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UK SKYDIVING LEAGUE 2012 RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR 4-WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING

The 4-Way F.S. competitions will be in four categories: AAA, AA, A, Rookie. All competitors must be at least Grade 1 in FS (FS1). The competition will be up to six rounds per event excepting FS Nationals, which may have a higher number of rounds

1. GENERAL

- a. The UKSL Competitions will be conducted where practicable in accordance with BPA National and World Championship rules, except where specific changes have been made for judging and scoring purposes to determine the placing and winners of the UKSL Competitions and Overall Champions.
- b. The BPA Anti-Doping Policy and Rules (See BPA Form 220) apply to all competitors at Grand Prix / UKSL Competitions. By entering a Grand Prix Competition, all competitors agree to take a random drugs test if required – failure to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification
- c. All participants will accept these rules as binding on entering the competitions.
- d. Before the start of each competition Team Leaders and Officials will decide whether enough teams/individuals have entered to allow all categories to be contested. If an agreement cannot be reached the Officials will have the final decision.
- e. At the pre-competition briefings any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Management and must be adhered to. **At least 1** representative of each team is expected to be present for the competition briefing.
- f. Prizes will be awarded for each UKSL competition and for the Overall Champions. The Overall Champions will receive their awards at the BPA Annual General Meeting.
- g. Each discipline will be contested at four different events. The scores of Teams will be used to establish the total scores and positions in the Overall League Table.
- h. The BPA will provide funding towards the provision of Officials and necessary equipment for judging. The Drop Zone host will charge for jumps at as near normal price as possible. An Entry fee for each competition may be charged by the host Club up to a maximum of £5.
- i. Competition will have a start and end time dictated by the DZ Operator and Officials at the end of the registration period.
- j. Teams may register from the 23rd April or the Friday evening preceding the actual competition.
- k. There will be a minimum of one round to call a meet. In the event of the minimum number of rounds not being completed the competition will be continued at the DZ Operators convenience. Teams not registered at the original competition can enter but will not be eligible for prizes.
- l. All rounds not fully completed will be re-drawn at the new competition.
- m. Wind Tunnels: Competitors are not allowed to use a wind tunnel (free fall simulator) after the draw has been made (FAI rule 4.4 – page 3).
- n. Teams may not change team members between different meets including the National championships.

2. DOCUMENTATION

All competitors on booking in will produce the following:

- a. A valid BPA membership. 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. Current Medical declaration or Doctor's certificate.
- c. Log Book.

3. EQUIPMENT

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

- a. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.

- b. An equipment inspection record and a reserve packing card.
- c. A serviceable altimeter and suitable helmet, clothing and footwear.

N.B. All of paras 1 and 2 (above) must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

4. THE EVENTS

4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – AAA Class

- a. Using any of the Block and Random formations drawn from the F.S. pool. Each round will consist of 5 or 6 formations.
- b. Each team will consist of four team members including the Team Captain plus a videographer. One alternate may be nominated, but the Team Captain must do so before the start of the competition.
- c. The judging will be in line with the National and World Championship rules where practicable.

4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – AA class

- a. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event. Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year.
- b. The exit altitude is 3,050 metres AGL (10,000 feet AGL).
- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. In accordance with **FAI RULE 3.1.3**
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used with the following 16 Blocks for the draw:

Blocks: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
- f. The judging will be in line with the BPA National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 4 or 5 scoring formations per round.

4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – A class

- b. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event. Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year.
- b. The exit altitude is 3,050 metres AGL (10,000 feet AGL).
- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. In accordance with **FAI RULE 3.1.3**
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used with the following 8 Blocks for the draw:

Blocks: 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 21
- f. The judging will be in line with the BPA National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 3 or 4 scoring formations per round.

4-WAY SEQUENTIAL - Rookie

- a. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event. Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year.
- b. The exit altitude is 3,050 metres AGL (10,000 feet AGL).

- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. Please see para 6.
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used.
- f. Judging will be in line with the BPA National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 3 scoring formations per round.

5. SCORING SYSTEM FOR UKSL AND OVERALL CHAMPIONS

For judging purposes each completed formation executed correctly within the working time will score one point. The addition of the number of points scored in completed rounds only will determine the order of team placing for each event.

In the event of a tie a jump-off should take place, weather/time permitting, at the Chief Judges discretion. If a `jump-off' is not possible the team with the highest score in any round will take the higher placing. If all scores are tied, the team with the highest last round score will win working back towards round 1. If a winner cannot be determined still, the fastest team to the last scoring formation in the last complete round will win. This is a change from previous years in line with IPC rules.

	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6		
For example Team X	10	9	9	11	8	6	=	53
				Beats				
Team Y	10	9	9	9	9	7	=	53

Team X's highest score is higher than Team Y.

Once the placings have been established points will then be awarded in a descending order as follows:

1st place	10 points	6th place	3 points
2nd place	8 points	7th place	2 points
3rd place	6 points	8th place	1 points
4th place	5 points		
5th place	4 points		

Place points will be added together and carried forward through the UKSL Competitions and at the end of each year will determine the Overall Team champions in F.S. for each event.

Prizes will be awarded for the first three teams in each contested event at the UKSL Competitions. Prizes will be awarded for the Champion team per event overall during the year.

6. 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.

FAI RULE 3.1.3 applies

For meteorological reasons only, and with the consent of the Chief Judge, the Meet Director may change the exit altitude and/or working time and continue the competition. In this case the following conditions will apply:

Working time will be:

20 or 35 seconds for 4-Way event.

The reduced working time must be used if the exit altitude is lowered.

The next round must commence if the working time is changed.

The minimum exit altitude will be:

2150 meters / 7000 feet AGL.

The maximum exit altitude will be 3960 meters / 13000 feet AGL for all events.

7. UKSL 2012

Parallel UKSL points will be awarded for ALL disciplines at ALL the National Championships. This means that there will effectively be four competitions in all disciplines to decide the Overall UKSL Champions for 2012.