
RIGGER EXAMINER COURSE SYLLABUS

Aim

This is an examination period to qualify Advanced Riggers up to Rigger Examiner status.

Duration

The course is held over a period of 14 days – 4 days attending an Advanced Packer course, and two sets of 5 days attending two separate Basic Rigger courses.

Course Instructors

- 2 Rigger Examiners per course from different establishments
- Maximum of 2 candidates per course.

Requirements

Requirements to attend the Rigger Examiner Course are listed in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 14, sub section 5.

N.B. Candidates' instructional ability will be thoroughly tested during all phases of the Rigger Examiner Course.

Examination Syllabus

In addition to the 14 days of teaching, the candidate will also -

- Present 10 questions for the British Skydiving Rigging Examination question pool
- Present a paper on an aspect of rigging work. This should ideally be based on the latest developments with regard to parachute equipment, but the main aim is to produce a paper that will help train and educate parachute riggers.

Advanced Packer Course

- Instruct in at least 4 lessons
- Demonstrate a reserve repack to candidates
- Coach candidates as required
- Complete training records
- Recommend any changes in the course to the Examiners.

From the Advanced Packing Course Syllabus, Form 169:

N.B. 1 Advanced Riggers are to run their first courses with a Rigger Examiner and must have completed a "Methods of Instruction" lecture on a British Skydiving Instructors' Course.

N.B. 2 On completion of the first course with a Rigger Examiner, the course report will include a recommendation or otherwise for the AR to run future courses. This will be submitted to the Riggers Subcommittee, for the British Skydiving HQ to record on the list of those qualified to run Advanced Packing Courses.

N.B. 3 The Advanced Packing Course section should be completed as either the first or second part of the overall three sections of the Rigger Examiner Course. If it was the first part, then the candidate must have been involved in the running of an AP course within 2 years of Part 2 (BR Course).

Method One Basic Rigger courses

- Instruct in at least 4 lessons on candidate's first BR course, with remaining lessons given on second BR Course.
- Demonstrate ability to give all lectures from the Basic Rigger course syllabus.
- Assist Examiners with the course planning and preparation.
- Assist Examiners as necessary during the course.
- Coach Basic Riggers as required.
- Check each candidate's course work.
- Mark all candidates' training records with the assistance of the Examiners.
- Complete a course report.
- Debrief candidates.
- Recommend any changes in the course to the Examiners.

Establishments

- Those wishing to run a Rigging Course must apply to the Rigger's Subcommittee for permission, giving details of facilities etc.
- Form 237 lists the British Skydiving Rigging Loft Minimum Criteria to be met.

Records

All Rigger Examiners are required to submit course reports to the British Skydiving HQ and the Riggers' Subcommittee for any Rigging Courses that they run. These will detail the type of course, candidates and examiners attending and candidates' performance.

Currency

- Rigger Examiner ratings expire on 31 March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date.
- To renew a Rigger Examiner rating, a Rigger Examiner must be satisfied that the RE is current and up to date with current practices and have attended at least 1 rigging course within 2 years. However, if the Rigger Examiner has been teaching Method 2 (200hour) Basic Riggers this can be extended to 1 Course within three years.
- Rigger Examiners who are unable to satisfy the course currency requirements may request an 'exemption' from the Riggers' Subcommittee, by applying each year with an explanation.
- Rigger Examiners in training who have not completed their total 14 days, are required to maintain currency on the BR/PR courses in the same way as a qualified Rigger Examiner. Thus, if 2 years have passed since doing either a PR/BR course during their training period, they should re-attend for re-currency or apply to the Riggers' Subcommittee with an explanation and request for an exemption. (The method 2 extension does not apply)