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## **BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017** **IN SPEED SKYDIVING**

**Venue:** Target Skysports, Hibaldstow Airfield, Hibaldstow, Brigg. DN20 9NN  
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**Event:** **Speed Skydiving**

The Nationals meet is held over the course of 6 days.

Within the Open competition, separate classifications for the British Nationals will apply as covered in Appendix 1

Qualified competitors must be present at the times scheduled by the hosting Drop Zone.

### 1. **COMPETITION AIMS**

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

### 2. **COMPETITION DATES**

Saturday 26th August 2017 – Monday 28th August 2017.

**Reserve Weekend:** Saturday 2 September 2017 – Monday 4 September 2017.

### 3. **OTHER DATES**

- a) Entry form and entry fees to arrive by 1700 on Friday 25th August 2017 (To: Target Skysports). (Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on BPA Form 274) and at <http://www.skydivingchampionships.com/>).

**N.B. There will be a discounted registration price for all teams who register and pay in full for the competition by Wednesday 23 August 2017.**

- b) Booking in by: 1700 on Friday 25th August 2017.
- c) Competitors Briefing: 2000 on Friday 25th August 2017.

4. **PRACTICE JUMPS**

Practice jumping will be available on the official practice day, the day before the start of the competition. Payment must be made in full prior to the start of the competition.

5. **ENTRY FORMS AND FEES**

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Speed Skydiving Entry Fee must reach Skydive Hibaldstow, Hibaldstow Airfield, Redbourne Road, Hibaldstow DN20 9NN.
- b) General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- c) **Entries** will only be accepted up to 1700 on Friday 25th August 2017 or at the discretion of the Meet Director.
- d) 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.
- e) Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete events. However, this does not apply to eliminator rounds.
- f) SPEED SKYDIVING ENTRY FEE - £50 per person plus £15 per person for each additional event (see note below)

**NB: There will be an early registration discount for teams who fully complete all registration paperwork and payment and submit to the DZ by 1700 on Wednesday 23rd August 2017. Discounted registration prices are as follows:**

**£35 per person plus £10 per person for each additional event.**

6. **BOOKING IN**

- a) All competitors must book in by 1700 on Friday 25th August 2017.
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in (see note below).
- c) Speed Skydiving – FEES . . . . . £23 per person / per round
- d) PROTEST FEE . . . . . £10
- e) RE-JUMPS . . . . . All re-jumps are to be paid for
- f) VIDEO JUMPS ARE FREE.

**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.

## 7. **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 (Form 114)
- d) The competitors current and up to date parachutists log book.
- e) Speed Skydiving competitors must have their log book endorsed as being competent to participate in Speed Skydiving at competition level. This endorsement can be from either their CI, a FF2 coach, or a person recognised by the host CI as having a good knowledge of Speed Skydiving. (Hosting DZ CI has final approval)
- f) Competitors must have completed at least 20 jumps in the last 3 months.
- g) 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.

## 8. **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.

9. **EVENT ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for these events are covered in Appendix 1.

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. This must be 'freely friendly' equipment (at Cls discretion). No extra weight permitted.
  - b) The use of an electronic Automatic Activation Device (AAD) is mandatory and must be used for every jump. The use of an Audible Altimeter is mandatory.
  - c) An equipment record of inspection (if packed in the UK) and a reserve data 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.

11. **COMPETITION AIRCRAFT**

At the time of writing the competition aircraft are expected to be:  
Dornier G92 Twin Turbine (15 Jumpers per aircraft; left hand door) or Cessna Grand Caravan (up to 17 people; left hand door)  
Each numbered round will be performed from one specific aircraft type.

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.

12. **COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

Competition Officials will be notified during the competition briefing.

13. **TROPHIES**

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

14. **CATERING FACILITIES**

Full catering facilities will be available.

15. **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](http://www.fai.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=34701:cimp-therapeutic-use-exemptions-tues&catid=343:cimp&Itemid=1051)

16. **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.

17. **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.

## **1 Authority**

- 1.1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the FAI, according to the regulations of the Sporting Code of the FAI, General Section, and Section 5 as approved by the IPC and validated by the FAI, and these rules. All participants accept these rules and the FAI regulations as binding by registering in the competition. No departure from these rules is permitted.
- 1.2. Changes are 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 a meeting will be held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and competitors.
- 1.3. There is no maximum number of scored jumps per day. This includes re-jumps and Tie Breaks.

## **2 Definitions of Words and Phrases Used in these Rules**

- 2.1 **Course:** A vertical kilometre where speed measurements are taken, starting at 2700 metres (8858 ft) above the ground and ending at 1700 metres (5577 ft) above the ground.
- 2.2 **Speed Measuring Device (SMD):** A device used to determine the vertical speed of the parachutist, which is mounted on the parachutist's body or equipment.

## **3 The Event**

### **3.1 Event Description**

- 3.1.1 The discipline will be comprised of the following event:  
Speed Skydiving Open
- 3.1.2 Within the Speed Skydiving Open event, separate classifications will be made for:  
Speed Skydiving Male  
Speed Skydiving Female
- 3.1.3 All competitors enter the Open event, but are then also automatically entered in the classifications for which they are qualified.
- 3.1.4 The competition in the classifications takes place during the rounds, and no separate jumps are made. The scores achieved in the rounds are used to determine the placings in the classifications. (SEP)

### **3.2 Programme of Events**

- 3.2.1 The event consists of 8 rounds.
- 3.2.2 The minimum number of rounds for a valid event is two.
- 3.2.3 Competitors make 8 rounds in the Open event, and do not make separate jumps for the classifications. The final results for the classifications are those obtained in the Open event.

### **3.3 Objective of the event**

- 3.3.1** The objective of the event is for the competitor to fly his body as fast as possible to achieve the highest average vertical speed through the course.

### **3.4 Performance Requirements**

- 3.4.1** The accumulated total of the best competition jumps, depending on the number of rounds completed, is used to determine the final placings. The standings will also have a column showing the average speed based on number of rounds completed
- 3.4.2** At least two rounds must be completed to determine placings and declare winners.

## **4 General Rules**

### **4.1 Equipment**

- 4.1.1** Competitors may not wear additional weight on their body, in any of their equipment, or on any of their equipment.
- 4.1.2** Parachutes and equipment will be inspected by the Chief Judge or Meet Director to confirm that they conform to normal weights for that equipment. Chief Judge and Meet Director may delegate this task to a qualified person, such as a Rigger, Senior Rigger or Master Rigger. If, in the opinion of the Chief Judge and Meet Director, the equipment does not conform to normal weights for that equipment, the competitor may be required to demonstrate that the equipment does not contain extra weight. This decision is not grounds for protest.
- 4.1.3** Parachutes and equipment will be inspected by the Chief Judge, Meet Director or FAI Controller to confirm that they are safe for the event. Chief Judge, Meet Director or FAI Controller may delegate this task to a qualified person, such as a Rigger, Senior Rigger or Master Rigger. If, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, Meet Director and FAI Controller, the parachute and/or equipment are not safe for the event, the competitor will not be permitted to use it. This decision is not grounds for protest.
- 4.1.4** Each competitor must wear a functioning audio altitude warning device on every jump. Two functioning audio altitude warning devices, with visual indications in the goggles/visor, are recommended.
- 4.1.5** Each competitor will wear two SMDs issued by the Chief Judge. The devices will be attached
- (i)** on the lateral webbing on each side of the competitors harness, or
  - (ii)** on each side of the competitors container horizontally in line with the lowest part of the lateral webbing when the competitor is standing upright.
- In either case, the SMDs must be sited predominately on the sides of the rig and not above the widest point of the container. The devices will be located to the satisfaction of the Chief Judge, and this decision is not grounds for protest.
- 4.1.6** The SMDs will be attached by the competitor, supervised and sealed in location by a member of the judging staff. The devices will be attached prior to boarding the aircraft.
- 4.1.7** Immediately after the jump, the competitor is to report to the judges area to have the measuring devices removed.
- 4.1.8** If one or both seals are found to be broken after the jump, and in the opinion of the Chief Judge and Meet Director this was not caused by normal parachuting conditions outside the control of the competitor, then the competitor will receive a score of zero for that jump -

broken seals are not ground for a re-jump. This decision is not grounds for protest.

**4.1.9** If one or both SMDs malfunctions, and this malfunction, in the opinion of the Chief Judge and Meet Director, was not caused by interference by the competitor, then the competitor has the choice for making a re-jump or accepting the score of zero for the jump. The competitor must make an immediate decision and must inform the Chief Judge of the decision; otherwise a re-jump must be made.

**4.1.10** A competitor may not wear personal SMDs in the area of the official measuring devices.

## **4.2 Training jumps**

**4.2.1** All competitors must have the opportunity on the official practice day to make at least one official training jump, weather permitting.

**4.2.2** The SMDs in use in the competition, and all competition rules and procedures, will be used for these jumps.

**4.2.3** The official training jumps shall be judged by the Official Panel of Judges, or Judges in Training under direct supervision of the Chief of Judge Training, and the scores may be published.

## **4.3 Order of jumping**

**4.3.1** The order of jumping in the first round will be determined by reverse order of placing during the last National Championship.

**4.3.2** Individuals not covered by this procedure will jump at the beginning or end of the first round, with order determined at the discretion of the Meet Director and Chief Judge.

**4.3.3** Time permitting, and at the discretion of the Meet Director, reverse order of ranking may be used for all other rounds.

## **4.4 Determination of the Winners**

**4.4.1** At the end of all completed rounds, the accumulated total of the best competition jumps, depending on the number of rounds completed, is used to determine the competitor's score. The competitor with the highest score is the winner.

**4.4.2** In the event of a tie in the first three places in the Open event, the following rules apply:

- (i)** Where possible tie-break jumps shall be made.
- (ii)** If this does not break a tie, then the competitor with the highest average speed in any one round obtains the higher place.
- (iii)** If this does not break a tie, the competitor with the highest average speed, starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken, obtains the higher place.
- (iv)** If the tie cannot be broken, the competitors concerned shall be declared co-medallists.
- (v)** All other ties shall be ranked equal.

**4.4.3** In the event of a tie in the first three places in any of the classifications, paragraphs 4.4.2 (ii) to 4.4.2 (v) will be applied.

## **5 Rules Specific to the Event**

### **5.1 Jumping Procedure**

- 5.1.1** The exit point is determined by the pilot in conjunction with the Meet Director. The aircraft pilot will signal the competitors when they are clear to exit. All the competitors will be briefed on the specific exit signals at the pre-event competitors' meeting.
- 5.1.2** The exit delay between competitors must be such so as to ensure safe separation, and be at least 5 seconds.
- 5.1.3** The first person to exit on a pass goes 90 degrees to the right of the aircraft line of flight, the second goes 90 degrees left, and so on. If a competitor uses a technique that results in horizontal movement across the ground during the jump, then that competitor must turn to the appropriate direction shortly after exit. If a competitor uses a technique that results in a vertical flight path with little or no horizontal movement across the ground during the jump, then that competitor may make the turn to the appropriate direction during deceleration after leaving the course.

### **5.2 Exit order**

- 5.2.1** For safety reasons, the exit order in a jump run is determined by the personal best of the competitors. The exit order in a jump run is personal best descending.
- 5.2.2** There will be a maximum of eight (6) competitors per exit pass, but this may be reduced by the Meet Director taking into consideration the aircraft size and the dropzone area.

### **5.3 Exit Altitude**

- 5.3.1** Exit Altitude: 13000ft (3962 metres).
- 5.3.2** For meteorological reasons or air traffic circumstances only, and with the consent of the FAI Controller and the Chief Judge, the Meet Director may lower the exit altitude to 12000ft (3658 metres) and continue the competition. However, the course remains 2700-1700 metres. If the exit altitude is lowered it must apply for a complete round for all competitors.
- 5.3.3** Maximum Exit Altitude: The maximum exit altitude for a valid jump is 13500 ft (4115 metres). A competitor is not allowed to exit the aircraft on a higher altitude than the maximum exit altitude. Jumps from a higher exit altitude as the maximum exit altitude has to be considered as not valid.

### **5.4 Speed Measuring Device (SMD)**

- 5.4.1** The SMD must be capable of gathering data, or transmitting real-time data to a ground station or stations, which allows the competitor's average vertical freefall speed between 2700m and 1700m above ground to be displayed to a resolution of one hundredth of a kilometre per hour, and the competitors exit altitude to be determined to an accuracy of 10m.
- 5.4.2** The data from an SMD may or may not be required to be downloaded to computer in order to determine the competitors speed.
- 5.4.3** The device must not require any action by the competitor in order for it to function, and it must activate its recording function automatically upon exit of the competitor.
- 5.4.4** If settings on the device can be altered after the device has been attached to the competitor, it must be evident to the judges that this has occurred, the alteration must be capable of being easily reversed, and the alteration must not affect the data gathered. Alternatively, once attached to the competitor, the settings on the device must not be capable of being altered by

the competitor, the device must not be capable of being switched off by the competitor, nor must it be possible for the competitor to delete the data.

- 5.4.5 If the device measures altitude from pressure readings, then the altitude is not to be compensated for ambient temperature, and temperature according to International Standard Atmosphere is to be used.
- 5.4.6 If the analysis software can compensate for ambient temperature, that facility is not to be used, and temperature according to International Standard Atmosphere is to be used.
- 5.4.7 If the SMD transmits its data to the ground station during the jump, then that data must be recorded and saved when it is received.
- 5.4.8 If the data from the SMD is downloaded for analysis to a computer after landing, then that data must be recorded and saved when it is downloaded.
- 5.4.9 If the speed is read directly from the SMD after landing, then it does not need to be retained on the SMD, and need only be recorded on the score sheets.

## 5.5 Scoring speed skydiving

- 5.5.1 The score for a Speed Skydiving jump is the average vertical speed in kilometres per hour, to the nearest hundredth of a km/h, that the competitor achieves through the course. This score is obtained by taking the average of the speeds obtained from the two SMDs.
- 5.5.2 SMDs should be rotated between competitors as much as possible.

## 5.6 Speed skydiving penalties

- 5.6.1 If the difference of the two average speeds is 60.01 km/h or greater, the jump is considered to be outside the scoring boundaries (OB) and the score is 0.00.
- 5.6.2 If the difference of the two average speeds is 30.01 km/h or greater but less than 60.01 km/h the score for the jump is the average of these two average speeds minus the excess of the difference between the two speeds over 30.00 km/h to the nearest hundredth of a km/h, rounded down.

# 6 Work of the Judges in the Discipline

## 6.1 Scoring the jump

- 6.1.1 Each performance shall be assessed by at least 2 Judges. All Judges must be FAI Speed Skydiving Judges. FAI Speed Skydiving Judges in Training, provided they are under the direct supervision of the Chief of Judge Training or his designee, having attended the Judge's Conference, may be used in addition to the Official Panel of Judges.
- 6.1.2 One judge conducts the analysis of the jump and determines the appropriate score. The second judge then checks the analysis and score before collation of the score sheet.
- 6.1.3 The data from the two SMDs is used to obtain the two average vertical speeds through the course.
- 6.1.4 If a computer is used to analyse the data to obtain the speed, then the data must be downloaded as soon as possible after the competitor has handed in the devices, and before the SMDs are used by another competitor.
- 6.1.5 If the speed is read directly from the device, then the readings are to be taken when the competitor hands in the SMDs, the speeds are to be written directly on to the score sheets, and the competitor is to sign for the two speeds. The SMDs may then be used for another competitor.

- 6.1.6 If the speed is obtained from data transmitted during the jump to a ground station or stations, the SMDs may only be used by another competitor once it has been determined that valid data has been obtained.
- 6.1.7 If the difference of the two average speeds is 30 km/h (18.64 mph) or less, then the jump is considered to be within the scoring boundaries, and the score for the jump is the average of the two speeds to the nearest hundredth of a km/h, rounded down.
- 6.1.8 If the difference of the two average speeds is 30.01 km/h or greater but less than 60.01 km/h the score for the jump is calculated as described in paragraph 5.6.2.
- 6.1.9 If the difference of the two average speeds is 60.01 km/h or greater, the jump is considered to be outside the scoring boundaries (OB) as described in paragraph 5.6.1.
- 6.1.10 The scores will not be final until the data have been reviewed. The Chief Judge is responsible for determining a competitor's final score and placing.

## **6.2 Collation of the score sheets**

- 6.2.1 The scores are collated immediately after the judges have assessed the jump. The results of the collation must be checked by at least one Judge who was not one of the assessing judges.

## **6.3 Determining placing**

- 6.3.1 Depending on the number of rounds completed, a different number of jumps will be used to determine placings as follows:
  - (i) If 2 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best single round is used.
  - (ii) If 3 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 2 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the two speeds. As additional information the average of the two speeds can be shown on the score sheet.
  - (iii) If 4 or 5 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 3 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the three speeds. As additional information the average of the three speeds can be shown on the score sheet.
  - (iv) If 6 or 7 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 4 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the four speeds. As additional information the average of the four speeds can be shown on the score sheet.
  - (v) If 8 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 5 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the five speeds. As additional information the average of the five speeds can be shown on the score sheet.
- 6.3.2 While a round is in progress, unofficial results may be published using the criteria in para 6.3.1 applied to individual competitors. However, if the round does not get completed, the scores from the incomplete round must be discarded and the results must be amended to reflect the scores from the number of completed rounds.

## **6.4 Other responsibilities**

- 6.4.1 The Chief Judge may decide to interrupt the event if he considers that the meteorological conditions are not safe for the conduct of the event. This decision is not grounds for a protest.

<h2><b>7 Aims of the competition</b></h2>
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- 7.1.1 To determine the Champions of Speed Skydiving
- 7.1.2 To promote and develop Speed Skydiving training and competition.

- 7.1.3** To establish new World and Continental Speed Skydiving competition records.
- 7.1.4** To exchange ideas and strengthen friendly relations between sport parachutists, judges and support personnel of all nations.
- 7.1.5** To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge, and information.
- 7.1.6** To improve judging methods and practices