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BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 **IN WINGSUIT PERFORMANCE AND ACROBATIC FLYING**

Venue: Army Parachute Association
Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 9SF
Tel: 01980 628250
Web: www.netheravon.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1226749647422397/>

Events: **Wingsuit Performance & Acrobatics Flying**

The Nationals meet is held over the course of 3½ days.

The Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics events will run in parallel over the weekend. Acrobatics competition can start from 12noon on Friday 26th May to allow additional time for competitors to enter both events.

Friday: 08:00 Deadline for final registration (both events). Draw for Acrobatics will take place shortly thereafter.

Saturday: 08:00 Ready for the beginning of Performance competition.

1. **COMPETITION DATES**

Friday 26th May – Monday 29th May 2017
Reserve dates to be agreed (subject to judges/Flysight availability)

2. **OTHER DATES**

- a) Entry Form and Entry Fees to arrive by 08:00 on Friday 26th May (To: APA Netheravon). (Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on BPA Form 274) and will be posted to a link in the Facebook event page.
- b) Competitors Briefing: 11:00 & 18:00 on Friday 26th May 2017

3. **PRACTICE JUMPS**

Practice jumping will be allowed up to the competition draw for Acrobatics, and up to the start of the Performance Competition.

4. **ENTRY FORMS AND FEES**

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Entry Fee must reach APA Netheravon, Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 9SF
- b) General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- c) **Entries** will only be accepted up to 08:00 on Friday 26th May 2017 or at the discretion of the Meet Director.
- d) In the event of any competitor being unable through personal commitments, or injury, or any other reason, to complete any part of the competition, **no** outstanding jump fees will be refunded.

- e) Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to eliminator rounds.
- f) Wingsuit Performance
 - 1. Entry Fee – £50 per person plus £30 per person for each additional event
 - 2. Jump Fees – 6 Rounds @ £23 per jump = £138
- g) Wingsuit Acrobatics
 - 1. Entry Fee - £150 per team plus £30 per person for each additional event
 - 2. Jump Fees - £69 per team, per round if using own camera.
 - 3. Jump Fees with Pool Camera - £74 per round (includes £5 for camera person).

This is subject to availability and teams need to arrange this in advance if required.

NB: There will be an early general registration discount for competitors who fully complete all registration paperwork and payment and submit to the DZ by 17:00 on Sunday 30th April 2017. Discounted general registration prices are as follows:-

£40 per person for one event or £70 per person for both events.

5. **BOOKING IN**

- a) All competitors must book in by 12noon on Friday 26th May 2017. Acrobatics teams wanting to start on Friday afternoon must book in by 09:00 on Friday 26th May. Exceptions to this as agreed by the Meet Director / Organiser.
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in (see note below).
- c) Wingsuit Performance – Jump fees £23 per person / per task
- d) Wingsuit Acrobatics – Jump Fees £69 per team / per round (£23 per person)
- e) Protest Fee £10
- f) Re-jumps All re-jumps at above rates
- g) Pool Camera £28 per jump

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 paid jump as required.

6. **DOCUMENTATION**

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

- a) British Championship Senior Category Teams - **Full** valid BPA membership.
British Championship Intermediate Category Teams - Valid BPA membership (Full or Temporary)
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.
- b) Minimum BPA 'C' Licence and a minimum of 200 descents.
- c) A current Medical Certificate/Declaration
- d) The competitors current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.

- e) Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics UK competitors must have minimum WS1 (Hosting DZ CI has final approval). Competitors must have completed at least 20 jumps in the last 3 months.
- f) **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.

7. **ELIGIBILITY**

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: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-documents>

Only eligible competitors can become British Champions. There are no restrictions on the nationality of competitors in the Open Championships.

8. **COMPETITION AIMS**

- a) To determine the British National Champions in Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics Flying.
- b) To determine the British standings of the competing teams or individuals.
- c) To establish selection guidelines for National Teams and Individuals to be invited to attend FAI Category 1 Events in 2018 / 2019.
- d) To promote and develop wingsuit competition.
- e) To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- f) To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

9. **EQUIPMENT**

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

- a) A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness. This must be 'freely friendly equipment (at CIs discretion). No extra weight permitted.
- b) The use of an electronic Automatic Activation Device (AAD) and Audible Altimeter is mandatory.
- c) An equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.
- d) Suitable clothing and footwear of a protective nature.

N.B. All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

10. **COMPETITION AIRCRAFT**

At time of writing the competition aircraft are expected to be:-

2 Cessna Caravans

11. **COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

Competition Officials will be notified during the competition Briefing.

12. **TROPHIES**

All competitors who won Trophies last year are asked to return them to the host venue by the beginning of May 2017.

13. **CATERING FACILITIES**

Full catering facilities will be available.

14. **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

15. **PRIZE GIVING**

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.

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.

16. **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.

17. **RULES**

Technical Competition Rules for this event will follow the FAI IPC COMPETITION RULES WINGSUIT FLYING 2016 EDITION – ATTACHED IN APPENDIX 2 WITH THIS DOCUMENT.

With the exception of:

Rules:

9.1.4	9.2
9.3.1.1	9.3.1.2
9.3.2.1	9.3.2.2
9.3.3	9.3.4

Are not applicable as they are in reference to FAI world competition only

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ACCOMMODATION

Skydive Netheravon has a new bunkhouse on-line that has been reserved for the British Wingsuit Nationals. To book, please call 01980 628250. The cost is free for competitors for the duration of the competition.

Camping & Caravans

Camping is free on the grassed camping area next to the APA shower block. No cars or caravans are allowed on the grassed area and must be parked on the hard standings close by.

Local B&B, Guest House and Hotel Accommodation

Hotel/Motel	Address	Distance to DZ	Phone	Approx Rates
Willow Springs B&B	The Ham, Durrington, Salisbury SP4 8HW	4.6 miles	T: +44 (0)1980 555151	Call for rates
Stonehenge Inn	2 Stonehenge Rd, Durrington, Salisbury SP4 8BN	4.8 miles	T: +44 (0)1722 790236	Single £40 Double £65 3 Bed room available
Travelodge	Countess Services, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7AS http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/73/Amesbury-Stonehenge-hotel	6.3 miles	T: +44 (0)871 9846218	£50-80 per room per night
The Stones	A345, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 6AT Facebook: http://www.thestoneshotel.co.uk/ Email: sales@thestoneshotel.co.uk	8 miles	T: +44 (0)1722 782592	£75+ per room per night
The Swan at Stoford	Warminster Road, Stoford, Salisbury, SP2 0PR http://www.theswanatstoford.co.uk/	13 miles	T: 01722 790 236	£65 per room per night
Taylor's Guesthouse	Devizes Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 7DB	16 miles	T: +44 (0)1722 501614	£65 per night

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