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BPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 **ACCURACY LANDINGS**

Aim of the National Championships:

- a) To determine the National Champions (male and female)
 - National Accuracy Landing Champion
 - National Champions in Team Accuracy Landing
 - National Champions in Club Team Accuracy Landing
 - Open Champion
- b) To establish new National Accuracy Landing records.
- c) To promote and develop Accuracy Landing parachuting.
- d) To exchange experience and strengthen friendly relations between the sport parachutists.
- e) To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- f) To improve judging methods and practices.

Venue: Skydive Swansea, Swansea Airport, Fairwood, Swansea, SA2 7JU

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Events:

1. Accuracy Landings
2. Senior - Team & Individual Accuracy Landings
3. Intermediate - Team & Individual Accuracy Landings
4. Junior - Individual Accuracy Landings
5. National Club Accuracy Cup Competition
(1 x Senior - 1 x Intermediate - 1 x Junior nominated parachutist per Club entering)

1. COMPETITION DATES

- a) The Accuracy Landings event will take place Wednesday 11 – 13th April 2018
(Practice date: Tuesday 10th April 2018)

2. OTHER DATES & TIMINGS

- a) Entry Form and Entry Fees to arrive by Tuesday 10th April 2018
(Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on BPA Form 274).
- b) Booking in by: 2000hrs Tues 10th April 2018.
- c) Competitors Briefing: 0830 Wednesday 11th April.
- d) Prize Giving: On completion of the competition.

3. PRACTICE JUMPS & JUDGES TRAINING

- a) Practice jumping will be available up to the competition draw, but any event in progress will take priority. Centre open 0900hrs.
- b) Competitors are to note that training jumps are to be paid for separate to competition Fees and jumps. Slots for training jumps are to be pre-purchased at manifest at the published rate.
- c) Judges training may take place during the competition.

4. ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Entry Fee must be sent to Skydive Swansea via post or email. (info@skydiveswansea.co.uk)
- b) Team Leaders are responsible for the payment of entry fees for their entire Team.
- c) General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- 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 on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to eliminator rounds.
- f) ENTRY FEE: £50 per person.

5. BOOKING IN

- a) All competitors must book in by 2000hrs Tuesday 10th April 2018.
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in.
- c) Accuracy Landings Fees: £15 Per Jump (10 Rounds) = £750 per team of 5 or £150per individual (see note below)
- d) PROTEST FEE: £5 per protest.
- e) RE-JUMPS: All re-jumps are to be paid for.

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

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 and Junior Category Teams - Valid BPA membership (Full or Temporary).
- b) 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 organisations, are FAI certificated, have a minimum of 100 descents and hold current third party liability insurance cover of a minimum of €1.300,000.).

- c) 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.
- d) A completed current BPA Declaration of Fitness to Parachute or equivalent for EU Parachutists (see a. above).
- e) The competitor's current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.

7. ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the British National Parachute Championships, the BPA has decided to comply with the FAI rule regarding eligibility.

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/jpc-documents>

Only Senior Category eligible competitors can become British Champions for consideration and/or be considered for sponsorship from the BPA. There are no restrictions on the nationality of guest competitors in the "Open" Championships.

8. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

See Appendix 1: sub 2.

9. SELECTION CRITERIA

2018 is a non selection year for the British Team.

10. 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 in-date 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.

Whilst there are facilities for reserve re-packing at Skydive Swansea it is unlikely that such a service can be offered immediately prior to, or during, the competition. In an emergency i.e. following reserve activation, such a service may be provided.

11. COMPETITION AIRCRAFT

At the time of writing the competition aircraft for the Accuracy Landings event is expected to be: C208

12. TROPHIES

All competitors who won Classics trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by June 2017.

13. CATERING FACILITIES

On site catering is available throughout the day.

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/anti-doping-programme/therapeutic-use-exemptions>

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. ACCURACY LANDING AREA

All accuracy competitors are to note that the safety of competitors, judges, officials and spectators is paramount. Therefore competitors using classic accuracy canopies will land on a tuffet and will be scored in the normal manner. The tuffet will be placed in a location decided by the Chief Judge. Competitors using any other form of canopy will not land on a tuffet but will be scored in the normal manner on an accuracy pad at ground level. This will be located in the centre of the accuracy landing area. Competitors are not to switch canopies during the competition without discussion with the Chief Judge.

2018 RULES AND TECHNICAL CONDITIONS FOR ACCURACY LANDINGS

1. GENERAL

1.1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 FAI Sporting Code and FAI Competition rules for Style and Accuracy. These are available at: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-documents> or from the BPA office, with changes as approved by the Competitions Committee and ratified by the Council of the BPA. The 2018 FAI rules will also be published on the competition notice board and extracts of these appear below. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition a meeting will be held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and competitors.

1.2. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the Championships. No departure from these rules is permitted.

2. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

2.1. **SENIOR** Anyone who has competed at international level must compete at Senior level, other competitors are expected to choose the appropriate level of competition to enter, based on their experience.

2.2. **INTERMEDIATE** Competitors with over 100 jumps should choose the appropriate level of competition to enter, between intermediate or senior.

2.3. **JUNIOR** Competitors must have no more than 100 jumps at the start of the first Grand Prix or National competition entered that year. CI's written permission is required. Junior competitors will be despatched and scored as separate events. **(Each competitor must show evidence that a minimum of the 5 pre declared landings has been completed towards BPA B licence. It is necessary in order to compete on both PLAs at Skydive Swansea).**

3. ACCURACY LANDINGS: CONDUCT OF EVENT

3.1. This event will be undertaken as a Team event with individual scores to count. The final individual scores will be separated into male and female events. Men and Women can jump in the same team, as there is no distinction between male and female in the Team event.

3.1.2. Teams should be made up of 5 individuals. Anyone without a Team at the start of the competition will be grouped into teams up to 5 by the Meet Director. They will jump as a Team of 5 or otherwise at the discretion of the competition Safety Officer/CI in liaison with the Meet Director.

3.1.3. Team Accuracy Event. A Team consists of a maximum of 5 members. Four scores for each round will count in the Team event. A team can throw away the worst individual score per round. Teams with less than 5 members will receive a score of 16cm for each missing member.

3.2. Scoring will be on a 2cms pad up to a maximum of 16cms. Any miss will then be scored at 16cms. Intermediate competitors will be scored to 5 metres. Junior competitors will jump as individuals, and will be scored to 25 metres.

3.2.1. Any Intermediate competitor jumping in the Team event will be scored as a 'Senior' for the Team event. That Intermediate competitor's individual score will count towards the Intermediate event and will be scored as in para (d), provided that he/she can be clearly identified by the judges as an Intermediate competitor. There is no Intermediate/Junior Team event.

3.3.Exit Altitudes: Team Accuracy Landing jumps will be made from a maximum height of 1000 meters / 3,500 ft. to a minimum of 900M / 3000ft. If necessary, altitude may be reduced to 800M with 2 per pass. Scores will still count towards team scores.

3.3.1.Each team selects their own exit point.

4. Wind Limits.

4.1. The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in the accuracy events is set by mutual agreement of the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Meet Director at a value no less than 6,0 m/s and no more than 8,0 m/s. This limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing and will remain for the duration of the competition.

4.1.2. A competitor who lands during the period 10 seconds before the wind speed exceeds the limit, while the wind speed is over the limit and 30 seconds after the wind speed has returned below the limit, and does not score a dead centre, may accept a re-jump.

4.1.3. The competitor must make an immediate decision and must inform the Event or Chief Judge of their decision, otherwise the competitor must do a re-jump.

4.1.4.The event will be automatically interrupted for a minimum of 5 minutes, if the ground wind speed exceeds 9 m/s.

4.2. Each Team/Competitor will jump 8 rounds in the Team event. A minimum of two rounds must be completed to declare a valid event.
Where possible, teams will jump in reverse order of placing's after completion of each round.

4.2.1 At the end of the 8th round, the top 20 British male and the top 20 British female individuals in the Senior event will qualify for the semi-finals (round 9).

4.2.2. The top 10 male and the top 10 female individuals at the end of round 9 will qualify for the finals and will do the 10th and final round. The 9th and 10th rounds will be jumped as Individual Accuracy from a maximum height of 800 meters / 2,600 ft.

4.2.3. Should there be 20 competitors or less in each event, then ALL competitors will complete rounds 9 and 10 AS INDIVIDUALS.

4.3. In the event of a tie for the first three places in the Team or Individual Accuracy Landing the following rules apply

4.3.1. Where possible, tie-break jumps shall be made.

4.3.2. If this is not possible then the competitor or team with the greater number of low scores (i.e. dead centres, 1cm, etc...) obtains the higher place.

4.3.3. If the tie remains, the competitor or team with the lowest score, starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken, obtains the higher place.

4.3.4. If the tie cannot be broken, the competitors or teams concerned shall be declared co-medallists.

4.3.5. All other ties will be ranked equal.

5. NATIONAL CLUB ACCURACY CUP COMPETITION

Clubs can enter any number of Teams.

5.1. The Team will consist of one Senior, one Intermediate and one Junior and must register for this competition prior to the start of the Championships.

5.1.1. The winning Team will be the Team with the lowest combined placings in each category. There will be no 2nd or 3rd place awards. Evidence of membership to the Club being represented may be required.

6. DETERMINATION OF BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

6.1. The title of British National Accuracy Landing Champion for both men and women will be awarded to the British competitor with the lowest total distance for all completed rounds.

6.1.1. Foreign competitors will only be eligible for the open event, their scores and positions will not be counted in the determination of British results.

6.1.2. Junior and Intermediate events are for both men and women. There are no separate categories.