



APPLICATION PACK

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Dear Applicant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for downloading this application form and showing interest in the Academy.

The purpose of this letter is to reiterate what we are looking for in a candidate. First of all there is no right or wrong answer on the application form, and no minimum skill requirement or flying hours, so please don't feel the need to exaggerate your claims.

Secondly there is no one thing we are looking for in a candidate. Attitude, goals and aspirations are far more important than your current skill level.

And finally, becoming a top level athlete in any sport takes years of dedication and training and this is certainly true for competition flying. Acceptance in to the academy is the start of a 5+ year journey that will take you from where you are currently, to flying a competition wing, full bar against the world's best pilots. If, with all the training and support the academy has to offer you cannot envision yourself getting to that level then please do not apply. If you can, then we welcome you on this journey of a life time, to represent your country and write yourselves in to the paragliding history hall of fame.

Kind regards,

Malin Lobb & Barney Woodhead

British Paragliding Racing Academy.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Who will my information be seen by?

All the information will be treated in confidence and will only be seen by relevant parties on the competition panel in order to choose a suitable candidate.

Is the training program set in stone?

No, as this is a completely new concept, it is likely that the program will be developed and changed over the years. The training will grow and become more comprehensive as we enlist more top pilots to pass on their knowledge.

Can I get a free holiday?

No. Although training, comp entry fees, travel and accommodation can be subsidised. If money is an issue don't let it put you off, we will be putting on several events over the season that you can choose from in accordance with your budget and we will be subsidising events on an individual basis, so if you are genuinely in need of financial help it may be provided.

Can I just get really good at sports class?

No, this is a training program to become a British Team member and compete in world class events, where anything less than the latest comp wing will not cut it. We will help nurture your glider handling skills as you move up through the glider ratings. We will not push you on to a glider you are not ready for but you must understand that ultimately these are the types of glider you will be flying... by the time you are though, you will be ready for ride. If you are not happy with this then please do not apply.

I am already competing at a reasonable level, what level of training will be provided?

The program aims to cover learning and mentoring up to top level competition standard, if you're not winning PWC's then there is something here for you.



What happens if I want to leave the academy?

You are not tied in to the academy in any way, we are here to help and support you until you have reached your full potential, by which time hopefully you will want to put back in to the academy to train the next generation of pilots.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

Your application letter will always be accompanied with a phone call from the panels Training & Development representative before a decision is made. You will then be given feedback on your application, along with a formal acceptance or rejection letter.

How many times can I apply?

Over time you can apply as many times as you like within the application window, but we will only consider one application per year, per candidate. The Application window is from January 1st to February 1st each year.

What do I do if I want more information before filling in the application form?

Please feel free to get in contact with us by following the link on our website page at www.pgcomps.org.uk

Where do I send my application once it has been completed?

Please scan and send your application to info@pgcomps.org.uk



PLEASE ONLY FILL IN THIS FORM ONCE YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE COVER LETTER AND FAQ'S ATTACHED.

Basic Information

Name:	Age:	Gender:
Address:		
Tel:	Mob:	Email:

Basic Flying Information

Flying Years:	Glider Make:
Flying Hours:	Model:
Hours In The Last Year:	Glider Rating:

Further Flying Experience

Best UK Open Distance:	Best UK Circuit or O/R:
Best open distance Abroad:	Best Circuit or O/R Abroad:

SIV Experience: (Answer Y/N)

Asymmetric Collapse:	Rapid exit from spiral:
Frontal Collapse:	Backslide:
Spin:	Full Stall:
Was this on current glider:	If NO what glider:

Use the space below to highlight any further experience in as much detail as possible that may be relevant, such as acrobatics, Paramotoring, speed flying etc.

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Competition experience (If any, please list most current attended, and position)

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In your own words, what do you aim to achieve from paragliding?

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If this academy wasn't running, what would be you your plans for this season?

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We are likely to be oversubscribed, why should we pick you?

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