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# CATEGORY SYSTEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR (CSBI), CATEGORY SYSTEM INSTRUCTOR (CSI) & ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR (AI), TRAINING SYLLABUS

## 1. CATEGORY SYSTEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR (CSBI)

The qualifications to attend a CSBI Course are in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 1 (Category System Basic Instructor). Prior to attending a CSBI Course the candidate must have completed the CSBI Proficiency Card (Form 254a) and have it available on the first morning of the course.

- a. During the CSBI Course candidates will be given lessons/lectures (where possible) on the following subjects:
  - i Responsibilities of a Skydiving Instructor.
  - ii The Qualities required of a Skydiving Instructor.
  - iii Methods of Instruction.
  - iv The Training Progression and Safety Regulations.
  - v Equipment, Maintenance and Basic Rigging.
  - vi Drop Zone Management.
  - vii Flying for Skydiving.
  - viii Incident Procedures.
  - ix Basic Meteorology.
  - x Display Skydiving.
  - xi First Aid.
  - Xii Radio Procedures.
- b. Assessments may also be made of candidates personal skydiving skills and of their dispatching of other skydivers.
- c. Practical lessons will take place, and may include the following:
  - i Specimen Lessons.
  - ii Candidate Teaching Practices on Lessons / Lectures and Briefs from the Instructors Manual and including a brief for dispatching AFF consolidations prior to obtaining their Level 8 (See Form 286 for suggested guidelines).
  - iii Additional Canopy Training (CT) brief.
  - iv Flight Line Checking.
  - v Briefing and De-briefing of Students.
  - vi Briefing of Pilots.
  - vii Aircraft Drills.
  - viii Use of training aids.
- d. Discussion periods will take place and an Open Forum may be conducted.
- e. A written examination will take place towards the end of the Course, covering some aspects covered during the Course and on the requirements of the Operations Manual.
- f. After successful completion of the Course. The candidate will spend a Probationary Period of a minimum of 6 months working under the supervision of their CI during which time they will be involved in the training of Student Skydivers (up to British Skydiving 'A' Licence).
- g. During the candidate's Probationary Period they must keep a record of Students trained.

## 2. CATEGORY SYSTEM INSTRUCTOR (CSI)

CSBIs must successfully complete a CSI Course before being awarded CSI status. Qualifications for CSI status are in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 4 (Category System Instructor).

*N.B. TBIs or AFFBIs may not attend a CSI Course. TBIs or AFFBIs wishing to become a CSI must first attend a full CSBI Course.*

- a. The CSI Course will last up to five days in duration. During this time, the candidate will be assessed by at least two Instructor Examiners (IEs) on lectures and ground training periods. Dispatching of Static Line skydivers and personal skydiving will be assessed if conditions permit. During the period a written examination will be undertaken by the CSBI, with a minimum pass mark of 70% to be achieved. This examination paper may be on such subjects as:
  - i Basic parachute maintenance (recognition of faults, bad assembly, material damage and contamination).
  - ii Student problems/situations.
  - iii Aircraft problems/situations.
  - iv Documentation.
  - v Displays - legal requirements etc.
  - vi Basic First Aid (fractures, concussion, shock etc).
  - vii Accidents/fatalities - action to be taken.
  - viii British Skydiving Operations Manual.
- (b) On satisfactory completion of the above, two IEs will sign the qualification of the CSBI, and they will then be awarded CSI status and will be qualified to instruct/coach Student Skydivers (up to British Skydiving 'A' Licence).
- (c) Should a CSBI fail to qualify, they may be recommended to attend a CSI Course again.

## 3. ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR (AI)

Qualifications for AI status are in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 7 (Advanced Instructor).

### a. Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course

Candidates wishing to become AIs must first attend a Pre-Advanced Instructor Course of up to five days' duration. During the period a written examination will be undertaken by the candidate, with a minimum pass mark of 80% to be achieved. During the course the candidate may be required to:

- i Organise and give a brief for a Water Jump, Night Jump or Display Jump.
  - ii Give a lesson on the responsibilities of a Jumpmaster, first 'Grade 1' descent and a brief for training a 'jump pilot'.
  - iii Give a Category System Lecture.
  - iv Give a Methods of Instruction lecture.
  - v Give a Drop Zone Management lecture.
  - vi Give an Incident Procedure lecture.
  - vii Submit a paper on an advanced subject and present the paper.
  - viii Critique/Coach CSBIs.
  - ix Demonstrate their personal skydiving ability.
  - x Give any of the Lesson/Lectures from the basic training syllabus.
- b. On completion of the Course the candidate will be recommended to either attend another Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course after a specified period of time, or attend a AI Examination Course for upgrading to Advanced Instructor after a minimum period of time specified by the IEs on the Course. Though the candidate must attend within 18 months or re-attend another Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course.
  - c. **Advanced Instructor Examination Course**

Candidates attending this Course, which is for a period of up to five days, may be required to complete any of the requirements of the Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course.
  - d. On satisfactory completion of the AI Examination Course, two IEs will sign the qualification of the candidate and they will be awarded Advanced Instructor status.
  - e. Should the candidate fail to qualify; they may be recommended to attend an Advanced Instructor Examination Course again.