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BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

CANOPY FORMATION

Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September 2017

1. Venue

Black Knights Parachute Centre, Hillam Lane, Cockerham, Lancashire, LA2 0DY

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Hours of Operation: 09:00 – 18:00 Mon to Thu, and 08:00 – 20:00 Fri to Sun.

Entry form and fees to arrive by 09:00, Friday 8th September

Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Forms can be found on BPA Form 274.

Competitors Briefing: 09:30, Friday 8th September 2017

Competition Draw: 10:00, Friday 8th September 2017

2. General

- 2.1. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the event. No departure from these rules is permitted.
- 2.2. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the FAI Sporting Code and the current FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, with changes approved by the Competitions Committee and ratified by the Council of the BPA. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition this may be agreed at a meeting held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and Competitors. Competitors should therefore make themselves aware of the current FAI Canopy Formation rules.
- 2.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment and documentation has been verified by the hosting drop zone, and they are cleared to jump. Competitors are advised to do this as early as possible as competition jumps may be on the first aircraft load of the day.
- 2.4. The draw will be done live in front of all competitors and any rules/clarifications agreed between the Competitors, Meet Directors and Chief Judge. If competitors agree, the draw may be made by use of competition draw generating software.
- 2.5. **At least 1** representative of each team is expected to be present for the Competition Briefing, Draw and any Re-Draw (if the competition continues into the roll-over weekend).
- 2.6. Any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Operator and must be adhered to. The competition will have a start and end time dictated by the Drop Zone Operator and Competition Officials at the end of the registration period.

3. Events, Entry Forms & Fees

- 3.1. Entry forms will be made available prior to the competition from the BPA website, social media, or other channels. Entry form and fees to arrive by 09:00, Friday 8th September 2017 to Black Knights Parachuting Centre. Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Forms can be found on BPA Form 274.
- 3.2. Team Captains are responsible for the payment of entry fees for their entire Team.
- 3.3. General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- 3.4. In the event of any competitor being unable through personal commitments, injury or any other reason to complete any part of the competition, **no** outstanding jump fees will be refunded.
- 3.5. Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to elimination rounds.
- 3.6. **Events and Costs**
 - 3.6.1. Entry fee: £10 per person.
 - 3.6.2. 4-Way Rotations Senior: £80 per jump per team (6 Rounds = £480)
 - 3.6.3. 4-Way Sequential Senior: £80 per jump per team (6 Rounds = £480)

- 3.6.4. 2-Way Sequential Senior: £48 per jump per team (6 Rounds = £288)
- 3.6.5. 2-Way Sequential Intermediate: £48 per jump per team (6 Rounds = £288)
- 3.6.6. 2-Way Sequential Rookie: £48 per jump per team (6 Rounds = £288)
- 3.6.7. Protest fee: £10 per protest.

3.7. Notes

- 3.7.1. The entry fee quoted includes a BPA levy towards the British Team Fund of £5. Jump cost is £16 per jump per person, of which £1 will go to the BPA Team Fund.
- 3.7.2. Re-jumps: All re-jumps must be paid for.
- 3.7.3. The event costs above include the videographer slot.
- 3.7.4. Teams entering with their own videographer will be entitled to a medal for that videographer if the team wins a medal.

4. Eligibility & Documentation

- 4.1. To participate in the British Nationals, the BPA has decided to comply with the FAI rule which states: "The competitor can either hold a British Passport or meet the criteria laid down in the FAI rule 3.1.3.1.2., which covers residency and personal occupation". Please refer to the FAI Sporting Code – General Section, which can be found on the documents page of the FAI website: www.fai.org/ipc-documents
- 4.2. Only Senior Category competitors can become British Champions for consideration for sponsorship. There are no restrictions on the nationality of competitors in the Open Championships.
- 4.3. All competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:
 - 4.3.1. British Championship Senior Category Teams - **Full** valid BPA membership.
 - 4.3.2. British Championship Intermediate and Rookie Category Teams - valid BPA membership (Full or Temporary).
 - 4.3.3. Open Class Competitors - A valid BPA Membership (Full or Temporary). Except in the case of other European Union (EU) parachutists, who are current members of their own country's parachuting governing organisation, have proof that they are not classified as student parachutists, have a minimum of 100 descents and hold current third party liability insurance cover of a minimum of €1,500,000.
 - 4.3.4. A current Medical Certificate/Declaration.
 - 4.3.5. A current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.
 - 4.3.6. Canopy Formations competitors must have their log book endorsed by their CI as being competent to participate in Canopy Formation at competition level, e.g. CF1 sticker or equivalent.

- 4.4. **Sporting Licences** Sporting Licences are not required for entry into the British National Championships. However, any competitor who feels he/she/their team may achieve a world record during the Nationals (or at any other time) must have (a) current Sporting Licence(s) prior to achieving that record. Also, any competitor wishing to be eligible to represent the UK at a World Championships or World Cup must be eligible for a current UK Sporting Licence (eligibility criteria can be found on BPA Form 110). Competitors may obtain a new Licence or the current 'stamp' at any time. Applications for a Sporting Licence or Sporting Licence renewal stamp must be made using BPA Form 110 directly to the BPA office. A fee applies. Sporting Licences or currency stamps will no longer be issued at BPA Clubs. Sporting licences should be applied for at least one month before the National Championships, as the BPA will require supporting documentation for those competitors not holding a UK passport. The Sporting Licence holder must be included on an FAI database by the BPA, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.

5. Equipment

Each individual is responsible for supplying his or her own equipment. This must consist of:

- 5.1. A Serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- 5.2. An equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.
- 5.3. Suitable helmet, clothing and footwear of a protective nature.
- 5.4. At least 2 knives appropriate for canopy formation use.
- 5.5. A visual altimeter.
- 5.6. All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

6. Competition

- 6.1. **Aircraft:** At time of writing the competition aircraft are expected to be a Cessna Grand Caravan. A Cessna Caravan may be available as a backup aircraft.
- 6.2. **Scheduling:** Teams will perform the rounds in which ever order facilitates the most economic use of the time available in order to complete the competition within the allotted time. Scores may therefore be posted out of numerical sequence.
- 6.3. **Officials:** Competition Officials, will be announced to the competitors during the competition briefing. The DZO will nominate the Meet Director.
- 6.4. **Prize Giving**
 - 6.4.1. Prize giving will begin as soon as the host Drop Zone can arrange after the event has been completed and once any dignitaries who will be involved in the presentation are available.
 - 6.4.2. In the Open event, only a gold medal may be awarded. The Open gold medal will, however, be awarded only if the winner is ineligible for the British Nationals *AND* has won the event in its entirety.
- 6.5. **Trophies:** All competitors who won CF Trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by the beginning of June 2017.

7. Drop Zone Facilities

See Annex A and B included with this document for on-site facilities, local accommodation and regulations

8. Drug Testing

- 8.1. The BPA fully supports Drug-Free Sport and is committed to preventing drug misuse in sport parachuting. Drug misuse is cheating and it may prejudice your safety and the safety of others. There is no place for the misuse of drugs in our sport. The BPA's Anti-Doping Policy and Rules are set out in **BPA Form 220** which is downloadable from the BPA website and available on request from the BPA Office.
- 8.2. **ANY COMPETITOR** may be required to take a random drugs test. Refusal to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification. Many medications that you may need to take for common medical conditions, such as asthma or hay fever, may contain Prohibited Substances. It is vital that you do not accidentally take a prohibited substance; the consequences are the same as if you were doping. Getting it from a doctor on prescription is no defence!
- 8.3. For further information, please see the anti-doping page of the BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/drug-free-sport> which has links to the FAI and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) websites, where you can find up-to-date information about the prohibited list of substances and therapeutic use exemptions (see below).
- 8.4. Each competitor is STRICTLY LIABLE - this means that it is your own personal responsibility as a competitor to ensure you comply fully with this policy. A positive test result means disqualification for the whole team, a loss of any sponsorship, and a ban for the individual. BPA Form 220 sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of a positive test. The test is concerned with whether a prohibited substance is present in the body, not how or why it got there.
- 8.5. The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application process gives competitors a means of attaining approval to use a prescribed Prohibited Substance or Method for the treatment of a legitimate medical condition. This process is in place to protect the rights of competitors to compete on a level playing field.
- 8.6. Any competitor with a TUE must attach a copy to the competition entry form, and must also file a copy with the BPA Office before he or she competes. TUE forms may be downloaded from the anti-doping section of the FAI website: http://www.fai.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=34701:cimp-therapeutic-use-exemptions-tues&catid=343:cimp&Itemid=1051

9. Video Submission

- 9.1. Teams are responsible for the submission of video for each round of competition. The minimum required format will be stated to competitors in advance of the competition, however item 4.9 of the competition rules (or FAI rules) goes into more detail. The upload mechanism in use for the competition will be explained to team videographers at or immediately after the competitors briefing. Upload facilities may differ between competitions depending on facilities available at the hosting drop zone.

- 9.2. **Licence to use Images:** In entering this competition, competitors agree to grant the BPA Ltd a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use any video or other images submitted to the competition for training and judging purposes.

10. Competition Aims

- 10.1. To determine the British National Champions in Canopy Formation.
- 10.2. To determine the British standings of the competing Teams.
- 10.3. To establish selection guidelines for National Teams and Individuals to be invited to attend FAI Category 1 Events in 2018.
- 10.4. To promote and develop Canopy Formation Competition.
- 10.5. To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- 10.6. To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

11. Competition Rules

This document should be provided in conjunction with a copy of the latest BPA Canopy Formation Technical Rules, form 291. In the event these are unavailable, the FAI/IPC Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, 2017 Edition or later should be used.

Annex A

Accommodation

The Black Knights Parachute Club welcomes you to the 2017 Canopy Formation National Championships. The staff will endeavour to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. There are a few local rules we would ask you to abide by, plus of course all normal airfield regulations apply. The local area provides excellent amenities and any of the staff will supply you with information on the facilities available.

Bunkhouse accommodation is available at the drop zone upon request at a charge of £3 per night (bring a sleeping bag and pillow). Please contact us in advance to ensure availability. Alternatively, we can provide space for anyone wishing to bring a tent or caravan (no hook-ups available). There are free hot showers on the DZ.

Breakfast, lunch and the occasional evening meal will be available from the onsite cafe.

Local Accommodation

Patty's Farm Barn (Self Catering Cottages)

Hillam Lane, Cockerham

From £30 pp per night

Tel: 01524 751 285

Web: <http://www.pattysbarn.co.uk/>

The Stork Inn

Conder Green

From £30 pp per night

Tel: 01524 751 234

Web: <http://www.thestorkinn.co.uk/>

The Mill

Conder Green

From £30 pp per night

Tel: 01524 752 852

Web: <http://www.themillatcondergreen.co.uk/>

Annex B

Local Regulations

1. Drive slowly down the Parachute Centre entrance.
2. No Parking on the Airfield - use the Parking Area. No parking around the Centre buildings.
3. If you land in the crop please leave via the shortest route following the crop line.
4. The farm buildings and adjacent land are out of bounds.
5. The fuel compound is out of bounds.
6. Strictly No Smoking allowed around the aircraft, re-fuelling points, the fuel compound building. Smoking is now banned in and around all Centre buildings.
7. The Centre's facilities are there for your use - please respect them and keep the airfield area tidy, bins are provided for rubbish.
8. ALL parachutists must be checked before boarding the aircraft.
9. The Team Leader of each Team will be considered to be the Jumpmaster for that Team and should therefore ensure that they and all the Team members adhere to the BPA and BKPC rules and regulations at all times. The Team Leader will sign on the manifest to accept responsibility for their Team.
10. It is the Jumpmaster's responsibility to ensure that he or she is familiar with all aircraft procedures, and to ensure a Clear Drop has been received prior to exit.
11. To assist in the smooth running of the manifest, can all Team Members ensure that they are familiar with and cleared to carry out pre-jump kit checks on their fellow Team Members. Please ensure that your log book is signed up by your local club CCI or nominated instructor's endorsement.
12. Good canopy separation will be expected on opening and low pulling will not be tolerated.
13. It is each competitor's responsibility to land in the designated area on the DZ whenever possible. Unnecessary off-landings are not acceptable.
14. ALL parachutists will report back to the DZ Controller after their descent. The Team Leader will usually be responsible for reporting that their Team, including videographer, is checked in as safe.