Suggested Instructor brief for dispatching Accelerated Free Fall (AFF) Consolidation Students pre-AFF Level 8

The dispatching instructor is to check the following:

1. The weather conditions are suitable.

2. The student is equipped, briefed & flight-line checked.

3. The student is seated in a suitable position in the aircraft; helmet & restraint fitted, if applicable (it’s possible this could be the students first consolidation jump).

4. The student receives a pre-jump check.

5. The dispatching instructor to watch the students exit (if possible, get video).

6. The instructor liaises with an AFF Instructor with regards to progression, prior to progressing and debriefing the student and only an AFF Instructor can clear, brief and dispatch the student for AFF level 8.

7. As the student has always been dispatched at altitude the suggested minimum exit altitude is approximately 9,000 feet AGL.

Note: As the student has not completed a low level jump (Level 8) the instructor should ensure the conditions are suitable prior to boarding the aircraft, or if they are not at the point of exiting, an instructor will have to descend in the aircraft with the student (as per Section 3, British Skydiving Operations Manual).

In an aircraft emergency it is suggested the instructor follows these guidelines (depending on Chief Instructor requirements):

Below 1000ft AGL; stay on board unless catastrophic aircraft failure.

Between 1000ft AGL and 3000ft AGL; out on reserve.

Above 3000ft AGL; out on main.