



SAFETY INFORMATION

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PROBLEMS WITH VERY HIGH PERFORMANCE CANOPIES

Jumpers are still getting injured, some seriously, because they are not flying their high performance canopies (Blue Tracks, Excaliburs etc.) correctly.

- 1) Hook Turns, especially under the above type canopies (due to rapid height loss in the manoeuvre) can be dangerous.
- 2) Mid-air collisions continue to happen, because of the greater forward speed of these canopies. 'All round observation' must take place for the entire canopy ride.
- 3) Violent canopy collapsing can result in these canopies not being able to be re-inflated and necessitating a cut away, be aware of altitude.
- 4) Display Team Leaders should consider carefully if these type of canopies should be used on demos (especially small arenas in low wind conditions).

VERY HIGH PERFORMANCE CANOPIES NEED TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT.

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