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## BRITISH SKYDIVING'S DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

British Skydiving has replaced the Skills Coaching Roadshow programme with Development Events. Whereas the Skills Coaching Roadshow programme focused on discipline-specific coaching provided by British Skydiving's elite athletes, the Development Event scheme has a wider scope in terms of what kinds of activities it might cover, who can deliver them, and the kind of support it offers. By opening up its support in this way, British Skydiving aims to assist a broad range of events that respond to the needs of those at an early stage of their skydiving journey, and to help more experienced members build sound organising and coaching skills. This change sees British Skydiving shift its focus to events that develop fundamental progression skills and improve safety, but also promote inclusion and enhance the skydiving journey of less experienced members, alongside building on the talent and enthusiasm of more experienced members and those looking to develop skills across coaching, load organising and mentoring.

Under the Development Event scheme, members of British Skydiving can apply for up to £1500 to support the running of a Development Event. This might cover, for example, the cost of running an event that prepares jumpers for entry level competition, or the cost of bringing in coaches in a discipline that a DZ is otherwise unable to offer. It could provide funding for a marquee, a coach and guest speaker at an event for LGBTQTI skydivers, or bringing in a coach to run an event focusing on canopy skills for those with a B licence, or an event focusing on spotting skills in preparation for B licence. Alongside financial support, the Development Event scheme will provide British Skydiving branding and ensure national recognition and promotion for the events it supports. The scheme also offers other forms of assistance, such as mentorship, advice and administrative support.

So, if you have a great idea for an event that could improve diversity among our members, British Skydiving's Development Event scheme can offer support such as funding for coaches or speakers, alongside national promotion. Do you jump at, or run, a smaller DZ where you see people struggling to get FS1 coaching? The Development Event scheme can provide funding to cover the costs of bringing in some extra FS coaches or, if you are struggling to find the right coaches, it can connect you. Perhaps you are a coach, passionate about your discipline and keen to build your coaching experience. If so, the scheme can help you put together an event for members at a DZ that needs more coaches in that discipline, it could also help you build your skills by aligning you with a more experienced coach as a mentor. Are you one of British Skydiving's highly experienced members who is keen to give back to the sport and help newer members grow? Get your ideas down on the Development Event Application Form. Are you a CI with a great idea for helping new members find their feet in the skydiving community, or develop an interest in becoming an instructor, what would you need to make that happen? Coaches, resources, or putting in touch with experts in a particular area? British Skydiving's Development Event scheme aims to take a flexible approach, and consider each application on its own terms, in order to best support a range of initiatives that offer the best value to its members.

## **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION**

### **IF MAKING AN APPLICATION, PLEASE USE BRITISH SKYDIVING'S DEVELOPMENT EVENT APPLICATION FORM [FORM no. TBC]**

#### **MAKING AN APPLICATION**

1. In making its decisions, the Member Development Committee (MDC) will give priority to those events it considers offer the best value in terms of encouraging skills development, participation, safety and / or progression among British Skydiving's grassroots members.
2. All applicants must be members of British Skydiving in good standing and owing no debt to the Association.
3. Applications will ONLY be accepted if submitted via [Form no. TBC] Application Form.
4. Applications are open from the 1 August for events to be held in the following calendar year, Applications received between 1 August and MDC's October meeting will be given priority. Any funding remaining after that initial allocation will be available for late applications, and the scheme will remain open to applications until the funding for that year has been exhausted.
5. Applications should bear in mind that the availability of funding depends on budgetary limits, which vary from year to year, and we are likely to receive a significant number of applications, so an earlier application has a greater chance of success.
6. Applications must be received no less than 28 days prior to the date of the event.
7. Liaison between all those involved in the delivery of an event is key to its success, so please make sure that you already have this in place before making an application. If you require support with any aspect of that liaison, please make that clear in your application.
8. There is considerable goodwill within skydiving and this often plays a significant part in the success events. The enthusiasm and passion of those in our sport is one of our greatest resources. We encourage all applicants to consider how they might best make use of this in relation to the proposed event.

#### **COMPLETING THE FORM**

1. Funding will not be granted for British Skydiving competitions or scheduled courses.
2. Only events for those of A licence and above will be considered, any activities that involve training for sub-A licence members and tandems will not be considered for support under this scheme.
3. Funding will not be granted for events that conflict with advertised dates for a British Skydiving National Championship, [link to be added].
4. Applicants must identify how the event will support skills development, safety, participation and / or progression among British Skydiving's grassroots members.
5. It is recommended that the host PTO charge a nominal registration fee of £25. and a discount is applied to all jump tickets for the event (with the maximum cost per jump ticket not exceeding £20), which will be offset from the registration fee. If applicants wish to take an alternative approach, this should be set out on the application form.
6. It is recommended that participants cover the cost of coaches' slots. If an alternative approach is to be taken, this should be set out on the application form.
7. Nominal coaching or speaker fees can be charged in relation to the event, up to a maximum of £100 per coach or speaker, for a maximum of 2 days.
8. Funding can be used to cover Judges' expenses where appropriate. The scheme will not cover costs in excess of those set out on form 143A.
9. Funding can be used for travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses where appropriate. The scheme will not cover costs in excess of those set out on form 143A.
10. Funding can be used for reasonable relevant costs, which includes, but is not limited to, professional video editing and hire of equipment required for the running of the event such as marquees.
11. This scheme offers other forms of support to applicants, such as guidance on good practice, mentorship, provision of hard copies of manuals and other paperwork, and administrative support. Requirements of this type should be identified as clearly as possible in the application.

## **RECEIVING SUPPORT**

1. All decisions regarding the allocation of support under British Skydiving's Development Event scheme will be made by the Member Development Committee.
2. Applicants who receive support from the scheme will receive an information pack on acceptance, which will include guidance and all relevant paperwork.
3. Applicants who receive support from the scheme will be encouraged to liaise with British Skydiving's Development Event Contact
4. Applicants who receive support from the scheme will be expected to sign a Code of Conduct agreement.
5. Applicants who receive support will be expected to implement British Skydiving's feedback processes as relevant.
6. Any expenses agreed in relation to the Development Event can be claimed after the event has taken place, and claims must be made using form 143A. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all conditions are met and receipts for applicable costs are retained.

**If you have any questions about this scheme please get in touch with British Skydiving's Development Event Contact – [tbc .....@britishskydiving.org]**

**We look forward to receiving your application**

### **MDC**

Form no. [tbc]

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