200	80	80	340 (w/SAC) 280 Monthly	---	---	---	---
Associate Member	Two-seat gliders only, no Pilot-In-Command, no Flight Instruction	600	150	80	830	718	535	415	288
Junior Member < 21 or full time student under 25 as of Jan 1st	Flight Instruction, Use of All Gliders, Tow Plane pilot if qualified	900	500	40	1,440	1,230	944	720	482
Youth Member < 19 as of Jan 1st	Flight Instruction, Use of All Gliders	900	500	0	1,400	1,190	924	700	462
Tow Pilot Member Tow Pilot Glider Flights <sup>(3)</sup>	No Flight Instruction or Glider Flights. New tow pilots must purchase a Four-Pack.	0	0	80	80	80	40	40	40
Ground Volunteer Ground Volunteers <sup>(4)</sup>	Ground operations only, no Flight Instruction or Glider Flights	0	0	80	80	80	40	40	40
Ground Volunteer <19 Ground Volunteers <sup>(4)</sup>	Ground operations only, no Flight Instruction or Glider Flights	0	0	40	40	40	20	20	20

## Family Discount

To encourage family participation, only one Equipment Levy is charged per family. The higher Equipment Levy is charged

## Notes

1. Voting Rights – sustaining members are the backbone of our club and have voting rights at Membership meetings and the AGM
2. Early Payment Discount – two tow tickets are awarded to Sustaining Members who pay in full before January 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Tow Pilot Glider Flights – new Tow Pilots must purchase one 4-pack as part of their initiation and training for the purpose of familiarization from the glider pilot's viewpoint.
4. Ground Volunteers. For those that demonstrate commitment acquiring the SAC membership, the club will provide training on ground operation and permit them to participate in glider launching and retrieval.
5. Pro-rating factors: 85%, 66%, 50%, 33%. SAC discount 50% after July 31. Applies to new memberships only, not renewals. <sup>(6)</sup> Check rides for Private Owner category can be paid by tow tickets, there is no need to purchase annual usage of a two-seater for the beginning-of-season check flights.

## Special Member Categories

These special member categories are for recreational or instructional flights by the general public, are covered by SAC insurance, and must sign a Day Member waiver for insurance purposes. Gliders will be towed to 2000 ft, or 3000 ft in no-lift conditions at the discretion of the club.

- Day Member (Introductory Flight about 20-minutes)
  - First Flight - \$200
  - Second Flight on the Same Day - \$120
- Prepaid Four-Pack Instructional Flights
  - Four-Pack - \$500
  - \$130 can be credited toward Membership Fees
  - The four-pack is intended to introduce the prospective glider pilot to our club and learning to become a pilot

## Additional Fees

		Fee
Aerotow Launch Fee	<p>The launch fee recovers the cost of operating the tow plane during the flight. Prepaid Tow Tickets for launches are required for each flight taken, and must be purchased in advance of the flight. Tow tickets are normally purchased in blocks of 10.</p> <p>The Pilot-In-Command must be a member of London Soaring and in good standing at the time of the launch, or a guest member from another SAC club or participating in a SAC sanctioned soaring contest launching in their own glider. For instructional or annual check flights, the student pilot or pilot being checked pays the launch fee. Associate Members pay the launch fee and require a member to be Pilot-In-Command.</p>	\$20.50/1000 feet Standard Prepaid Tow Ticket \$41/2000 feet
Flight Duration	<p>The standard Flight Duration is one hour, to give others who are waiting opportunities to fly. The flight can be extended at no additional charge if no one else is waiting for the aircraft.</p>	---
Reserving a Glider	<p>The club operates a reservation system and policies that provide fair opportunities for long duration flights to all qualified members. The reservation fee is in addition to the Launch Fee and payable in the form of a tow ticket.</p>	\$41
Aerotow Retrieve	<p>If the tow plane is dispatched to retrieve a glider that landed out, there is a charge for each 15-minute block (or part block) of the total flight time of the tow plane including both the outbound and return flight.</p>	\$41/block
Club Glider Access for Private Owners	<p>Owners of private gliders do not have to pay capital levy fees associated with operating and improving the club glider fleet, but access to individual gliders is available for an extra annual charge.</p> <p>L-23 Super Blanik (GBJY)            Grob Twin Astir Trainer (FLSC)            Grob Astir CS (GKLI)            Schweizer 1-34 (FCOM)</p>	\$150 GBJY \$250 FLSC \$300 GKLI \$100 FCOM

The rate schedule was approved June 22, 2022 and is subject to change without prior notice. If this document conflicts with the rate schedule posted at the London Soaring Club flight line, the latter shall govern.