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**BRITISH SKYDIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

**CANOPY FORMATION**

**Friday 4 August to Sunday 6 August 2023**

**VENUE**

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**COMPETITION AIMS**

- To determine the British National Champions in Canopy Formation.
- To determine the British standings of the competing Teams.
- To establish selection guidelines for National Teams to be invited to attend FAI Category Events in 2024.
- To promote and develop Canopy Formation Competition.
- To strengthen the British Canopy Formation community.
- To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- 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 Elite Performance Committee (EPC).

**COMPETITION & PRACTICE DATES AND TIMINGS**

Entry Forms: must be with the Meet Director by 08.00 am on Friday 4 August

British Skydiving Form 274 Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on the British Skydiving website.

Competitors' Briefing and Draw: The competitors briefing and draw will be at 19.30 hrs on Thursday 3 August.

There will be a second briefing at 0800 hrs on Friday 4 August for those not able to make the Thursday briefing in order to facilitate a prompt start.

Prize Giving: the latest start time will be 18.00hrs Sunday 6 August.

## **EVENTS, ENTRY FORMS & FEES**

Entry forms will be made available prior to the competition through the British Skydiving website, social media, or other channels. Entry forms and fees must be with the Meet Director by 08.00hrs Friday 4 August.

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.

Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Event.

However, this does not apply to elimination rounds.

### **Events and Costs**

Entry fee: £15 per person

Jump fee: £25 per jump per person

Protest fee: Nil

Re-jumps: All re-jumps must be paid for.

Medals: Teams entering with their own Videographer will be entitled to a medal for that Videographer if the team wins a medal.

## **ELIGIBILITY & DOCUMENTATION**

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/isc-documents](http://www.fai.org/isc-documents)

Only Senior category Competitors can become British Champions.

There are no restrictions on the nationality of Competitors in the Open Championships.

All Competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:

British Championship Senior Category Teams - full valid British Skydiving membership.

British Championship Intermediate and Rookie Category Teams - valid British Skydiving membership (full or temporary).

Open Class Competitors - A valid British Skydiving Membership (full or temporary)

A current Medical Certificate/Declaration.

A current and up-to-date Parachutist's Log Book.

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

### **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 British Skydiving 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 British Skydiving Form 110 directly to the British Skydiving office. A fee applies. Sporting Licences or currency stamps will no longer be issued at British Skydiving Parachute Training Organisations (PTOs).

Sporting Licences should be applied for at least one month before the National Championships, as British Skydiving will require supporting documentation for those competitors not holding a UK passport. The Sporting Licence holder must be included on the FAI database by British Skydiving, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.

### **GENERAL**

All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the event. No departure from these rules is permitted.

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 EPC and ratified by the Council of British Skydiving. 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.

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.

The draw will be done live in front of all Competitors. The draw may be made by use of competition draw generating software.

At least one representative of each team is expected to be present for the Competitors' Briefing and Draw

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.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment. This must consist of:

A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.

A Record of Inspection and reserve packing card.

A suitable helmet, clothing and footwear of a protective nature.

At least 2 knives appropriate for Canopy Formation use.

A visual altimeter.

All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual.

### **Aircraft:**

At the time of writing, the competition aircraft is expected to be three C208 Caravans.

### **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.

### **Officials:**

Competition Officials will be announced to the competitors during the Competition Briefing. The DZO has nominated Rich Wheatley as the Meet Director.

### **Prize Giving:**

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 18:00 6<sup>th</sup> August

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.

### **Trophies:**

All competitors who won CF Trophies last year are asked to return them to the British Skydiving Office if they are not attending the Nationals.

## DROP ZONE FACILITIES

- Cafe servicing hot and cold food
- Large landing area
- Bathroom Facilities
- Camping

## DRUG TESTING

British Skydiving 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 British Skydiving's Anti-Doping Policy and Rules are set out in **British Skydiving Form 220** which is downloadable from the British Skydiving website and available on request from the British Skydiving Office.

**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! For further information, please see the anti-doping page of the British Skydiving website: <https://britishskydiving.org/competitions/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).

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. British Skydiving 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.

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.

Any competitor with a TUE must attach a copy to the competition entry form and must also file a copy with the British Skydiving Office before he or she competes.

TUE forms may be downloaded from the anti-doping section of the FAI website:

<https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>

## VIDEO SUBMISSION

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.

Licence to use Images: In entering this competition, competitors agree to grant the British Skydiving a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use any video or other images submitted to the competition for training and judging purposes.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

This document should be provided in conjunction with a copy of the latest British Skydiving Canopy Formation Technical Rules, form 291 (2023). In the event these are unavailable, the FAI/ISC Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, 2023 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 British Skydiving and DZs 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.