

BOOKING AIRCRAFT

The on-line booking system is on the Omarama Gliding Club web-site - omarama.com - all members are issued with their own web-site secure log-in. A few rules apply and these are detailed below:

Firstly it is important to realise that “on line” booking limitations do not preclude members taking their chances on gliders being available on the other days they may be spending at Omarama. Frequently all our gliders are not pre-booked at once and members are encouraged to make the most of these glider available opportunities.

- Up to five consecutive days can be booked “on line” preferably mid-week however when doing this we would prefer you leave the weekends free to be booked by members who have to travel some distance and can only fly weekends. When the first day is flown another can be booked. On approval by the Executive you can book a further five mid-week days however any booking approved by the Executive for a period greater than 5 days shall incur a non-refundable booking fee of \$25 for each and every day so booked. Please note the Cancellation Rules and the ‘or penalty applies period’ listed below. There is an expectation that on line bookings will be honored by members.
- These bookings can be, for example, two days in the DUO and three days in a single seater.
- A total of five days only can be booked “on line” with the following exceptions:

For Executive sanctioned participation in the South Island Regionals, NZ Nationals, recognised skills improvement courses e.g. X-Country, Mountain flying etc. either commercial or club operated and “away flying camps”.

Executive approved extension to the five-day limit.

- Cancellation- 1-3 days booking requires 2 clear days’ notice of cancellation, 4 days or more requires a 2 clear week notice of cancellation, or a penalty applies.
- Where a member cancels within the ‘penalty applies period’ the member will be billed for the cost of one hour’s flying for each day booked.
- Where a member cancels within the ‘penalty applies period’ and the glider is subsequently flown by another member this scenario will be considered on a case by case basis and on a discretionary basis to be arbitrated on by Trevor Mollard and Phil Plane. A case to have the penalty waived in exceptional circumstances can be made to the Executive.

- When one particular glider has been booked and a change made to another no penalty applies.
- No on-line bookings accepted for the period between 25th December and the 12th January and Public Holiday weekends e.g. Easter, Waitangi. These are the traditional club camp periods when gliders are allocated to club members present at Omarama on a daily basis.

If no online bookings or requests for aircraft have been made by OGC members at the daily 10.00am briefing the glider becomes available for hire by commercial operators and non-members.

Online bookings are strictly for members of OGC and Omarama based commercial operators

General Guidelines

The On Line Booking system allows Omarama Gliding Club member pilots to plan ahead and book a glider in compliance with a small number of rules.

- Go to www.omarama.com – have your login details ready. These can be obtained from the webmaster, Oliver Winkler.
- **Once made and confirmed the booking is cast in concrete and there would be a minimum of one hour payment charged unless it was pouring with rain which is applicable to both members and commercial operators.** Any pilot with a very genuine reason for not showing could make an application to the Executive to have the charge waived but it would have to be a strong reason.
- **25th December through to the 12th January, Waitangi Weekend, Easter, and Otago and Canterbury Provincial holidays are to remain on a day by day basis with priority for club members.**

Bookings can be cancelled without a penalty being applied as mentioned earlier.

Note: If not there by 10.00am at the daily Briefing (unless it has been noted a later arrival time applicable to the booking / as arranged) the booking is deemed to be a 'No Show' and reverts to all comers.

Appointed Arbitrators for any disputes will be Phil Plane and Trevor Mollard.

Competition Hire

It is important to note OGC Members will still need to request the hire of gliders for the SI Regionals, NZ Nationals, Jerry's X-C course and any other recognized competition through the Executive. The Committee will consider each application on its merits and advise the applicant of their decision as soon as possible.