

SECTION 14

RIGGING

1. GENERAL

1.1. Repair and Manufacture.

The repair and manufacture of all parachute equipment may only be carried out by the following:

- 1.1.1. BPA Rigger Examiners (RE)s, Advanced Riggers (ARs) and Parachute Riggers (PRs), or Basic Riggers (BRs) under training (who must have all work inspected by their supervising rigger).
- 1.1.2. Recognised parachute equipment manufacturers.

1.2. Assembly.

The assembly of parachuting equipment may only be carried out by the following:

- 1.2.1. Those listed in para 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. above.
- 1.2.2. Advanced Parachute Packers.
- 1.2.3. Holders of the appropriate packing certificate(s).

2. BASIC RIGGER (BR)

2.1. The qualifications required for Basic Rigger training are as follows:

- 2.1.1. Must be a full BPA Member
- 2.1.2. Must hold an Advanced Packer (S) qualification.
- 2.1.3. Have a written recommendation from a CCI or Advanced Rigger, who has known the candidate for a minimum of six months.

- 2.1. To become a Basic Rigger the candidate must fulfil the requirements of the Basic Rigger Course Syllabus (BPA Form 199). There are two methods of pursuing this course of training, as listed in the course syllabus.
- 2.2. BRs may carry out all the requirements of the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus prior to attending a Parachute Rigger Course, under the direct supervision of a PR.
- 2.3. The work limitations, record keeping and currency requirements of the Basic Rigger rating are detailed in the Basic Rigger Course Syllabus.

3. PARACHUTE RIGGER (PR)

- 3.1.** To become a Parachute Rigger (PR) the candidate must first have successfully completed Basic Rigger training (either method). The candidate must then attend a Parachute Rigger Course as per the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus (BPA Form 200).
- 3.2.** The work limitations, record keeping and currency requirements of the Parachute Rigger rating are detailed in the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus.

4. ADVANCED RIGGER (AR)

- 4.1.** The qualifications required to attend an Advanced Rigger Course are as follows:
 - 4.1.1. Must have been a PR for at least two years.
 - 4.1.2. Have a written recommendation from an Advanced Rigger, who has known the candidate for a minimum of six months.
- 4.2.** The Advanced Rigger candidate must fulfil the requirements of the BPA Advanced Rigger Course as per the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus (BPA Form 201).
- 4.3.** PRs may carry out all the requirements of the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus prior to attending an Advanced Rigger Course, under the direct supervision of an AR.
- 4.4.** The work limitations, record keeping and currency requirements of the Advanced Rigger rating are detailed in the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus.

5. RIGGER EXAMINER (RE)

- 5.1.** The qualifications required to attend a Rigger Examiner Course are as follows:
 - 5.1.1. Must have been an AR for at least two years.
 - 5.1.2. Must have attended a 'Methods of Instruction' lecture on a BPA Instructors' Course, or can demonstrate a instructional experience and background.
- 5.2.** The Rigger Examiner candidate must fulfil the requirements of the BPA Rigger Examiner Course Syllabus as per the Rigger Examiner Course Syllabus (BPA Form 202).
- 5.3.** The work limitations, record keeping and currency requirements of the Rigger Examiner rating are detailed in the Rigger Examiner Course Syllabus.

6. EVALUATION/EXAMINATION APPEALS

Any candidate who fails an evaluation or examination for any rigger or RE qualification may appeal against such a decision. In the first instance such appeal must be made to the STC, via the Riggers' Committee. STC's subsequent ruling will be referred to Council for ratification and a further appeal may be made to Council at that time.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

Rigger Examiners must be fully aware of their responsibilities towards every BPA member and to the candidate he/she may be assessing, and to the consequences which may flow from an accident due to faulty rigging. If there is any reasonable doubt in the mind of a RE that a candidate he/she is assessing is too inexperienced, is temperamentally unsound or is in any other way unsuitable then the RE must not sign the rating.

8. RIGGER RATING RENEWALS

Rigger ratings expire on the 31st March each year. To renew a rigger's rating the rigger must satisfy an Advanced Rigger, or a Rigger Examiner in the case of a RE rating renewal, that he/she is current in all aspects of rigging relevant to their status.

N.B. Advanced Riggers or Rigger Examiners may not endorse their own rating renewal applications.

9. BREACH OF OPERATIONS MANUAL

The Chairperson of the Riggers' Sub-committee may, in consultation with the Technical Officer and/or National Coach and Safety Officer deal with a rigger/packer alleged to be in breach, or suspected breach of the Operations Manual, in a number of ways:

- 9.1.** Be dealt with informally by way of a letter setting out the allegation/breach and, if appropriate, advising the rigger/packer as to their future conduct, or
- 9.2.** The allegation/breach should be referred to the Riggers' Sub-Committee, or STC to decide if a formal Tribunal is required, or
- 9.3.** Form a Panel of Inquiry to investigate the matter further.

N.B. Tribunal Proceedings – Rules and Procedures can be found on BPA Form 256.

