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BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
CANOPY FORMATION

Sunday 8 September to Tuesday 10 September 2019

Entry Forms: must be with the Meet Director by 19:00 Saturday 7 September 2019

(BPA Form 274 Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on the BPA website)

Competitors' Briefing and Draw: will start at 20:00 Saturday 7 September 2019

Prize Giving: the latest start time will be 19:00 Tuesday 10 September 2019

1. VENUE

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Hours of Operation: 09:00 – 17:00 every day.

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.
- 2.4. The draw will be done live in front of all Competitors. 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 Draw
- 2.6. 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 through the BPA website, social media, or other channels. Entry forms and fees must be with the Meet Director by 20:30 Saturday 7 September.
- 3.2. In the event of any Competitor being unable, through personal commitments, injury or any other reason, to complete any part of the competition, **no** outstanding jump fees will be refunded.
- 3.3. Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to elimination rounds.
- 3.4. **Events and Costs**
 - 3.4.1. Entry fee: £5
 - 3.4.2. Jump cost: £21 per jump per person

4-Way Rotation (Senior)	6 Rounds
4-Way Sequential (Senior)	6 Rounds
2-Way Sequential (Senior)	6 Rounds
2-Way Sequential (Intermediate)	6 Rounds
2-Way Sequential (Rookie)	6 Rounds
 - 3.4.3. Protest fee: £50 per protest

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. To participate in the British National Championships a Competitor can either hold a British Passport or meet the criteria laid down in the FAI rule 3.1.3.1.2. Please refer to the FAI Sporting Code – General Section, which can be found on the documents page of the FAI website: www.fai.org/ipc-documents
- 4.2. Only Senior category Competitors can become British Champions for consideration for BPA sponsorship. There are no restrictions on the nationality of Competitors in the Open Championships.
- 4.3. All Competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:
 - 4.3.1. British Championship Senior Category Teams - full valid BPA membership.
 - 4.3.2. British Championship Intermediate and Rookie Category Teams - valid BPA membership (full or temporary).
 - 4.3.3. Open Class Competitors - A valid BPA Membership (full or temporary), except in the case of other European Union (EU) parachutists, who must provide proof that 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.
 - 4.3.4. A current Medical Certificate/Declaration.
 - 4.3.5. A current and up-to-date Parachutist's Log Book.
 - 4.3.6. 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 / CF2 sticker or equivalent.
- 4.4. **Sporting Licences** Sporting Licences are not required for entry into the British National Championships. However, any competitor who feels they or their team may achieve a world record during the Nationals (or at any other time) must have (a) current Sporting Licence(s) prior to achieving that record. Also, any competitor wishing to be eligible to represent the UK at a World Championships or World Cup must be eligible for a current UK Sporting Licence (eligibility criteria can be found on BPA Form 110). Competitors may obtain a new Licence or the current 'stamp' at any time. Applications for a Sporting Licence or Sporting Licence renewal stamp must be made using BPA Form 110 directly to the BPA office. A fee applies. Sporting Licences or currency stamps will no longer be issued at BPA Clubs. Sporting Licences should be applied for at least one month before the National Championships, as the BPA will require supporting documentation for those competitors not holding a UK passport. The Sporting Licence holder must be included on an FAI database by the BPA, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.

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. A Record of Inspection and reserve packing card.
- 5.3. A 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 the time of writing, the competition aircraft is expected to be a Beech 99 with a second Beech 99 available as a backup aircraft.
- 6.2. **Scheduling:** Teams will perform the rounds in which ever 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.
- 6.3. **Officials:** Competition Officials will be announced to the competitors during the Competition Briefing. The DZO has nominated Jason Snailham as the Meet Director.
- 6.4. **Prize Giving**
 - 6.4.1. 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. It will start no later than 19:00 10 September.
 - 6.4.2. 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 *AND* has won the event in its entirety.
- 6.5. **Trophies:** All competitors who won CF Trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by the beginning of June 2019.

7. DROP ZONE FACILITIES

Skydive Buzz welcomes campervans and camping.

Snacks and drinks are available at the on-site café and the neighbouring Aviator Café offers drinks, breakfasts, lunches and dinners (www.tacbar.com).

The Drop Zone has shower facilities, which require £1 coins

Please contact Skydive Buzz for further information on on-site and local facilities and accommodation

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 sponsorship, 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) goes into 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. COMPETITION AIMS

- 10.1. To determine the British National Champions in Canopy Formation.
- 10.2. To determine the British standings of the competing Teams.
- 10.3. To establish selection guidelines for National Teams to be invited to attend FAI Category 1 Events in 2020.
- 10.4. To promote and develop Canopy Formation Competition.
- 10.5. To strengthen the British Canopy Formation community.
- 10.6. To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- 10.7. To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

In the event of any circumstances that result in no National Championship competition jumps, the criteria used for the British team/s or individuals to be selected will be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

11. COMPETITION RULES

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

NB. LOCAL REGULATIONS

- Drive slowly down the parachute centre entrance and use designated parking areas.
- The fuel compound is out of bounds.
- Strictly NO smoking allowed around the aircraft, re-fuelling points, the fuel compound building. Smoking is now banned in and around all Centre buildings.
- Keep the Centre's facilities and airfield area tidy, bins are provided for rubbish.
- To assist in the smooth running of the manifest, can all Team Members ensure that they are familiar with and cleared to carry out pre-jump kit checks on their fellow Team Members. Please ensure that your log book is signed up by your local club CCI or nominated instructor's endorsement.
- ALL parachutists must be checked and signed off before boarding the aircraft.
- Each Team Leader will be considered to be the Jumpmaster for that Team and should therefore ensure that they and all the Team members adhere to the BPA and Skydive Buzz rules and regulations at all times. The Team Leader will sign on the manifest to accept responsibility for their Team.
- It is the Jumpmaster's responsibility to ensure that he or she is familiar with all aircraft procedures, and to ensure a Clear Drop has been received prior to exit.
- It is each Competitor's responsibility to land in the designated area on the DZ whenever possible. Unnecessary off-landings are not acceptable.
- If you land in crops please leave via the shortest route following the crop line.
- ALL parachutists will report back to the DZ Controller after their descent. The Team Leader will usually be responsible for reporting that their Team, including Videographer, is checked in as safe.