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11th BRITISH NATIONAL CANOPY PILOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Venue: Skydive Buzz Ltd, Dunkeswell Airfield, Dunkeswell, Devon. EX14 4LG.
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Events: Canopy Piloting Open British National Championships
Canopy Piloting Open Championships

Competitions In all categories:
CP Speed Event (Right Hand Curve)
CP Distance Event
CP Zone Accuracy Event

1. COMPETITION AIMS

- a) To determine the British National Champions in Canopy Piloting.
- b) To establish selection guidelines for National Teams and Individuals to be invited to attend FAI Category 1 Events in 2018.
- c) To promote and develop Canopy Piloting Competition.
- d) To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- e) To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

2. COMPETITION & PRACTICE DATES

- a. Canopy Piloting practice jumps may be undertaken from 0800hrs Friday 25 August 2017 until 1700hrs Thursday 31 August 2017.
- b. The Canopy Piloting competition will run through 0800hrs Friday 1st September to 1500hrs Sunday 3rd September 2017.

3. OTHER DATES & TIMINGS

- a. Entry Forms are to arrive at Skydive Buzz no later than 1800hrs Thursday 31 August 2017. (Nationals Entry Forms & Indemnity Forms can be found on BPA Form 274)
- b. Entry Fees are to be paid no later than 1800hrs Thursday 31 August 2017.
- c. Competitors who 'pre-book' are requested to 'Book in' and pay entry fees with the competition registration staff by 1800hrs Thursday 31 August 2017.
- d. The Competition Draw will take place on the evening of Thursday 31 August 2017. (Time 1900hrs TBC) Competitors will be informed of the result of the draw at this time.
- e. A Competitors' Briefing will be held on the evening of Thursday 31 August 2017 immediately after the competition draw.
- f. The competition prize giving ceremony is planned for 1500hrs on Sunday 3rd September 2017, however, competitors are to note that this may be brought forward should the competition close early or it may move back if required.

4. **PRACTICE JUMPS**

- a. Practice jumping will be available up to the close of registration at 1800hrs on Thursday 31 August 2017.
- b. Competitors are to note that training jumps are to be paid for separate to competition fees and jumps. Tickets for training jumps are purchased at manifest.

5. **ENTRY FORMS AND FEES**

- a. Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the CP Entry Fee must reach Skydive Buzz by 1800hrs Thursday 31 August 2017 unless pre-booking and payment must be made on arrival.
- b. General entry fees are not refundable under any circumstances.
- c. Entries will only be accepted until 1800hrs Thursday 31 August 2017. No entries will be accepted after that date/time.
- d. In the event of any competitor being unable through personal commitments, or injury, to complete any part of the competition, no outstanding jump fees will be refunded.
- e. Full refunds will be available for jumps not made due to incomplete events at the discretion of the Meet Director.

6. **BOOKING IN**

- a. All competitors must book in by 1800hrs on Thursday 31 August 2017.
- b. All outstanding competition jump fees must be paid for when booking in (see note below)
- c. CP ENTRY FEE £50 per person (see note below)
- d. ZONE ACCURACY – FEES £20 Per Jump (3 rounds) = £60 per jumper
- (see note below)
- e. SPEED EVENT – FEES £20 Per Jump (3 rounds) = £60 per jumper
- (see note below)
- f. DISTANCE EVENT – FEES £20 Per Jump (3 rounds) = £60 per jumper
- (see note below)
- g. PROTEST FEE £10
- h. RE-JUMPS All re-jumps are to be paid for at rate above

Note:- The above tariff includes a BPA levy towards the British Team Fund of £5.00 per entry fee and £1.00 per person per jump.

7. **DOCUMENTATION**

All competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:

- a. British Championship Open Competitors – Full valid BPA membership.
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 1000 descents and hold current third party liability insurance cover of a minimum of €1.500,000.
- b. A current BPA Medical Certificate/Declaration.
- c. The competitor's current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.

- d. All BPA Members must be CP2 qualified. Non BPA members must be able to demonstrate logbook evidence of a minimum of 1,000 descents and suitable experience of high performance canopy landings.
- e. **Sporting Licenses:** 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.

N.B. BPA members must arrive at the venue holding ie. in possession of CP Grade 2, as training and testing for gaining CP Grade 2 will not be allowed during the practice days.

8. **ELIGIBILITY**

- a) To participate in the Open British National Canopy Piloting Championships, 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: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-documents>

- b) There is to be no restriction to the nationality of the competitors in the Open category.

9. **EVENT ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals should enter the category appropriate to their ability.

10. **EVENT RULES**

Each Canopy Piloting Event will be conducted in accordance with the *FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Piloting 2017 Edition*, attached in appendix 1, with the exception of the following rule references: Sections: 3.2 (ALL), 3.3 (ALL), 3.4.4, 3.4.5, 4.2 (ALL), 9.3.5

11. **EQUIPMENT**

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment. This must consist of:

- a. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b. An equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.
- c. Suitable clothing and footwear of a protective nature.

N.B. All equipment and documents (including those of other EU / non BPA parachutists) must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

12. COMPETITION AIRCRAFT

At the time of writing the competition aircraft for the CP event will be:

2 x Beech 99 Aircraft

13. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Competition Officials will be notified during the Competition Briefing.

14. TROPHIES

All competitors who won CP Trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by the beginning of June 2017.

15. CATERING FACILITIES

0800 – 2100 hrs full menu & licenced bar open until 0200hrs.

16. DRUG TESTING

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.

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!

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).

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.

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.

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

17. PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will begin as soon as possible after the event has been completed and once any dignitaries who will be involved in the presentation are available.

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.

18. 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.