



# What does BPA do for me?

## Here's just some of what we do...

We:

- regulate our sport under an Exposition with the Civil Aviation Authority;
- set, maintain and promote high standards of safety and training through the BPA Operations Manual;
- promote proactive risk management in the sport;
- approve and audit BPA Affiliated Clubs and BPA Registered Display Teams;
- set and maintain the progression system in the sport;
- publish training and coaching manuals;
- run training courses for all instructor ratings in the sport;
- award coaching, instructor and parachute rigging ratings (qualifications);
- insure the sport and its participants with third party public liability insurance;
- liaise on behalf of the sport with the Civil Aviation Authority and National Air Traffic Services;
- investigate skydiving accidents and incidents;
- compile and publish safety data;
- develop and promote the sport;
- lobby to safeguard our sport from potentially harmful effects of European regulation.
- publish 'Skydive the Mag', our BPA members' magazine, six times a year both in print and digitally;
- co-ordinate the BPA British Open National Parachuting Championships, the United Kingdom Skydiving League (UKSL) and UK Grand Prix skydiving competitions;
- select and co-ordinate the GBR team to the World Parachuting Championships, the Skydiving World Cup, the European Skydiving Championships and other recognised international competitions;
- represent the UK on the International Parachuting Commission of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale - the World Air Sports Federation;
- recognise achievement through BPA Awards;
- represent our sport in the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom;
- support the Royal Aero Club Trust's 'Flying for Youth' programme;
- fund competitions skills coaching roadshows;
- fund competitions teams that meet appropriate criteria;
- maintain a membership database of British skydivers;
- provide educational seminars for members;
- maintain a Register of Authorized Parachute Pilots;
- provide technical guidance and advice from world-class technical staff;
- record the proud history of British skydiving through the BPA Archive Project;
- administer the British Team Fund and the Drop Zone Defence Fund;
- represent our sport in the Sport & Recreation Alliance, the General Aviation Awareness Council and the General Aviation Safety Council, and is the point of contact on sport parachuting for the home countries' sports councils.

# British Parachute Association

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