

## **SECTION 13**

### **DISPLAY SKYDIVING**

#### **1. TEAM LEADER**

All display teams must have a Team Leader, who must fulfil the requirements of a Team Member (see para 3 below), plus the following:

##### **1.1. Additional Requirements**

- 1.1.1. A minimum of 300 descents.
  - 1.1.2. A minimum of 30 display descents.
  - 1.1.3. Has passed a written examination, administered by the STO or COO on display procedures and flying operations.
  - 1.1.4. A written recommendation of a CI or an Advanced Instructor who is a current display team leader is required before taking the written examination.
- 1.2.** The Team Leader is responsible for the skydiving and flying operations carried out by that Display Team.
- 1.3.** It is the Team Leader's responsibility to make available to every team member, the British Skydiving Operations Manual and other information as may be necessary to enable them to perform their duties. Team Leaders must also ensure that amendments to the British Skydiving Operations Manual are incorporated.
- 1.4.** British Skydiving and CAA are to be notified in writing not less than seven days in advance of any intended change of the team leader.
- 1.5.** The Team Leader may delegate various responsibilities to qualified subordinates. This may be by the subordinate signing a form to accept responsibility for a specific area/duty. The Team Leader is to ensure that any person accepting responsibility is aware of what that responsibility entails.

#### **2. TEAM REGISTRATION**

- 2.1.** Display teams are to register annually with British Skydiving (from 1<sup>st</sup> April), using Form 120. The team will then receive a Certificate of Registration.
- 2.2.** Display Teams must also complete CAA form SRG1313 applying for a CAA Permission. This completed form must be sent to the British Skydiving HQ, who will then forward same to the CAA.

#### **3. TEAM MEMBERS**

##### **3.1. Jumpmaster (JM)**

- 3.1.1. British Skydiving 'C' Licence holder, with a minimum of 300 descents.
- 3.1.2. A minimum of 20 display descents.
- 3.1.3. Must be nominated and fully briefed on their responsibilities as a JM by the team leader.
- 3.1.4. Must satisfy the team leader of their capability to carry out their responsibilities, (a logbook endorsement will suffice).

### **3.2. British Skydiving 'C' Licence Holders**

- 3.2.1. Must have carried out a minimum of 5 consecutive, pre-declared, simulated, display landings, landing within 5 metres of the centre of the target. These must be carried out annually, prior to any display descents being carried out for the calendar year and these must be recorded in the skydiver's log and signed by a British Skydiving team leader or British Skydiving CI.
- 3.2.2. May give displays using PLAs of not less than 5,000 square metres, of which the minimum width must be 50 metres. The PLA must be free from Major Hazards and not more than 10% of the area may be taken up with Minor Hazards. In all such cases adequate overshoot areas must exist on all sides.
- 3.2.3. Skydivers should not intentionally land closer than 15 metres to the edge of the arena.
- 3.2.4. The minimum Opening Height for British Skydiving 'C' Licence skydivers on a display is 1,500 ft AGL.
- 3.2.5. Skydivers holding British Skydiving 'C' Licence may make night displays provided they have at least 500 descents. (Also see Section 8, para 9).

### **3.3. British Skydiving 'B' Licence Holders**

- 3.3.1. Must have a minimum of 100 descents. Must have carried out a minimum of 5 consecutive, pre-declared, simulated, display landings, landing within 10 metres of the centre of the target. These must be carried out annually, prior to any display descents being carried out for the calendar year and these must be recorded in the skydiver's log and signed by a British Skydiving team leader or British Skydiving CI.
- 3.3.2. May give displays using PLAs of not less than 20,000 square metres, of which the minimum width must be 100 metres. The PLA must be free from Major Hazards and not more than 5% of the area may be taken up with Minor Hazards. In all such cases adequate overshoot areas must exist on at least 3 sides.
- 3.3.3. Skydivers should not intentionally land closer than 30 metres to the edge of the arena.
- 3.3.4. Must have their CI's written approval, (logbook endorsement will suffice).

### **3.4. Dropping Zone Controller**

- 3.4.1. The DZ Controller on a display must be a responsible British Skydiving member, who holds, or has held a British Skydiving 'B' Licence and has been fully briefed on their duties and responsibilities by the Team Leader.
- 3.4.2. The DZ Controller must have at least the following on a display:
  - a. Ground to air signals.
  - b. A method of measuring wind speed and direction.
  - c. Access to first aid equipment and emergency services.
  - d. A written 'Incident Procedure'. The Team Leader must have briefed the DZ Controller on that procedure.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. Skydivers must be fully familiar with the equipment they intend using on a display.
- 4.2. Skydivers taking part in displays must be equipped with ram-air reserves.
- 4.3. Skydivers taking part in displays must use equipment fitted with an operational AAD, which must be switched on prior to jumping.
- 4.4. The above sub-para (4.3 above) does not apply to skydivers taking part in water displays.
- 4.5. Ancillary equipment such as cameras, flags, smokes etc should not be carried by jumpers for at least their first 5 display descents.

#### 5. CANOPY FORMATION (CF)

Canopy Formation may only be carried out on displays by British Skydiving 'C' Licence skydivers of proven CF ability (CF2) and they must be cleared to do so by the Team Leader, (a logbook endorsement will suffice).

#### 6. HIGH PERFORMANCE LANDINGS

High performance swoop landings may only be carried out on displays by British Skydiving 'C' Licence skydivers of proven Canopy Training Grade 3 (CT3) ability or above, and they must be cleared to do so by the Team Leader, (a logbook endorsement will suffice). Conditions and landing area size must be taken into account before permission is given.

#### 7. CURRENCY

- 7.1. Team Leaders are responsible for ensuring the currency of all team members, prior to any display.
- 7.2. All display skydivers must have completed a minimum of 100 descents in the 2 years prior to the display being carried out, of which 20 must have been within the 3 months prior to the display and of which 5 of the 20 must have been on the same type and size of canopy which is to be used on the display.
- 7.3. The 5 descents on the same type and size of canopy requirement (7.2 above) do not apply to water displays.

#### 8. PREPARATION PROCEDURE

- 8.1. Display PLAs must be visited and reconnoitred by an experienced team member before a display is due to be given. Existing and anticipated hazards must be plotted.
- 8.2. Written permission of the Landowner(s), or landowner(s) agent(s) must be obtained.
- 8.3. Liaise with local Police and inform of time and location of display.
- 8.4. Complete Form 185 and send it to British Skydiving HQ ([info@britishskydiving.org](mailto:info@britishskydiving.org)) and CAA ([arops@caa.co.uk](mailto:arops@caa.co.uk)).
- 8.5. Use the Airspace User Portal (<https://aup.nats.aero/>) to notify NATS of display details

- 8.6.** Where the skydiving display is taking place on the same day and the same location as an ANO Article 86 Flying Display, the Flying Display Director (FDD) must be contacted before the event to obtain the FDD's permission and co-ordinate the activity. The FDD has the ultimate responsibility for the safe operation during the effective times of a Flying Display and can delegate the supervision, planning, organisation, and subsequent running of a skydiving drop to the skydiving team leader.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1. Annual Returns**

All display teams are required to submit Annual Returns to the British Skydiving HQ, as soon as possible after the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, giving the following information:

9.1.1. Dates and locations of each display, for the calendar year.

9.1.2. Number of skydivers on each display.

### **9.2. Incident Reports**

British Skydiving also requires reports of any display that has not gone according to plan. These reports must be submitted giving all relevant details (Forms 117-119, where applicable) as soon as possible after the incident has taken place.