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BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 IN 8 WAY SPEED

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Events: 8 Way Speed

N.B. No individual may enter in more than one team .

1. COMPETITION DATES

- a) The 8 way speed event will take place over the weekend Saturday 8 September 2012 to Sunday 9 September 2012.

2. OTHER DATES

- a) Entry Form and Entry Fees to arrive by 08:00 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012 (to UK Parachuting (Sibson). (Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on BPA Form 274).
- b) Booking in by: 08:00 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012
- c) Competitors Briefing: 08:30 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012
- d) Prize Giving 19.00 hrs Sunday 9 September 2012

3. ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Entry Fee must be sent to UK Parachuting (Sibson).
- 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: £25 per person

4. BOOKING IN

- a) All competitors must book in by: 08:00 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012.
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in

- c) 8 WAY SPEED £20 per person per round 10000' AGL
(see notes below)
- d) PROTEST FEE £10 Per Protest
- e) RE-JUMPS All re-jumps are to be paid for

Note: 1. Teams entering without their own nominated videographer will be charged an extra £5 per team per round (see tariff above). Teams entering with their own video-person will be entitled to a medal for that videographer.

Note: 2. The above tariff includes a BPA levy towards the British Team Fund of £5 per entry fee and £1 per person per jump.

5. 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 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.

- b) A current Medical Certificate/Declaration
- c) The competitors Current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.
- d) BPA National Parachutist Licence with FS1 Sticker

6. ELEGIBILITY

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 8.1.3.1.2., which covers residency and personal occupation"

<http://www.fai.org/component/phocadownload/category/?download=5347:sporting-code-general-section-2012-edition>

Only eligible competitors can become British Champions. There are no restrictions on the nationality of competitors in the Open Championships.

7. EVENT ELEGIBILITY

Eligibility for these events is covered in Appendix 1.

8. EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment, which should include:

- a) A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b) An equipment inspection record and a reserve packing card.
- c) Suitable clothing and footwear.

N.B. All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

9. COMPETITION AIRCRAFT

At time of writing the competition aircraft is expected to be:

2 x Cessna Grand Caravans

Teams will perform the rounds in whichever 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.

10. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

The competitors will be notified of the attending officials during the Competitions Briefing.

11. TROPHIES

All competitors who won Trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by the beginning of June 2012.

12. CATERING FACILITIES

On site catering is available throughout the day

13. 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 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.

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/component/phocadownload/category/511-anti-doping?download=5381:fai-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-form>

14. AIR TO AIR VIDEO

Teams are requested to inform UK Parachuting (Sibson) whether they will be competing with their own videographer or require one from the “pool”. Teams will not have a choice of pool videographer – it is possible that a different Videographer may be allocated for each round.

NB 1: It is recommended that each team bring their own videographer.

NB 2: Will all teams note – if videographers are jumping on more than one team then, after the competition draw, the order of jumping will only be altered with the full consent of all Team Leaders of the event in question, the Chief Judge and the Meet Director. However the Meet Director reserves the right to alter the order of jumping if required to benefit the running of the competition.

NB 3: ALL videographers are required to have camera helmets with no snag points and a single point of release cutaway system.

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.

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.

8 WAY SPEED RULES AND TECHNICAL CONDITIONS 2012

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the Championships. No departure from these rules is permitted.
- 1.2 The competition will be conducted in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code and Competition rules, with changes as 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 & Tie Breaks.

2. THE EVENTS

2.1 The event is as follows :

2.1.1 8 Way Speed - 6 Rounds

2.2 Objective of Speed Event

- 2.2.1 The objective is for a team to demonstrate a no grips / no show exit and build any 7 grip formation held for 2 seconds in the fastest possible time.
- 2.2.2 The lowest accumulated total time of all rounds completed is used to determine the final placing of teams.

2.3 Performance Requirement of Speed Events

- 2.3.1 The event will be run from minimum exit altitude of either:
 - 2.3.1.1 7000' AGL for teams who identify this to meet director
 - 2.3.1.2 9000' AGL as a default for all other teams
- 2.3.2 The event will be judged using a no show, no grip exit.
- 2.3.3 Scoring time per round is taken from the first person to exit the aircraft to the last grip completion plus two seconds held at the completed formation
- 2.3.4 Teams wishing to sit / head down fly in formation may have grips taken on legs or arms to score
- 2.3.5 All grips must, in the judges opinion, be controlled in order to score
- 2.3.6 Head down orientation docking is not permitted to be mixed with flat flying
- 2.3.7 The completed formation requires controlled grips between all 8 team members (7 grips) but does not require to be of any standard formations from FAI dive pools either FS or FF
- 2.3.8 The Chief judge, in conjunction with the meet director, may stop team members who show a lack of control in formation from competing
- 2.3.9 Teams who do not complete an 8 person formation will score 50 seconds for that round

3. DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN THESE RULES

- 3.1 **Formation:** consists of jumpers linked by grips.
- 3.2 **Grip:** consists of a handhold on an arm or leg OR a hand hold on a head for NON FS flyers only. As a minimum, a handhold requires stationary contact of the hand on an arm / leg / head. As

shown in diagram 4.2.

3.3 Body: consists of the entire competitor and their equipment.

3.4 Scoring formation: is any formation using stationary grips on arms or legs only held for 2 seconds after completion

3.5 Infringement: is the following:

1) An incomplete formation

3.6 Working Time:

Is the period of time during which teams are scored on a jump, which starts the first moment any competitor (other than the Videographer) separates from the aircraft, as determined by the Judges, and terminates a number of seconds later as specified in 2.3.9

4. DEFINITIONS OF SYMBOLS

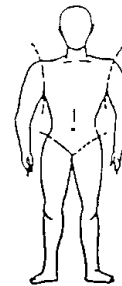
4.1 Visualisation for grip positions, (Ref: 3.2):

HEAD:

above the neck

ARM:

LEG:



5. GENERAL RULES

5.1 Gender Equality: Teams may consist of members of either or both sexes.

5.2 Jump Abortion: The team may choose not to exit the aircraft for any pertinent reason and land with the aircraft. Once any team member (other than the videographer) has left the aircraft the jump shall be evaluated and scored. A team that has landed with the aircraft shall be given a new opportunity to jump as soon as possible. The exit will be controlled by radio and commands relayed to the team in the aircraft by the pilot or crew. Exit commands will be made using an appropriate signal system

5.3 Weather Conditions: Adverse weather conditions during a jump are no grounds for protest. However, a re-jump may be granted due to adverse weather conditions, at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

5.4 The jump order as drawn at random may be changed after the completion of a full round or rounds, or as soon as a natural break occurs. The semi final and final rounds will be in reverse order of placings.

5.5 Air to Air Video Recording

5.5.1 Prior to the start of the competition, a freefall videographers briefing will take place.

5.5.2 A Freefall videographer will be allocated to each team who will record the video evidence required to judge each round. Where a team has its own videographer, the videographer will be allocated to that team. Only one of the team's videographers may be used on each jump.

5.5.3 For the purpose of these rules, "freefall video equipment" shall consist of the complete video system, or systems, used to record the video evidence of the team's freefall

performance, including the camera(s), video tape(s), tape recorder(s) and battery(ies).

- 5.5.4. A Video Controller will be appointed by the Chief Judge. The Video Controller will be responsible for ensuring the competence of all pool videographers (evidence of performance may be required) and that the tape transport speed of all freefall video equipment is operating accurately in real time.
- 5.5.5 Any freefall video equipment which does not meet the performance requirements as determined by the Video Controller, this equipment will be deemed to be unusable for the competition. After initial inspection, the Video Controller may re-inspect any freefall video equipment at any time which does not interfere with a team's performance, as determined by the Event/Chief Judge.
- 5.5.6 After recording each jump, the freefall videographer must turn off the freefall video equipment and not operate it or remove the video tape(s). As soon as possible after each jump is completed, the freefall videographer must deliver the freefall video equipment (including the tape(s) used to record that jump) to the Chief Judge, and/or his/her designee. This video evidence will be used to Judge the teams performance.
- 5.5.7 Only one videotape will be dubbed & judged.
- 5.5.8 A Video Review Panel will be selected by the Chief Judge and Meet Director. Decisions rendered by the Video Review Panel shall be final and shall not be subject to protest.
- 5.5.9 Videographers and/or observers appointed to jump with the Teams by the Chief Judge, shall be deemed to be team members. Any interference by said team members will not be grounds for a re-jump. Once any jumper other than the formation skydiving teams freefall videographer has left the aircraft the jump will be evaluated.
- 5.5.10 If the Video Review Panel determines that the freefall video equipment has been deliberately tampered with, the team will receive no points for all competition rounds involved with this tampering.

5.6 Exit Procedure

- 5.6.1 The exit may be controlled by radio and commands relayed to the team in the aircraft by the pilot or crew. Exit commands will be: "RUN-IN"-"STAND-BY" -"EXIT."

5.7 Malfunctions Problems with a competitor's equipment shall not be grounds for a re-jump.

5.8 Rejumps

- 5.8.1 Contact, or other means of interference, between a team and its freefall videographer shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.
- 5.8.2 Problems with a competitor's equipment shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.

5.9 Training Jumps: Training jumps may only take place prior to the start of the Championships.

6. RULES SPECIFIC TO EVENTS

6.1 8-Way Speed

- 6.1.1 The Team shall consist of 9 jumpers including the Team Captain and a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event.
- 6.1.2 The minimum exit altitude is
7000' AGL for teams that wish to exit lower
9000' AGL for all other teams

6.1.3 The maximum score time is 50 seconds.

6.1.4 The exit altitude and working time may be reduced, but only for a full round, or rounds.

7 PLACE TIES

7.1 Place Ties In the event of any ties in, the first three places will be decided by the team with the fastest time in a round beginning at Round **ONE**

	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6		
For example Team X	10s	9s	7s	10s	8s	6s	=	50s
Beats								
Team Y	10s	9s	8s	9s	8s	6s	=	50s

Team X's third round time is lower than Team Y.

8. JUDGING

- 8.1 Evaluation of each team's performance** A minimum of one Judge must evaluate each team's performance.
- 8.2** The Judge will watch each jump to a maximum of three times at normal speed.
- 8.3 Judging and Scoring** The Chief Judge is responsible for all judging and scoring.
- 8.4** Infringement marks (score of 50 seconds) will be assigned to the respective formation, if it has not been completed by 50 seconds
- 8.5** The chronometer will be operated by the judges or a person(s) appointed by the Chief Judge, and will be started as determined in Chapter 3.11.
- 8.6** If the judges use a score sheet to record their evaluation, they will operate their own chronometer and they will use the signs below. In this case the score sheets of all judges must be collected immediately after the judges have scored the jump for evaluation by the Event Judge. The results of the evaluation will be checked by the Chief Judge.

Situation

- Correct scoring formation...../
- Infringement 0

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ACCOMMODATION

UK Parachuting (Sibson) welcomes you to the 2012 8 Way Speed National Championships. The staff will endeavour to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. There are a few local rules we would ask you to abide by, plus of course all normal airfield regulations apply. The local area provides excellent amenities and any of the staff will supply you with information on the facilities available.

The Centre offers accommodation for around 22 people, which must be booked in advance. All accommodation is bunk bed. Rooms have 2 beds, 4 beds or 5 beds (all with heating). All rooms are lockable, but we do ask you not to leave valuables in them. Cost is £5 per night/person. Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow.

Camping is to the far side of the main hanger and is free. Before pitching a tent please check with a member of staff. This area is also used for parking, but we would ask you to ensure that a taxi way is kept clear to the fuelling points.

All Accommodation is to be booked through Andy Lapsley at the Phoenix Bar and Grill 07870694688

Food will be available all day from the centre bar.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

The Sibson Inn, Stibbington T: 01780 782227 www.sibsoninn.com
(Recommended place - will upgrade skydivers where possible).
Double Standard £60 Single Standard £60

Jemma Marshall's B & B, 87 Elton Rd, Wansford T:01780 783980
Double Standard & Single Standard Available & the closest to the Airfield

Wedgewood Cottage B & B, Wansford T: 01780 782200.
£30 per person per night.

Cross Keys, Wansford T: 01780 782266
Double Standard & Single Standard Available

The Haycock Hotel, Wansford T: 01780 782223 www.thehaycockhotel.co.uk
Double Standard £125 Single Standard £85

Marriott Hotel T: 01733 371111
Double B&B From £70 to £112 Discounts/offers available

The Sleep Inn, Alwalton T: 01733 396850
Double Standard & Single Standard Available
Holiday Inn Express, Alwalton T: 01733 284450
Travel Lodge, Alwalton T: 01733 231109 Family Rooms £50
Please note: Prices are subject to change.

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LOCAL REGULATIONS

1. Please do not smoke in the accommodation blocks, around aircraft or fuelling points or in either hanger.
2. You must aim for the centre of the PLA
3. Please observe any C of G limitations inside the aircraft, and do not practise exits from the aircraft without permission.
4. Please keep the airfield area tidy, bins will be provided for rubbish.
5. The Team Leader of each Team will be considered to be the jumpmaster for that Team and should therefore ensure that he is familiar with his duties according to the BPA regulations.
6. An indoor packing area is available.
7. No kite flying on the airfield.