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GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS 2019

CANOPY FORMATION

1. VENUE / DATES

BPS - Skydive Langar
13 – 14 July 2019

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the event. No departure from these rules is permitted.
- 2.2. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the FAI Sporting Code and the current FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, with changes 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 this may be agreed at a meeting held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and Competitors. Competitors should therefore make themselves aware of the current FAI Canopy Formation rules.
- 2.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment and documentation has been verified by the hosting drop zone, and they are cleared to jump. Competitors are advised to do this as early as possible as competition jumps may be on the first aircraft load of the day.
- 2.4. The draw may be done by the Judges without the Competitors present to facilitate a quick start to the competition, and minimise the time required for the Competitors' Briefing. The draw may be made by use of competition draw generating software.
- 2.5. At least one representative of each team is expected to be present for the Competitors' Briefing and to receive a printed copy of the draw for their event. Competitors should be given the draw at least 40 minutes before the first competition round is scheduled for take-off.
- 2.6. Competition start time will be 9:00 on 13 July and 10:00 on 14 July.
- 2.7. Any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Operator and must be adhered to. The competition will have a start and end time dictated by the Drop Zone Operator and Competition Officials at the end of the registration period.

3. EVENTS, ENTRY FORMS & FEES

- 3.1. Entry forms will be made available prior to the competition from the BPA website, social media, or other channels. **Entry forms should be handed in to the Meet Director by 8:00 on 13 July 2019** . GP Entry Form & Indemnity Forms can be found on BPA Form 133.
- 3.2. Team Captains are responsible for the payment of jump fees for their entire team. The system of paying for the jumps (ticket/account etc.) is at the discretion of the hosting drop zone and will be set out at the Competitors' Briefing.
- 3.3. General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- 3.4. **Events and Costs**
 - 3.4.1. Entry fee: £5 per person
 - 3.4.2. Jump cost: £21 per jump per person / £25 per jump for pool camera
 - 3.4.3. 4-Way Rotation Senior: 6 Rounds
 - 3.4.4. 4-Way Sequential Senior: 6 Rounds
 - 3.4.5. 2-Way Sequential Senior: 6 Rounds
 - 3.4.6. 2-Way Sequential Intermediate: 6 Rounds
 - 3.4.7. 2-Way Sequential Rookie: 6 Rounds
 - 3.4.8. Protest fee: £25
- 3.5. **Notes**
 - 3.5.1. Re-jumps: All re-jumps must be paid for.
 - 3.5.2. Medals: Teams entering with their own Videographer will be entitled to a medal for that Videographer if the team wins a medal.

4. ELIGIBILITY & DOCUMENTATION

- 4.1. All competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:
 - 4.1.1. Senior category teams - full valid BPA membership.
 - 4.1.2. Intermediate and Rookie category teams - valid BPA membership (Full or Temporary).
 - 4.1.3. European Union (EU) parachutists – prrof they are current members of their own country's parachuting governing organisation, 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.
 - 4.1.4. A current Medical Certificate/Declaration.
 - 4.1.5. A current and up-to-date Parachutists Log Book.
 - 4.1.6. Canopy Formation competitors must have their log book endorsed by their CI as being competent to participate in Canopy Formation at competition level, e.g. CF1 sticker or equivalent **for 2-way and CF2 sticker or equivalent for 4-way.**

- 4.2. **Sporting Licences** are not required for Canopy Formation Grand Prix events.

5. EQUIPMENT

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

- 5.1. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- 5.2. An Record of Inspection and reserve packing card.
- 5.3. Suitable helmet, clothing and footwear of a protective nature.
- 5.4. At least 2 knives appropriate for Canopy Formation use.
- 5.5. A visual altimeter.
- 5.6. All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

6. COMPETITION

- 6.1. **Aircraft:** At time of writing the competition aircraft are expected to be two Cessna Grand Caravans.
- 6.2. **Scheduling:** Teams will perform the rounds in which ever order facilitates the most economic use of the time available to complete the competition within the allotted time. Scores may therefore be posted out of numerical sequence.
- 6.3. **Officials:** Competition Officials will be announced to the Competitors during the Competitors' Briefing. The DZO has nominated D. Hickling as Meet Director.
- 6.4. **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.

7. DROP ZONE FACILITIES

Contact the hosting drop zone for information on their facilities.

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8. DRUG TESTING

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. **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!
- 8.3. 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).
- 8.4. 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 funding, 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.
- 8.5. 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.
- 8.6. 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

9. Video Submission

- 9.1. Teams are responsible for the submission of video for each round of competition. The minimum required format will be stated to competitors in advance of the competition, however item 4.9 of the competition rules (or FAI rules) provides more detail. The upload mechanism in use for the competition will be explained to team Videographers at or immediately after the Competitors' Briefing. Upload facilities may differ between competitions depending on facilities available at the hosting drop zone.

- 9.2. **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.

10. SELECTION CRITERIA

Teams must compete in at least one Grand Prix and the Nationals to be eligible to win the overall Grand Prix medal in their category.

11. COMPETITION RULES

This document should be provided in conjunction with a copy of the latest BPA Canopy Formation Technical Rules, form 291. In the event these are unavailable, the FAI/IPC Competition Rules for Canopy Formation 2019 Edition should be used.