



# **BPA CANOPY HANDLING COACHES (CH1 & CH2)**

## **1. QUALIFICATIONS**

- e) Is a BPA 'C' Licence holder
- f) Is a CH Grade 2 (CH2) holder
- g) Has been involved in Sport Parachuting for a minimum of 2 years.
- h) Is fully familiar with the current CH Manual.

**Note:** *If VHF radio frequencies including 129.90mhz and/or 130.525mhz are to be used during radio communications, a current Parachute Radio Operators Certificate of Competence must be held.*

e)\* And either;

- (i) Has attended a Sportscoach UK Course on 'Coaching Methods and Communication', or
- (ii) Has specific teaching or coaching qualifications, or
- (iii) Has attended a Methods of Instruction lecture, given by a BPA Advanced Instructor, or
- (iv) Has attended a Military Methods of Instruction Course.

## **2. EVALUATION**

A Canopy Handling Coach who is an Instructor will make the evaluation, or a Canopy Handling Coach nominated by a CI/Advanced Instructor.

## **3. GROUND SCHOOL EVALUATION**

This will include the full ground training phase of at least one complete CH1 and one complete CH2 jump requirement, on a one to one basis with ideally an actual Student and BPA 'A' Licence parachutist, supervised by the Evaluator.

All applicants should use the BPA 'CH' manual.

## **4. CANDIDATE'S EVALUATION**

This should be one of the CH jumps, it should include the whole of the following:

- i) The brief and dirt dive.
- ii) The jump: where the Evaluator will monitor (and assist if necessary) the candidate.
- iii) The debrief.
- iv) Logbook entries, which should include any corrective training required.

## **5. THE EVALUATOR'S TASK**

The Evaluator should ensure that the Student/'A' Licence parachutist receives the correct information and that if instructions are given by radio, the information is correct.

On the ground the candidate should make good use of training aids and have a good coaching manner.

The candidate should demonstrate a good knowledge of the basic principles of teaching and coaching.

## **6. SAFETY**

The candidate should not attempt to take on the role of an Instructor. CH coaches who are not BPA qualified instructors must not teach CH skills as part of a Student Parachutist's ab-initio ground training/school.

The candidate should not try to change a student's emergency procedures, unless they break BPA rules, in which case they should refer to an Instructor.

Always if in doubt refer back to an Instructor.

## **7. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR BPA INSTRUCTORS AND COACHES**

CH Coaches should have read the Code of Practice for BPA Instructors and Coaches (Form 288) and are expected to adhere to its principles.

## **8. RENEWALS**

BPA Coaches ratings expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew a coaching rating the coach must satisfy a Chief Instructor, that he/she is current in all aspects of the rating. Once a coaching rating has expired the coach may not exercise the privileges of that rating until the rating is renewed.

## **NOTE**

- i) CH Coaching Courses/Evaluations may be held at any parachute Club/Centre, provided all the above criteria is met.
- ii) Details of SportscoachUK Courses can be obtained from Sportscoach UK, Leeds. Tel: 0113 274 4802, Fax: 0113 275 5019, e-mail: [coaching@sportscoachUK.org](mailto:coaching@sportscoachUK.org)