

SECTION 3

JUMPMASTERS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. A Jumpmaster (JM) is at least a British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver appointed to take charge of the skydivers on any particular aircraft lift. They will normally be the most experienced skydiver on board. No aircraft with more than one skydiver on board will take off without a JM being appointed.
- 1.2. If the nominated JM exits prior to the last pass, a second suitably qualified JM is to be nominated to take charge of subsequent passes.
- 1.3. British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydivers and above acting as JM may only dispatch British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydivers or above. Student Skydivers must be dispatched by an instructor (except in the case of 1.5. below).
- 1.4. If for any reason a Student Skydiver does not jump, an instructor (who is not the pilot) must remain in the aircraft with the Student Skydiver(s).
- 1.5. British Skydiving 'C' Licence skydivers or above preparing to attend, or whilst attending a Category System Basic Instructor (CSBI) Course may dispatch Student Skydivers under direct supervision of at least a Category System Instructor (CSI).
- 1.6. AFF Students may be dispatched on their consolidation jumps by at least a CSBI or AFFBI, but only AFFIs are permitted to dispatch or jump with AFF Students on all AFF Levels, including Level 8. Non AFFIs will only follow out consolidation students after successful completion of their Level 8. *(see Section 2, Paragraph 5, sub-para 5.10.4).*
- 1.7. JMs must have available to them in the aircraft a suitable knife for use in case of emergency.
- 1.8. Jumpmasters must ensure that skydivers do not exit the aircraft if conditions are not suitable (see Section 8 – Parachuting Limitations).

2. RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1. JMs are responsible for briefing their pilots before take-off on all relevant points concerning the requirements of the skydivers to be dropped. They will also ensure that all skydivers below British Skydiving 'C' Licence have been fully briefed.
- 2.2. In an emergency JMs will, if practicable, seek and follow the instructions of the pilot. If this is not possible, they will use their own judgement and act accordingly (see Section 10 – Safety, para 1)
- 2.3. The JM is responsible for ensuring that all skydivers below British Skydiving 'B' Licence on board have been checked.
- 2.4. British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydivers and above are responsible for ensuring that they have been checked.
- 2.5. JMs must be satisfied that aircraft movement on the ground, or in the air, within or close to the PLA/DZ will not endanger descending skydivers before dispatching any part of the lift.
- 2.6. The dropping of the Wind Drift Indicator (WDI) and subsequent spotting must be carried out by, or supervised by, the JM.