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**BRITISH SKYDIVING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 2024**

PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION

**1. TITLE OF THE COMPETITION**

The 16<sup>th</sup> British Skydiving National Vertical Formation Skydiving Championships.

**2. AIMS OF THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

To determine the British champions of Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS).

To determine the British standings of the competing teams.

To establish selection guidelines for national teams and individuals to be invited to attend FAI Category 1 events in 2025.

To promote and develop Vertical Formation Skydiving events.

To exchange ideas and strengthen friendly relations between sport parachutists, judges and support personnel.

To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.

To improve judging methods and practices.

**3. COMPETITION VENUE**

**3.1. Venue**

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**3.1.1. Events**

VFS 4 way – 8 rounds

VFS 2 way – 8 rounds

Note 1: No individual may enter in more than one team for 2-way or 4-way VFS.

Note 2: With the exception of:-

a) Videographers wishing to participate in more than one team.

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Any individual wishing to comply with note 2 will require written approval from the Meet Director, to be applied for at least 7 days in advance of the event draw. Although every effort will be made to accommodate competitors wishing to enter 2 teams after this date, it will be subject to approval of the Meet Director following review with the host dropzone.

### 3.2. Competition Dates

Saturday 14th September 2024 to Sunday 15th September 2024 inclusive. No reserve weekend.

#### 3.2.1. Other Dates

- a) Early Bird Entry fees, by **10:00 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.
- b) Entry forms after early bird: 10:00 Friday 13th September 2024 (National's Entry Form and Indemnity Form can be found on British Skydiving Form 274)
- b) The draw will be done live in front of all competitors and any rules/clarifications agreed between the competitors, Meet Directors and Chief Judge. **At least 1** representative of each team is expected to be present for the competition briefing and draw.

### 3.3. Entry Forms and Fees

- a) All Competitors must be registered by **10:00 Friday 13 September 2024**.
- b) Completed forms must be accompanied by the relevant entry fees at that time or before. Team captains are responsible for payment of the entire team's entry fees.
- c) General entry fees are NOT refundable under any circumstances. Full refunds will only be available for jumps not taken due to incomplete events.
- d) In the event of any competitor being unable, through personal commitments, or any other reason, to compete in any part of the competition, **NO OUTSTANDING JUMP FEES WILL BE REFUNDED**.

**Early Bird Entry fee per person = £20 - (up to 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)**  
**Entry fee per person = £30 - (after 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)**

<b>Jumps</b>	Jumps are priced at £26.00 per person.
<b>Protest fee</b>	N/A
<b>Rejumps</b>	£26.00 per person.

### 3.4. Documentation

All competitors will be required to produce the following minimum documentation when booking in:-

- Medical Certificate Declaration (Form 114) – current and valid.
- The competitor's current and up-to-date Parachutists Log Book.
- FAI Licence.
- FF2 or equivalent. For 2-way, see section 4.1

### Membership

British Nationals Championship Category Teams – **Full** valid British Skydiving membership.

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## Open Class (guest) Competitors

A valid British Skydiving Membership (Full or Temporary)

### Sporting Licence

Sporting Licences are not required for entry into the British National Championships. However, any competitor who feels he/she/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 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 an FAI database by British Skydiving, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.

### 3.5. Equipment

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment, which should consist of:-

A serviceable main and reserve in a suitable harness/container system. This must be "freely friendly" (at discretion of CI).

The use of an electronic Automatic Activation Device (AAD) and audible altimeter is mandatory.

An "in date" equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.

Suitable clothing and footwear.

Camera helmets should have no snag points and preferably have a single point of release cutaway system, which will be at the discretion of the CI.

*Note: All equipment and documentation must comply with the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual. Competitors are reminded that they are required to jump with a visual altimeter and a knife.*

### 3.6. Video Format

Teams are responsible in ensuring compatibility of the freefall equipment with the scoring system.

(see part B 4.5.2)

### 3.7. Competition Aircraft

At the time of writing the competition aircraft is expected to be:-

3x Cessna Caravan single turbine (up to 15 jumpers per aircraft)

Each numbered round will be performed from one specific aircraft type.

Teams will perform the rounds in whichever 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.

### 3.8. Catering and Accommodation

Full catering facilities will be available.



#### 4. ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the British Nationals, British Skydiving complies with the FAI rules regarding eligibility:-

Please refer to the FAI Sporting Code – General Section, which can be found on the documents page of the FAI website: <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>  
Only Advanced/Open category eligible competitors can become British Champions and/or be considered for sponsorship by British Skydiving.

#### 5. GENDER

Teams may consist of competitors of either or both sexes.

#### 6. 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. 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 funding, 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://fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>

#### 7. MEET DIRECTOR TERMS OF REFERENCE

The meet director is responsible as follows:-

- Ensure liaison with the Drop Zone for the administrative co-ordination of the event schedule.

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- Ensure a visible point of contact amongst the competitors is maintained at least for 25% of the event time to allow the opportunity for feedback and clear access to officials.
- To have the casting vote on any matters identified by the chief judge.

## 8. WIND TUNNELS

Competitors are not allowed to use a wind tunnel from Draw until the end of the competition (if a reserve weekend is required then wind tunnels may be used until the draw of the reserve event till the end of that competition).

## 9. LICENCE TO USE IMAGES

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

## 10. TEAM CAPTAINS

- Each team shall appoint a Team Captain.
- The Team Captains shall attend meetings called by the Meet Director for the purpose of obtaining competitor advice or opinion and for purposes of the draw.

## END PART A.

## PART B - GENERAL RULES

### 1. COMPETITION

The competition will be conducted under the authority granted by British Skydiving according to the regulations. All participants accept these rules together with those laid down in the British Skydiving operations manual/ and or any local SOP regulations as binding by registering in the competition.

### 2. DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN THESE RULES

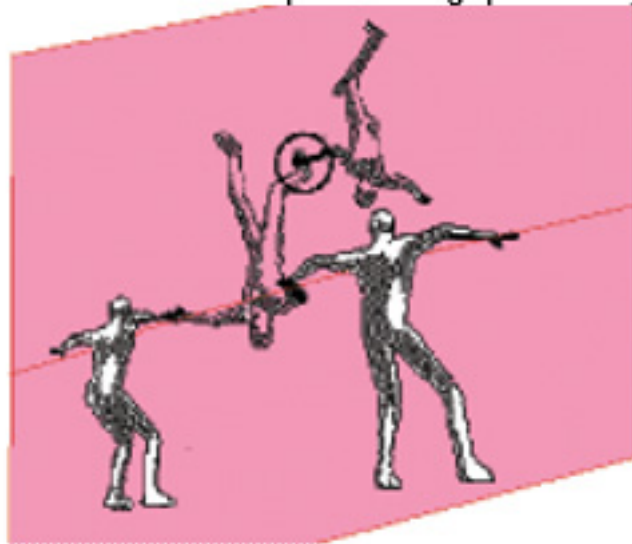
- 2.1. Formation: consists of competitors linked by grips. For VFS with each competitor in the correct orientation.
- 2.2. Grip:- consists of a stationary contact between any part of the palm side of the hand and/or fingers, and an arm leg or foot of another jumper as shown in 7.2.
- 2.3. Grip line:- this is the line linking the torsos of two competitors via their arms or legs and feet and the grip that joins them.
  - 2.3.1. For 4 way VFS (advanced) clarification regarding random (0) – There is an imaginary vertical plane passing through the handgrips, with outside competitors having hand grips on one side of the vertical plane and the competitor taking the leg grip on the other side of the vertical plane. No grip line may cross the vertical plane within the formation.

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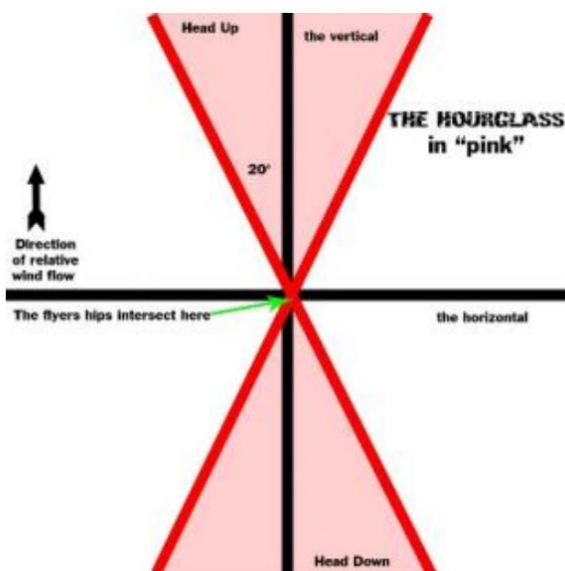
- 2.3.2** For 2 way VFS (Intermediate) clarification regarding randoms (F), (J) and (P) - The torsos of both competitors must be on the correct side of the grip line for the grips to be valid.



- 2.4.** Body:- consists of the entire competitor and their equipment.
- 2.5.** Dive Pool:- consists of the Random Formations and Block Sequences depicted in the addenda to these rules.
- 2.6.** Subgroup:- is the individual jumper, or linked jumpers, required to complete a designated manoeuvre during the inter of a block sequence.
- 2.7.** A subgroup's centerpoint:- is one of the following:  
1. The defined grip or the geometric centre of the defined grips within a subgroup of linked jumpers.  
2. The geometric centre of an individual's torso.
- 2.8.** Total Separation:- is when all competitors show at one point in time they have released all their grips and no part of their arms have contact with another body.
- 2.9.** Inter:- is an intermediate requirement within a block sequence which must be performed as depicted in the dive pools.
- 2.10.** Sequence:- is a series of random formations and block sequences which are designated to be performed on a jump.
- 2.11.** Scoring formation:- is a formation which is correctly completed and clearly presented either as a random formation or within a block sequence as depicted in the dive pool, and which, apart from the first formation after exit, must be preceded by a correctly completed and clearly presented total separation or inter, as appropriate.
- 2.12.** Infringement:- is one of the following:  
1. An incorrect or incomplete formation which is followed within working time by either
  - a total separation or,
  - an inter, whether correct or not.
2. A correctly completed formation preceded by an incorrect inter or incorrect total separation.
3. A formation, inter, or total separation not clearly presented.



- 2.13. Omission:-** is one of the following:
1. A formation or inter missing from the drawn sequence.
  2. No clear intent to build the correct formation or inter is seen and another formation or inter is presented and there is an advantage to the team resulting from the substitution.
- 2.14. Working Time:-** is the period of time during which teams are scored on a jump which starts the first moment any competitor (other than the Videographer) separates from the aircraft, as determined by the Judges, and terminates a number of seconds later as specified in 3.1.
- 2.15. NV:** Formations, inters, or total separations not visible on screen due to meteorological conditions (such as rain, clouds, Sun etc), or factors relating to the Videographer's freefall video equipment that cannot be controlled.
- 2.16. Judgement Call:-** An assessment by the judges of a formation, infringement or omission that is not unanimous.
- 2.17. VFS Orientation**



**2.17.1. "The Vertical":** An imaginary line running parallel to the relative wind (see diagram)

**2.17.2 "The Horizontal":** An imaginary line running perpendicular to the relative wind (see diagram)

**2.17.3 "The flyer's line":** An imaginary, straight line of infinite length, roughly following the flyer's spine, from the centre of the flyer's hips through the centre of the flyer's head and beyond.

**2.17.4 "The Hourglass":** The acceptable range of deviation from the Vertical that a flyer's line may take when meeting an orientation requirement (head up or head down). A flyer's orientation shall be judged with The Vertical and the Horizontal intersection at the flyer's hips.

**2.17.5 "Head Up":** The flyer's line must fall within, and remain within, the upper portion of the Hourglass.

**2.17.6 "Head Down":** The flyer's line must fall within, and remain within, the lower portion of the Hourglass.

**2.17.7 "Bellyflying" or "Belly to Earth" orientation** requires that the competitor's torso is in a horizontal (prone) position, with the front of the torso toward the earth. (Bellyflying is not currently used in VFS formations)

**2.17.8 "Backflying" orientation** requires that the competitor's torso is in a horizontal (prone) position, with the back of the torso toward the earth. (Backflying is not currently used in VFS formations)

**2.18. Zenith:** Point of the celestial sphere located vertically above the head of an observer.

### **3. THE EVENTS**

**3.1.** The discipline will be comprised of the following events:-

a) VFS 4 way – 8 rounds using:-

Only using the follow randoms and blocks from Addendum E & F:

Blocks: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22

Randoms: A, C, E, H, J, K, L, P, Q

Addendum E: Current Vertical Formation Skydiving 4-Way Block Pool Advanced &

Addendum F: Current Vertical Formation Skydiving 4-Way Random Pool Advanced

b) VFS 2 way – 8 rounds using:-

Addendum G: Vertical Formation Skydiving Intermediate 2-Way

**3.1.1.** N/A

**3.1.2.** All VFS events: Exit altitude is 3960 meters / 13 000 feet AGL.  
Working Time is 35 seconds.

**3.1.3.** N/A

**3.1.4.** For meteorological reasons only, and with the consent of the FAI Controller or the Chief Judge, the Meet Director may lower the exit altitude and/or working time and continue the competition. In this case the following conditions will apply:-

**3.1.4.1.** The working time will be 20 or 35 seconds for the VFS events.

The reduced working time must be used if the exit altitude is lowered (ref 3.1.2). The exit altitude and/or working time may only be changed for one or more whole rounds.

**3.1.4.2.** The minimum exit altitude will be 2750 meters / 9000 feet AGL for the VFS events.

The maximum exit altitude will be 3960 meters / 13000 feet AGL for all events.

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**3.1.5.** Where possible the Meet Director will attempt to schedule VFS rounds at times when the sun is not within 20 degrees of the zenith to allow the team videographer to clearly video their team. Consideration should also be given to aircraft run in for all events to minimise sun interference on exit.

### **3.2. Objective of the Events**

**3.2.1.** The objective of the event is for the team to complete as many scoring formations as possible within the working time, while correctly following the sequence for the round.

**3.2.2.** The accumulated total of all rounds completed is used to determine the placing of teams. Only one completed round is required to declare champions.

**3.2.2.1.** If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied to determine the final placings:-

- i. One tie break round, if possible (for the first three placings only). The tie break round will be the next drawn round of the competition,
- ii. the highest score in any completed round,
- iii. the highest score starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken,
- iv. The fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last formation scored within infringement by both teams in the last completed round. Starting time must be that used for original evaluation of the jump.

### **3.3. Performance Requirements**

**3.3.1.** Each round consists of a sequence of formations depicted in the dive pools of the appropriate addendum, as determined by the draw.

**3.3.2.** It is the responsibility of the team to clearly present the start of working time, correct scoring formations, inters and total separations to the judges.

**3.3.3.** Scoring formations need not be perfectly symmetrical, but they must be performed in a controlled manner. Mirror images of random formations and whole block sequences are permitted. For VFS mirror images are only permitted when set in a vertical plane.

**3.3.4.** In sequences, total separation is required between block sequences, between random formations, and between block sequences and random formations.

**3.3.5.** Where degrees are shown, (180°, 270°, 360°, 540°), this indicates the approximate degrees and direction of turn required to complete the inter as intended. The degrees shown are approximately that amount of the circumference of the subgroup's centerpoint to be presented to the centerpoint(s) of the other subgroup(s). For judging purposes, the approximate degrees and direction of turn of subgroups centerpoints will



be assessed using only the two dimensional video evidence as presented. Degrees of turn must be in a single direction.

**3.3.6.** Contact is allowed between different subgroups during the inter of a block sequence. If an inter requires orientation change of a subgroup, no grip may be taken between that subgroup and any other subgroup during the orientation change.

**3.3.7.** Where subgroups are shown, they must remain intact as a subgroup with only the depicted grips on other jumpers in that subgroup.

**3.3.8.** Assisting handholds on other bodies in a scoring formation are not permitted.

**3.3.9.** Handholds by the jumper on their own body within a subgroup or a scoring formation are permitted.

**3.3.10.** For VFS no grip line (ref. 2.3) may cross another grip line within a formation.

## **4. GENERAL RULES**

**4.1.** Teams may consist of competitors of either or both sexes.

**4.1.1.** Individuals competing in all categories of VFS must hold FF2 (or equivalent at the discretion of the Meet Director).

**4.1.2** Videographers for 2-way VFS holding only FF1 may be permitted to compete at the discretion of the Meet Director.

### **4.2. The Draw**

**4.2.1.** The draw of the sequences will be done publicly and supervised by the Chief Judge. Teams will be given not less than two hours' knowledge of the results of the draw before the competition starts.

**4.2.2.** Event Draws: All the «Block Sequences» (numerically numbered) and the «Random Formations» (alphabetically marked) shown in the appropriate addenda will be singularly placed in one container. Individual withdrawal from the container, (without replacement) will determine the sequences to be jumped in each round.

Each round will be drawn so as to consist of:-

- a) 3 or 4 scoring formations, whichever number is reached first for VFS 4 way.
- b) 3 or 4 scoring formations, whichever number is reached first for VFS 2 way.

**4.2.3.** Use of Dive Pool: Each block or formation will be drawn only once for the scheduled rounds of each competition. In the event that additional rounds are necessary, due to the tie-breaking jump-off, the dive pool for this round will consist of the blocks and formations which were not drawn for the scheduled rounds. In the event that all of the remaining blocks and formations do not complete the tie breaking round, the draw will continue from an entire original dive pool in that event, excluding any blocks or formations which have already been drawn for that round.



**4.3.** Competitors are not allowed to use a wind tunnel (freefall simulator) after the draw has been made.

#### **4.4. Jump Order**

**4.4.1.** The jump order for each competition round should be determined by the jump master of each lift.

#### **4.5. Video Transmission and Recording**

**4.5.1.** Each team shall provide the video evidence required to judge each round. Each freefall Videographer must use the video transmission system if provided by the Organiser.

**4.5.2.** For the purpose of these rules, "freefall video equipment" shall consist of the complete video system(s) used to record the video evidence of the team's freefall performance, including the camera(s), recording media, and battery(ies). All video equipment must deliver a High Definition 1080 type digital signal with a minimum frame rate of 50 frames per second, through a memory card. The videographer is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of the freefall video equipment with the scoring system.

**4.5.3.** As soon as possible after each jump is completed, the freefall videographer must deliver the freefall video equipment (including the media used to record that jump) for dubbing at the designated dubbing station. The video evidence must remain available for viewing or download until all scores are posted as final.

**4.5.4.** Only one video recording will be dubbed and judged. Secondary video recordings may only be used in NV situations.

**4.5.5.** The dubbing station will be as close to the landing area as possible.

**4.5.6.** A Video Controller will be appointed by the Chief Judge prior to the start of the Judges' Conference. The Video Controller may inspect a team's freefall video equipment to verify that it meets the performance requirements as determined by him/her. Inspections may be made at any time during the competition which does not interfere with a team's performance, as determined by the Event Judge. If any freefall video equipment does not meet the performance requirements as determined by the Video Controller, this equipment will be deemed to be unusable for the competition.

**4.5.7.** A Video Review Panel will be established prior to the start of the official training jumps, consisting of the Chief Judge, the President of the Jury, and the FAI Controller. Decisions rendered by the Video Review Panel shall be final and shall not be subject to protest or review by the Jury.

**4.5.8.** If the Video Review Panel determines that the freefall video equipment has been deliberately tampered with, the team will receive no points for all competition rounds involved with this tampering.



**4.5.9** The Organizer must provide the teams with a way of identification of the team showing the team number to be recorded by the Videographer just before exit. The recording should continue with the jump without a stop in recording.

#### **4.6. Exit Procedure**

**4.6.1.** There are no limitations on the exit other than those imposed by the Chief Pilot for safety reasons.

**4.6.2.** The exit will be controlled by radio and commands relayed to the team in the aircraft by the pilot or crew. Exit commands will be made using an appropriate signal system.

#### **4.7. Scoring**

**4.7.1.** A team will score one point for each scoring formation performed in the sequence within the allotted working time of each round. Teams may continue scoring by continually repeating the sequence.

**4.7.2.** For each omission three points will be deducted. If both the inter and the second formation in a block sequence are omitted, this will be considered as only one omission.

**4.7.3.** If an infringement in the scoring formation of a block sequence is carried into the inter (ref. 2.9.), this will be considered as one infringement only, provided that the intent of the inter requirements for the next formation is clearly presented and no other infringement occurs in the inter.

**4.7.4.** The minimum score for any round is zero points.

#### **4.8. Rejumps**

**4.8.1.** In a NV situation, the video evidence will be considered insufficient for judging purposes, and the Video Review Panel will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding that occurrence. In this case a rejump will be given unless the Video Review Panel determines that there has been an intentional abuse of the rules by the team, in which case no rejump will be granted and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

**4.8.2.** Contact or other means of interference between competitors in a team and/or their Videographer shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.

**4.8.3.** Adverse weather conditions during a jump are no grounds for protest. However, a rejump may be granted due to adverse weather conditions, at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

**4.8.4.** Problems with a competitor's equipment (excluding freefall video equipment) shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.

#### **4.9. Training Jumps**

**4.9.1.** *Training jumps are not applicable at this event.*



## 5. JUDGING

- 5.1. The competition jumps will be judged as the Videographer provides the video evidence. The Chief Judge may modify this procedure with the consent of the Meet Director.
- 5.2. The judging will, as far as practical circumstances allow (landings out, rejumps etc), be judged in the reverse order of placing. The Event Judge may vary this to attempt to ensure that teams receive their scores prior to performing their next rounds.
- 5.3. Three Judges must evaluate each team's performance.
- 5.4. The Judges will watch the video evidence of each jump (1) one time at normal speed to determine points in time. The moment of freeze frame at the end of working time will be determined at the first viewing. If a judgement call occurs, a second viewing of the jump or part(s) of the jump will be conducted at normal or reduced speed between 50-90 percent of normal speed. At the request of the Event Judge a (3rd) third view of part(s) of the jump can be conducted at normal or reduced speed. The speed of the second- and third viewings (normal or reduced) will be determined by the Event Judge. The Chief Judge will decide prior to the start of the Competition the percentage of reduced speed to be used for the different Events. The freeze frame from the first viewing will be applied on each viewing.
  - 5.4.1. If, after the viewings are completed, and within fifteen seconds of the knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed at reduced speed in accordance with 5.4. If the review results in a four to one (or unanimous decision for panels of fewer than five) by the Judges on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly. Only one review is permitted for each jump.
- 5.5. The Judges will use the electronic scoring system to record their evaluation of the performance. The Judges may correct their evaluation record after the jump has been judged. Corrections to the evaluation record can only be made before the Chief Judge signs the score sheet. All individual judge's evaluations will be published.
- 5.6. A majority of Judges must agree in the evaluation in order to;
  - i. credit the scoring formation, or
  - ii. assign an infringement, or
  - iii. assign an omission, or
  - iv. determine an NV situation.
- 5.7. The chronometer will be operated by the Judges or by a person(s) appointed by the Chief Judge, and will be started as determined in 2.14. If Judges cannot determine the start of the working time, the following procedure will be followed. Working time will start as the videographer separates from the aircraft and a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.



## 6. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- 6.1. Teams for the 4-way category will consist of five (5) members including the Videographer, and may be of either or both sexes. Teams for the 2 way category will consist of three (3) members including the Videographer, and may be of either or both sexes.
- 6.2. Subject to any manifesting constraints competitors, including Videographers may compete in more than one team or event if agreed before the start of any event. See Part A, section 3.1.1.
- 6.3. Each team shall appoint a Team Captain. The Team Captain shall attend meetings called by the Meet Director for the purpose of obtaining competitor advice or opinion and for purposes of the draw.

## 7. DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS

7.1. Coding in the Dive Pool annexes is as follows:-

7.1.1

Indicates direction of turn by the subgroup



7.1.2

Indicates turn by the subgroup in either direction



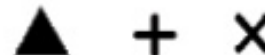
7.1.3

Indicates turns by all subgroups



7.1.4 a)

Indicates clarification of intent VFS



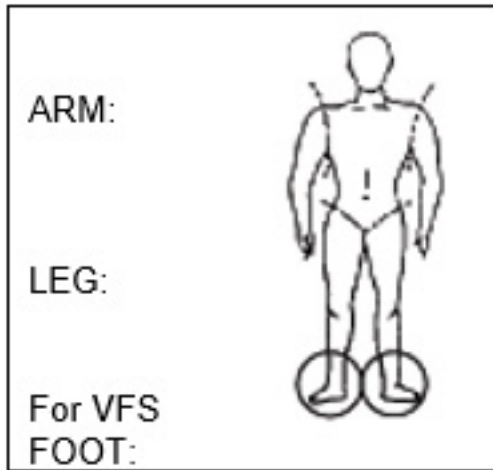
7.1.4 b)

Indicates clarification of intent FS



7.2. Visualisation for grip positions, ref Part B 2.2.





## 8. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 8.1. The event will consist of up to ten (10) rounds.
- 8.2. Minimum rounds to complete a competition is one (1) round.

## 9. TROPHIES AND MEDALS

A Trophy will be awarded to the British National Champions. Medals in the British National championships will be awarded to competitors placed first (gold) second (silver) and third (bronze). In the Open event, only a gold medal may be awarded, and then only if the winner is ineligible for the British Nationals AND has won the event in its entirety.

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.

## 10. FINAL DECISION

These rules will take precedence at all times, however, if due to ambiguity or omission, these rules are not deemed by the Chief Judge to be clear, the Chief Judge will refer to the FAI rules, if then no final conclusion can be reached from the FAI rules, the Chief Judge will refer the matter to the Meet Director whose decision will be final and binding.

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### ADDENDA

Addendum E: Current Vertical Formation Skydiving 4-Way Block Dive Pool Advanced  
Addendum F: Current Vertical Formation Skydiving 4-Way Random Dive Pool Advanced  
Addendum G: BPA Vertical Formation Skydiving Intermediate 2-Way Dive Pool

**END PART B.**

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