

# **Formation Training**

Flying in close formation by well trained and safety conscious pilots in appropriate aircraft is safe and great fun.

- Ultimate High is widely recognised as THE UK FLYING SCHOOL to learn formation skills. Formation training with us focuses heavily on safety, including efficient breaks & rejoins, formation changes and treatment of emergencies.
- Legally, all that is required to fly in close formation is the prior agreement of the aircraft commanders whilst on the ground. However, we strongly recommend that graduates of our formation training ONLY fly in formation either with other Ultimate High graduates or pilots who have received recognised formal formation training.

Untrained, unpractised, non-current formation flying can be a very rapid route to collision

## **Formation Course Information:**

- Courses take place in the T67M260 Slingsby Firefly and comprise 5 flying hours (4 trips), and a minimum of 3 hours of ground training.
- Courses must be booked as pairs. For logistical reasons we cannot generally match
  you up with another student, so recommend that you look for a partner via your local
  airfield or facebook group etc. If a participant drops out at late notice, we will have to
  cancel the course if no alternative partner is found.
- Formation Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are provided at the time of booking, so that students can prepare in advance of the course commencing.

## **Availability**

- Courses take 2-3 days and normally start on a Monday/Tuesday, continuing through Wednesday/Thursday. Due to busy schedules and the considerable amount of ground briefing, we are unable to offer weekend training.
- A deposit of £200 is required to book a date, with the balance payable on arrival. Please email <a href="mailto:info@ultimatehigh.co.uk">info@ultimatehigh.co.uk</a> or phone us on 01243 913916 for availability.

#### **Basic Formation Course:**

- Introduction to formation theory, SOPs, collision avoidance, safety, references, breaks and joins.
- Line astern and echelon, formation changes. Intro to tailchasing.
- 2-3 days, 4 sorties (5 hours). At least 3 hours of ground training.
- Price £2,995 per student/aircraft all inclusive.

#### **Intermediate Formation Course:**

- Participation requires successful completion of the Basic Formation course or a Basic formation skills test with CFI/QFI.
- As for the Basic course but with accelerations between ½ g and 4g. Formation changes and turning joins.
- Intermediate tailchasing.
- Students may attain solo standard at the end of this course (but this is not guaranteed).
- 2-3 days. 4 Sorties (5 hours). At least 3 hours of ground training.
- Price £2,995 per student/aircraft all inclusive.

## **Formation Lead Course:**

- Participation requires successful completion of the Intermediate Formation course or pass an Intermediate formation skills test with CFI/QFI.
- All aspects of formation lead, including planning, briefing, operations, positioning, lead changes and emergencies.
- 2-3 days. 4 Sorties (5 hours). At least 3 hours of ground training.
- Price £2,995 per student/aircraft all inclusive.

# Formation Training (Customised):

- Tailored instruction as required, for students who have already successfully completed the Basic Formation Course.
- Hourly rate is £599 per student/aircraft.