
TANDEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR (TBI) & TANDEM INSTRUCTOR (TI), TRAINING SYLLABUS

1. TANDEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR (TBI)

Qualifications to attend a TBI Course are in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 2 (Tandem Basic Instructor). Prior to attending a TBI Course the candidate must have completed the TBI Proficiency Card (Form 254b) and have it available on the first morning of the course.

- a. During the TBI 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.
- b. Assessments may also be made of the candidate's personal skydiving skills.
- c. Practical lessons will take place, and may include the following:
 - i Specimen Lessons/briefs.
 - ii Candidate's Teaching Practices on Tandem Student Skydivers briefs.
 - iii Kitting up Tandem Students.
 - iv Tandem Exits.
 - v Aircraft Drills.
 - vi Use of training aids.
 - vii Tandem Equipment packing
- d. Discussion periods will take place and an Open Forum will 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, until attending a Tandem Instructor Course, working under the direct supervision of a Tandem Instructor (TI), during which time they will be involved in the briefing, kitting up of Tandem Students and Tandem Parachute Packing. The TBI may not make any Tandem descents.
- g. During the candidate's Probationary Period they must keep a record of work carried out.

2. TANDEM INSTRUCTORS (TI)

Qualifications to attend a TI Course are in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructors). Prior to attending a TI Course, the candidate must have completed the TI Proficiency Card (form 254e) and have it available on the first morning of the course.

N.B. There is no minimum period a TBI rating must be held before attending a Tandem Instructor Course. (This also applies to a CSBI wishing to attend a TI Course).

a. During the Course candidates will be given lessons/lectures and be revised on the following aspects:

- i Equipment.
- ii Main Canopy Packing Inspection.
- iii Packing Sequence.
- iv In Aircraft, Exits and Emergency Drills.
- v Freefall and Drogue Fall.
- vi Main Deployment and Canopy Equipment Checks.
- vii Steering and Landing the Canopy.
- viii Student Briefing and harness Fitting.
- ix Equipment Checks.
- x In Air Emergencies.
- xi Malfunctions and Emergency Drills.

b. A great deal of Suspended Harness work will take place.

c. During the Course a minimum of nine (maximum 12) descents will be made in which all objectives must be achieved:

Four descents with a suitable container;

- i Stable exit, drogue deployment and system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- ii Stable exit, drogue deployment, system check, turns under drogue and system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- iii Stable exit, turns, drogue deployment, system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- iv Unstable exit, turns, drogue deployment, system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.

Five descents with a British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver acting as a Student Tandem Skydiver.

- i Stable exit, drogue deployment, system check, turns under drogue, system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- ii Unstable exit recover, drogue deployment, system check, turns under drogue, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- iii Stable exit, turns, drogue deployment, system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- iv Unstable exit, turns, drogue deployment, system check, deploy main at 6,000 ft. AGL.
- v Stable exit, deploy main in five seconds from 7,000 ft. AGL (Hop and Pop).

N.B. As many descents and landings as possible will be videoed.

d. A written examination will take place towards the end of the Course, covering aspects covered during the Course and on the requirements of the Operations Manual.

e. Practical assessments of the candidate's 'Tandem' teaching ability will take place.

f. Discussion periods will take place and an Open Forum may be conducted.

g. After successful completion of the Course the candidate will be awarded Tandem Instructor status for the specific type of Tandem system they were evaluated on.10