



Development Gliders Endorsement: Uncertified Sub 20m² Paragliders

Sub 20m² paragliders are a new part of the sport of paragliding. By utilizing smaller wings (and thus higher wing loadings) pilots are able to fly in higher wind speeds. This approach is well proven in sailing disciplines, where it is entirely normal to vary the sail size to suit the prevailing wind conditions, but it is a new approach in paragliding. As with anything new, there may be unanticipated dangers for the pilot.

Because Sub 20m² paragliders are a new development, virtually all the gliders available for this activity are as yet uncertified. This means that there is no independent verification of their airworthiness. Flying uncertified gliders involves increased risks for the pilot.

To comply with BHPA Rules and Regulations all uncertified wings must be registered with the BHPA using the 'Wing Registration' form. Additionally any pilot wishing to fly such wings must hold a 'Development Gliders Endorsement'.

The Development Endorsement is available as the 'standard' Development Endorsement which entitles the holder to fly any uncertified glider that he is qualified to fly and alternatively as the 'Sub 20m² Development Endorsement' which only entitles the holder to fly Sub 20m² uncertified gliders.

To apply for the 'Development Gliders Endorsement: Uncertified Sub 20m² Paragliders' please complete the following undertakings by inserting your name and signing at the end:

I _____ (name) understand that the risks involved in flying uncertified Sub 20m² paragliders are unknown, and confirm that the BHPA and its officers will not be held responsible for any liabilities arising from my flying such gliders. (I understand that this does not affect my third party insurance cover, which is unchanged.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I apply for the 'Development Gliders Endorsement: Uncertified Sub 20m² Paragliders.

I confirm that I hold at least a CP rating in the PG (hill) discipline.

Name: _____ Membership no: _____ Pilot rating: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with the endorsement fee of £10 to the address at the top of the form.

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP CARD SHOWING THIS ENDORSEMENT.

Renewal:

This endorsement will lapse at the expiry of your annual membership. There is no charge for renewal but pilots must indicate that they wish to retain this endorsement.